

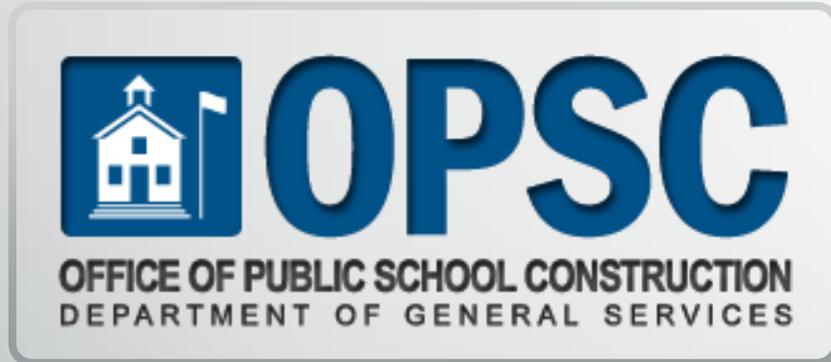


# CALIFORNIA PRESCHOOL, TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN AND FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM

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# Program Overview





# California Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten and Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program (Program)

- Established in June 2018, and expanded in July 2021 and July 2022
- One-time grants to increase the number of full-day classrooms by either:
  - Constructing new school facilities; or,
  - Retrofitting existing school facilities
- The Program also includes Preschool and Transitional Kindergarten

# California Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten and Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program (Program)

- Funds available for the expanded Program were apportioned by the Board to applications submitted during the third funding round in September, October and November 2022. Fourth funding round applications were apportioned in September, October and December 2023, and June 2024.
- As of January 28, 2026, \$31.6 million has been returned to the Program as a result of reductions to project scope or full project rescissions.
- At the January 28, 2026 State Allocation Board (Board) meeting, the Board approved a fifth funding round to allocate the remaining Program funds

# Application Submittal Funding Round

- Additional \$31.6 million is available for apportionment during the fifth funding round

## Fifth Filing Round Dates

April 1, 2026 – April 30, 2026

- All funds available to the Program from the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Budget Act must be encumbered by the Board by June 30, 2028
- Any funds not encumbered, by June 30, 2028, shall be returned to the General Fund

