

# Full Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program

This program is being updated to include TK and preschool classrooms. A school district that serves TK or kindergarten students that intends to operate on a full day schedule and needs additional classroom space can apply for funding under this program. \$490 million has been allocated for this program.



## Eligibility Determination:

Eligibility is calculated for each site individually. First, determine the TK or kindergarten enrollment based on the current year and three previous years. Compare the enrollment to the capacity of TK and kindergarten classrooms. The capacity is determined using a loading factor of 25 for each classroom on the site that was designed for use as a kindergarten classroom. For each 25 unhoused students, or portion thereof, the school qualifies for one additional TK/kindergarten classroom. CDE (California Department of Education) will review the site to determine if the school needs new classrooms or if existing space is available and can be converted to Title 5 compliant rooms.

## Funding Estimate:

For each new TK or kindergarten classroom built under this program, the District will be funded approximately \$867,000 if eligible for 100% funding. Projects may also qualify for 50% or 75% funding depending on the details of the district.

The District may also request to retrofit existing buildings to create the additional kindergarten classrooms. In this case, the estimate funding is \$166,000 per classroom assuming 100% funding under financial hardship. The District would receive 60% funding if they are not financial hardship.

## Other Program Notes:

- This program requires the District to build new classrooms that meet the current kindergarten design criteria as approved by CDE. Each PS, TK or kindergarten classroom funded by this program must be at least 1,350 square feet.
- Each new classroom funded does not impact the capacity in the SFP program.
- New classrooms cannot be occupied before the application is submitted.
- The first funding round will be held in March 2022 (\$225 million) and a second round in March 2023 (\$252 million).
- This program cannot be used to build portable classrooms but it may be used to build permanent modular classrooms.
- If a school site does not currently house kindergarten students, it is not eligible to participate in this program.
- Financial hardship projects funded by this program are not penalized if the project runs over budget.
- The next stakeholder meeting is Sept 22 at 9 AM.



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For more details and the full set of regulations, please refer to the OPSC website.

# Process Overview & Anticipated Timeline

## Full Day PS/TK/Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program – Beginning March 2022

**Submit Applications in  
March 2022**

The application will include the eligibility determination and supporting documents along with the SAB 70-01 form that needs to be signed by the District. A certification stating the District has or will implement full-day TK/kindergarten upon completion of the project is also required

**Project approval  
notification in April  
2022**

If more applications are submitted than there is funding available, then a priority point system will determine which projects are funded each round. A maximum of 80 priority points are assigned to each project. 40 points are awarded to financial hardship projects and up to 40 points are awarded for districts with a free/reduced lunch ratio of 60% or higher.

**Project funding  
in May 2022**

Funding will be provided for the design costs of the project in the amount of \$126,280 per new classroom being requested once a Grant Agreement is signed. If plans for the project have already been approved by DSA, then this step can be skipped.

**Submit Fund  
Release  
Authorization SAB  
70-02 by May  
2023**

The District has 12 months after receiving design funds to complete the project plans and get DSA and CDE approval.

**Submit Expense  
Report  
SAB 70-03**

Submit Expense Report SAB 70-03 at the completion of the project

