

Proposal

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Funding Allocation Guidelines for Prop Z Round 1

As an essential element of developing the process for distribution of Charter School Proposition Z Funding each school currently authorized by SDUSD will have access to Prop Z funds based on the following guidelines:

- All project proposals will be evaluated first to determine if it is a project that is an efficient use of taxpayer dollars and positively impacts the ability to improve student learning. This evaluation will be made and prior to any final decisions regardless of any other rubric or categorization of the funding. Any identified funding allocation does not imply that any specific project will be funded.
- Initial Funding Allocations will be split into two categories to prioritize funding for schools that were operating when the District sold the first round of bonds in 2013. These "Category 1" existing schools have struggled to maintain and/or create adequate facilities for students during a time period where charter schools have significantly grown in student numbers and have had little access to public facilities or public facilities funding. Any school that began operations after
- Schools that have opened or will open after the initial Proposition Z bond sale in 2013 would be considered "Category 2" schools for the initial round of Proposition Z funding. "Category 2" schools will become "Category 1" at the time of the next sale of bonds. ie. Schools that opened after the initial bond sale of May 2012 and will be considered "Category 2" for this bond series will become "Category 1" schools when the next bond sale is conducted (expected to be May 2014).
- Any Charter Management Organization (CMO) in existence and operating a charter school in good standing at the time of the bond issuance shall be eligible to use their Category 1 classification for an existing school, or a new school needed to accommodate a measurable demand for growth. This would be a one-time decision and would need to be in writing to the CSFC as part of their application
- The maximum expenditure per "student directly supported" shall meet or be less than San Diego Unified School District cost efficiency standards for each project application. (ie., new construction, health and safety, modernization, purchase, leasing, etc.)

- The CSFC will not recommend approval of any single new construction project proposal where the planned enrollment for new student usage is larger than 120% student growth of the charter schools current enrollment. For purposes of this provision CMO/Network schools can use their aggregate current enrollment. For example, a charter school with a current enrollment of 200 students could build a new facility or expand the current facility and serve 440 students (200 existing students and 220 new students). A charter school with 200 existing students could also build a new facility for 220 new students. A CMO/Network with two schools of 300 and 300 could build a facility that served 1,320 students (600 existing students and 720 new students)
- Applications will be organized into two batches (Category 1 and Category 2). Within each batch, the applications would be ranked for funding priority as determined by the project application rubric. Funding allocations would begin with the highest rated Category 1 Applications. Once the minimum funding level for Category 1 was fulfilled, the remaining Category 1 applications would be merged with the pending Category 2 applications and from the merged group, the remainder of funds would be deployed.
- SDUSD facilities staff, as part of every project application will provide an accounting of any previous local bond funding from Proposition MM, S and Z that was allocated and spent at an applicant's site.
- If the Category 1 minimum is not fully committed during the initial application process, then that amount of money will be reserved in the first round for a 6-month period to allow for other Category 1 schools to apply again, prior to being released to Category 2 project applications.
- Approved project grants will need to demonstrate how they will and commit to spending funding within in two years of the date of the bond sale. For the first round of funding, this means that any project should be able to be completed with all funds expended by April 2015.
- The CSFC will reassess and reevaluate these guidelines after every district bond sale.

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