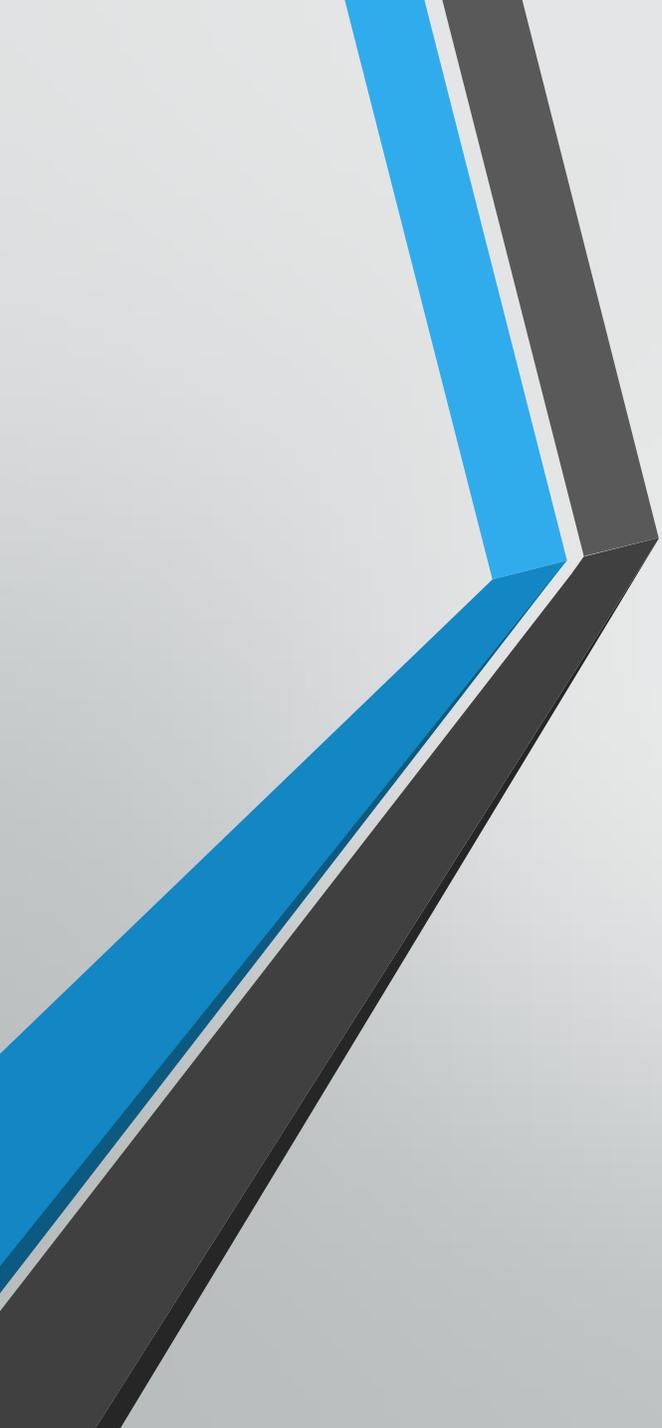


# Program Funding

- Program funding is provided as grants and does require a local matching share
- Program matching share requirements, based on project type, will be provided in the next slide
- Grant amounts are based on a per pupil allocation
- Program base grants will use the most current School Facility Program (SFP) new construction and modernization K-6 pupil grant amount

