

Frequently Asked Questions

Nonparticipation in the Priority Funding Process

Q. *If I submit a certification and withdraw it prior to receiving an apportionment does it count as “one occurrence?”*

Yes.

Q. *If I submit a certification but do **not** receive an apportionment, does it count as “one occurrence?”*

No.

Q. *If I receive an apportionment and submit a [Fund Release Authorization \(Form SAB 50–05\)](#), but it is returned as invalid, does it count as “one occurrence?”*

Yes. If the school district is unable to resolve the issue within 90 days of the apportionment, the district will receive an occurrence for not providing a valid fund release within 90 days.

Q. *Will the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) track and/or publish the list of districts with occurrences?*

Yes, the OPSC has published lists according to the number of occurrences available on the [Priority Funding \(PF\) Web page](#). Each list includes the reason for the occurrence and all affected projects:

Q. *How will OPSC rescind a project after the second occurrence?*

No further State Allocation Board (SAB) action is required to rescind the project. Staff will notify the district that its project has been rescinded and work on providing bond authority to another project on the Unfunded List (Lack of Authority) as soon as possible.

Q. *What will be the process for reallocating the bond authority of rescinded projects?*

Staff will move projects from the top of the Unfunded List (Lack of Authority), to the Unfunded List (Lack of AB 55 Loans) as bond authority becomes available. Enough bond authority must be available to reallocate all projects received on the same day.

Q. *Will action be required on the part of the school district to receive reallocated bond authority?*

No. Staff will notify the district that its project has been moved from the Unfunded List (Lack of

Authority) to the Unfunded List (Lack of AB 55 Loans) so that they may participate in future PF rounds.

Q. *What programs are subject to the non-participation regulations?*

Modernization, New Construction, and Facility Hardship projects are subject to the nonparticipation regulations.

Q. *Does my request to participate in the PF process have to be approved by my school board?*

No. However, the school board should be familiar with the requirements if a PF request letter is submitted.

Q. *Does my request to participate in the PF process have to be signed by the district superintendent?*

No. The authorized district representative or the superintendent is eligible to sign the PF request letter.

Q. *My project is on the Unfunded List (Lack of Authority). Can I submit a request to participate in the PF process?*

No. Districts may only submit a PF request letter for projects on the Unfunded List (Lack of AB 55 Loans). Districts with projects on the Unfunded List (Lack of Authority) will have their PF request letter returned.

Q. *How do I know if my project is subject to a Financial Hardship re-review?*

If the project has been on the Unfunded List (Lack of AB 55 Loans) or Unfunded List (Lack of Authority) for more than six months, or the project has not had a Financial Hardship re-review within the past six months, the district's financial status will be re-reviewed prior to apportionment.

Q. *If I am contacted to receive a Financial Hardship re-review does that mean I will be receiving an apportionment?*

No. A Financial Hardship re-review does not guarantee an apportionment. OPSC staff will conduct a re-review in cases where the possibility of an apportionment may occur in the next month or two.

Q. *I have a project with a separate design unfunded approval and an adjusted grant approval on the Unfunded List (Lack of AB 55 Loans). Do I have to submit two requests to participate in the PF process?*

Yes. A PF request letter listing the specific project and the project phase is required. Please note that design apportionments are automatically released and do not require a Form SAB 50-05 to release funds.

Q. *When will my project be funded after I submit a request to participate in the PF process?*

There is no set time after a PF request letter is received that an apportionment will take place. A valid request letter is valid for six months. If cash becomes available, OPSC will work to provide districts with apportionments as quickly as possible.