

COUNTY OFFICE FACILITY PLANNERS MEETING UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

UPDATE

Technical Trainings – Developer Fees: Issues and Answers *November 14, 15 & 16, 2022*

44th Annual Conference on School Facilities *February 22-24, 2023*

Sacramento SAFE Credit Union Convention Center **State Allocation Board Amends Regulations on Project Savings** At its October 26 meeting, the State Allocation Board (SAB) amended its regulations to clarify that local educational agencies are no longer required to return savings from Financial Hardship projects to the School Facility Program (SFP). The SAB took this action as a result of the decision in San Bernardino City Unified School District v. State Allocation Board (California Court of Appeal, Third District Case C092003; 79 Cal.App.5th 12 (May 24, 2022) (San Bernardino City Unified)). The Board also adopted a four-year statute of limitations, meaning that school districts that returned Financial Hardship project savings to the SFP between May 24, 2018, and May 24, 2022, would have those funds returned. A total of \$29,376,843 would be paid back to school districts for 55 projects. This is not inclusive of interest due, which will be calculated based on the Pooled Money Investment Account yield rate and returned to school districts as well. The specific projects eligible per the criteria above are listed in an attachment to the meeting agenda packet which is available here:

https://cdn.ymaws.com/cashnet.org/resource/resmgr/facility_planner_updates/cofpm_ 2022/2022_10_26_sab_revision_pack.pdf.

Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten (TK), and Full-Day Kindergarten (FDK) Facilities Grant Program – Application Funding Cycles

The Preschool, TK, and FDK Facilities Grant Program (Program) will provide \$225 million in the third funding cycle. The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) received 418 applications, requesting \$1.53 billion for this funding cycle. To date, the SAB has provided the following apportionments for this round:

- September 21, 2022 11 projects worth \$33.7 million
- October, 26, 2022 18 projects worth \$59.4 million

The OPSC will accept applications for the fourth filing round from February 1, 2023 to March 2, 2023. There is \$350 million available for the fourth funding cycle, including \$100 million General Fund provided in the 2022 Budget Act. That budget also stated the intent to appropriate an additional \$550 million General Fund in FY 2023-24 for the Program. While this funding commitment is a very positive expression of priorities, we do not know if the additional \$550 million will fully materialize, as it could be subject to shifting budget priorities or economic conditions. CASH will continue to advocate for facilities funding to meet the needs of our youngest learners.

OPSC to Release Improved Versions of the Facility Inspection Tool (FIT) Form

After approving a new FIT form in June, the OPSC has been working with stakeholders, including CASH, the CASH Maintenance Network (CMN), and others, to make a more familiar and useable form widely available to school districts on the OPSC website. Following up on this discussion, OPSC has announced that it will release an Auto-calculating Excel version of the FIT form on November 1, 2022, and a Web-Based version of the FIT form on December 2, 2022 (with an ADA accessible version to follow). These improved versions of the FIT form will be posted to the CASH website as they become available. CASH and the CMN would like to thank

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AB 2232 (McCarty) – School HVAC Requirements, Filters and CO2 Monitors

AB 2232 related to school HVAC systems was approved by the Legislature and signed by the Governor, as healthy school indoor air quality continues to be a focus of schools and the public. Although the scope of the bill was significantly diminished as a result of discussions with stakeholders such as CASH and the CMN, the bill is significant because it puts existing state requirements under one roof. Specifically, AB 2232 requires schools to ensure that their HVAC systems meet minimum ventilation rate requirements (Title 5), install MERV 13 or higher levels of air filtration when feasible, and require the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) and the Division of the State Architect (DSA) to develop and adopt mandatory standards for CO2 monitors in school classrooms. CASH and the CMN will continue to engage with the CBSC, the DSA, the California Department of Education (CDE) and other key state agencies involved in implementing these provisions.

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