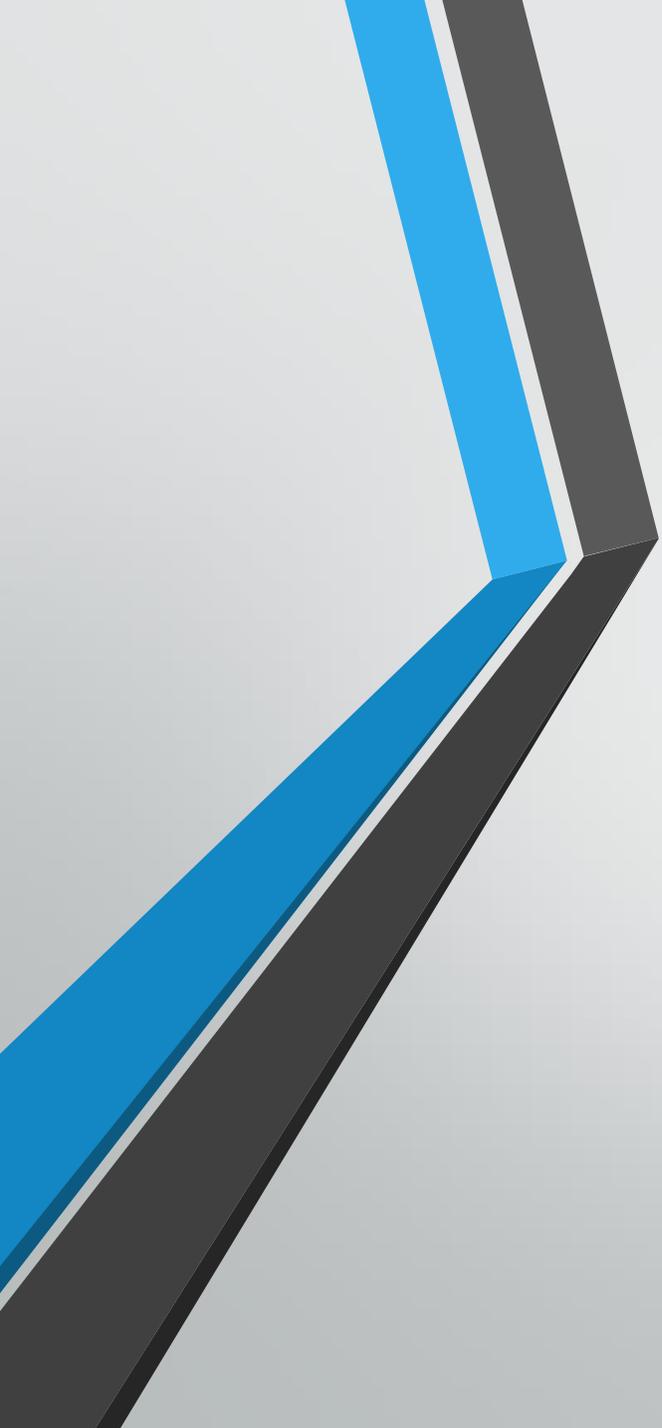
# Matching Share Requirement

Program	Program Status	New Construction or Retrofit Project?	State Share	District Share*
Full Day Kindergarten	Existing	New Construction	50%	50%
Transitional Kindergarten Preschool Part-Day to Full Day Kindergarten	New/Existing New/Existing Converting	New Construction	75%	25%
Full Day Kindergarten	Existing	Retrofit	60%	40%
Transitional Kindergarten Preschool Part-Day to Full Day Kindergarten	New/Existing New/Existing Converting	Retrofit	75%	25%



# Who Can Apply?

- Full-Day Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten Programs
  - Application site lacks adequate kindergarten classrooms
  - Only School Districts may apply for Program funding.
  - School district must hold title to the real property where the facilities will be located
  - Therefore, projects located on leased land are not eligible for Program funding



# Who Can Apply? (cont.)

- California Preschool Programs
  - Lacks the facilities to provide full-day instruction
  - School Districts, County Offices of Education, and Community Colleges may apply for preschool funding
  - Applicant must hold title to the real property where the facilities will be located.
  - Therefore, projects located on leased lands are not eligible for Program funding



# Classroom Capacity

- Districts are considered lacking preschool and transitional kindergarten facilities if:
  - Site's enrollment exceeds site's kindergarten compliant classroom capacity
  - Classrooms constructed as kindergarten classrooms or altered to house kindergarten students, regardless of current use, will be included when determining existing kindergarten classroom capacity
- Classrooms will be loaded in increments of 25 pupils

# Determining Capacity Need

The following is an example of how this methodology will be used to determine Transitional Kindergarten or Preschool enrollment.

1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	3-Year Average
70 pupils	65 Pupils	75 pupils	70 pupils/year

Preschool and Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Classroom Need

Preschool	TK
70 Pupils	70 pupils

Before project

Original Kindergarten  
CR #1  
50 pupils:25  
AM/25 PM

Original Kindergarten  
CR #2  
50 pupils:  
25 AM/25 PM

Original Transitional  
Kindergarten  
CR #3  
50 pupils:25  
AM/25 PM



After Project

Original Kindergarten  
CR #1  
25 pupils  
(Full day)

Original Kindergarten  
CR #2  
25 pupils  
(Full day)

Original Transitional  
Kindergarten  
CR #3  
25 pupils  
(Full day)

New Kindergarten  
CR #4  
25 pupils  
(Full day)

New Kindergarten  
CR #5  
25 pupils  
(Full day)

New Transitional  
Kindergarten  
CR #6  
25 pupils  
(Full day)

# Example of Eligible Full-Day Project

# Types of Grants

## New Construction

- Increase number of Program classrooms through an addition to an existing school site

## Retrofit

- Increase number of program classrooms through retrofit of an existing facility

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- OPSC will consult with the California Department of Education (CDE) to determine if application will be limited to a retrofit project
  - Districts must certify if there are any classrooms on the site that met kindergarten or preschool design requirements when they were built

# Types of Grants (cont.)

## Grants without Advance

- For school districts that have all required supporting documentation
  - Division of State Architect (DSA) plan approval
  - California Department of Education (CDE) final plan approval

## Grants with Advance

- For school districts that have none or only a portion of required supporting documentation
- New Construction
  - Advance funding for design (40% of base grant)
  - Advance funding for site acquisition
- Retrofit
  - Advance funding for design (25% of base grant)

# Types of Grants (cont.)

*Base grants can be increased by additional grants*

## New Construction

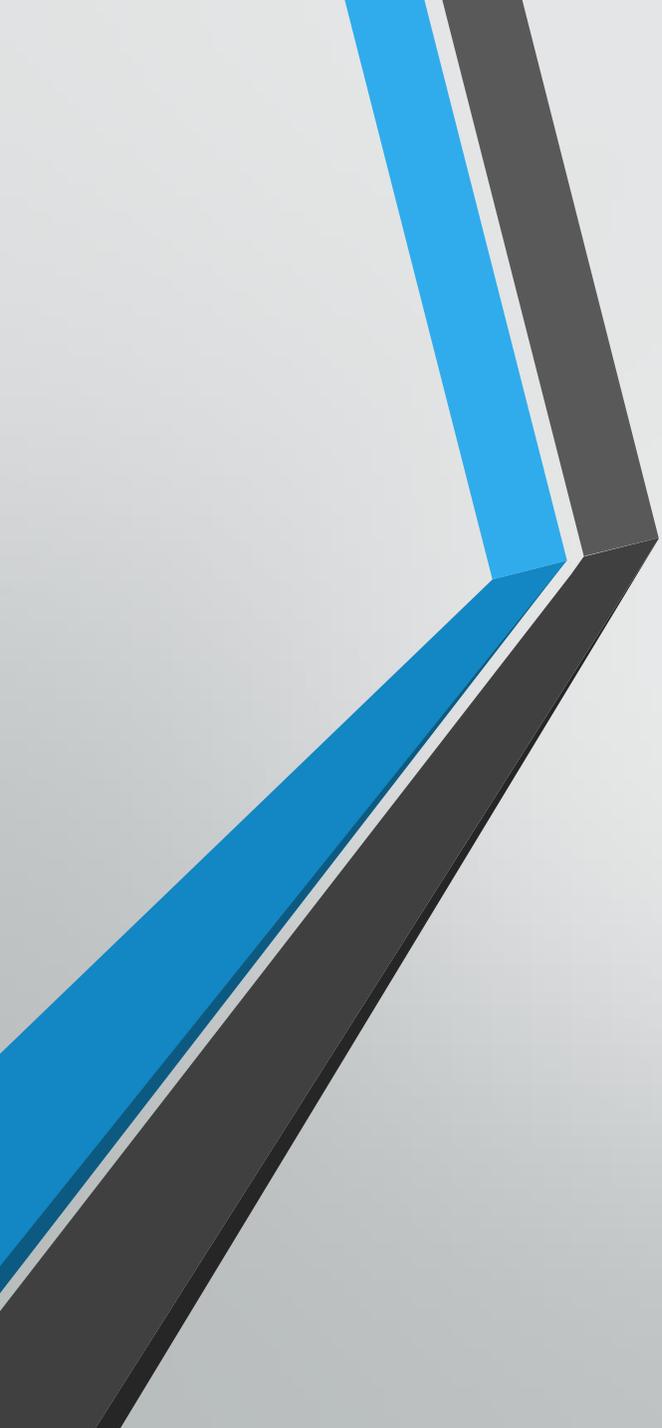
- Site acquisition
- Hazardous waste removal
- Automatic fire detection/alarm system
- Automatic fire sprinkler system
- Site development (35%)
- Multilevel classroom construction (12%)
- Project assistance

## Retrofit

- Automatic fire detection/alarm system
- Site development (35%)
- 50-year-old utilities (15%)
- Project assistance

# Application Process





# What Makes a Complete Application?

- Items required for **all** application types:
  - *Application for Funding* (Form SAB 70-01)
  - