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**M E M O R A N D U M**

**To:** School Districts and Charter Schools  
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**Subject:** 2021-2022 Capital Funding Pre-Applications

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The Public School Capital Outlay Council (PSCOC) has released the 2021-2022 Capital Funding Pre-Application to make large school project (standards-based), and small school project (systems-based) awards for highly-ranked school facilities, and for all school districts with existing state funded pre-kindergarten programs or those who wish to implement one that requires classroom facilities.

**The deadline to submit pre-applications is Friday, February 12, 2021**

Pre-applications are a planning tool for the PSCOC to anticipate funding requests for an application cycle and to make a determination on a final funding pool and eligibility requirements that will be followed by a full application, at which time the PSCOC will consider school district's and /charter school's requests. Based on the criticality of need and on project readiness, funds earmarked for these programs are tentatively scheduled to be awarded in July 20201

The 2021-2022 Final weighted NMCI (wNMCI) Ranking and all application documents can be found under the "Funding" heading in the index on the top of the PSFA's home page at [www.nmpsfa.org](http://www.nmpsfa.org). Please see the revised timeline for other key dates during this award cycle.

Eligibility thresholds are set to provide an opportunity for applications, but do not serve as a guarantee of an award of an application.

**STANDARDS-BASED CAPITAL OUTLAY**

***Eligibility for large school project (standards-based) capital outlay awards is subject to the following limitations:***

- Only highly ranked facilities in the Top 100 of the 2021-2022 Final wNMCI Ranking will be considered.
- Match requirements per state/local match percentage as of June 2021.

- Sufficient local matching dollars are or will be available. Contingent on available funding, the PSCOC may consider limited approval of school district and charter school requests for local match reductions or advances for standards-based projects pursuant to statute if no other funds are available.
- A current facility master plan, preventive maintenance plan and use of FIMS are prerequisites for a standards-based award.
- Applications will be ranked from highest to lowest wNMCI.

## **SYSTEMS-BASED CAPITAL OUTLAY**

***Eligibility for small school project (systems-based) capital outlay awards is subject to the following limitations:***

- Facilities within the Top 300 of the 2021-2022 Final wNMCI Ranking will be considered.
- Eligible system types include: Roof, HVAC-Related Systems, Fire Alarm/Detection, Fire Sprinkler, Site Drainage, Demolition and any systems which are identified as a Category 1 in the Facilities Assessment Database. Category 1 systems are defined as Immediate Code/Life/Health. Used only for critical issues that pose immediate threats to the life, health or safety of persons within the facility.
- Assessment report(s) must be complete at Full Application, and must demonstrate that the total project cost is 50% or less of the total facility replacement costs and that supports the conclusion, that the repair, renovation or replacement will extend the useful life of the building itself.
- School districts and charter schools that are being considered for a small project must have an FMAR score of at least 70% for the campus. The PSCOC may prioritize funding to districts demonstrating an overall satisfactory level of maintenance performance which includes a current PM Plan on file with PSFA for the duration of 2020 and consistent use of the Facility Information Management System (FIMS) with a 2.0 or better on all FIMS modules for the duration of 2020 Applicant districts with campus FMAR scores below 70% are encouraged to contact PSFA for assistance in improving their measured maintenance performance. *Please note:* future award cycles may be contingent on a higher level of maintenance performance to include a minimum FMAR score of 70% and a current PM Plan on file with PSFA for the duration of 2020, and consistent use of the Facility Information Management System (FIMS) with a 2.0 or better on all FIMS modules for the duration of 2021).
- Match requirements per state/local match percentage as of June 2021.
- The district/charter must be willing and able to provide its local share of the total cost of the project. Contingent on available funding, the PSCOC may consider limited approval of requests for local match reductions or advances for this funding program upon districts/charters qualifying under statutory and regulatory provisions and evidence that no other funds are available.
- Funds must be expended within 3 years of the allocation.
- Applications will be from highest to lowest wNMCI.
- Participation in a systems-based project will be limited to space and gross square footage limitations established in the Adequacy Planning Guide. PSCOC will only participate in projects up to the maximum gross square footage pursuant to the Adequacy Planning Guide; school districts and charter schools will be responsible for funding any gross square footage that is considered above the maximum allowed, or ineligible space types.

- A current facility master plan, preventive maintenance plan and use of FIMS are prerequisites for a systems-based award.

## **PRE-KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM FACILITIES**

The Public School Capital Outlay Council (PSCOC) has \$5 million available for 2021-2022 Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) capital outlay awards statewide.

### ***Eligibility for pre-k classroom facility awards is subject to the following limitations:***

- All school facilities in the 2021-2022 Final wNMCI Ranking are eligible for renovation or addition of Pre-K classroom facilities, including restrooms as required.
- Construction/renovation shall meet the current adequacy standards (6.27.30 NMAC).
- All applications may be ranked and awarded on a competitive basis.
- Funding for this program excludes the purchase of portable buildings, any exterior site features such as parking and drop off areas and playgrounds, and furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E).
- Match requirements per state/local match percentage as of June 2021.
- The district/charter must be willing and able to provide its local share of the total cost of the project. Contingent on available funding, the PSCOC may consider limited approval of requests for local match reductions or advances for this funding program upon districts/charters qualifying under statutory and regulatory provisions and evidence that no other funds are available.
- Funds must be expended within 3 years of the allocation.

### ***Highlight of other key dates following release of applications:***

Feb 12, 2021	2021-2022 Pre-Applications Reviewed; Final Funding Pool Established
Feb 19 - Apr 2, 2021	Site Visits of Final Funding Pool Applicants for Viability of Project; Site Visits Reports Shared with Districts
Apr 13, 2021	Full Application Released
May 21, 2021	Presentation Material Due to PSFA
Jun 9, 2021	PSFA Staff Review/Comment on Full Applications
June 14, 2021	PSCOC Meeting
June 28, 2021	PSFA/PSCOC Staff Review Meeting for Award Recommendations
Jul 12, 2021	PSCOC Awards Meeting

Please contact your respective PSFA Regional Facilities Manager for questions or further details about these initiatives and/or the application process.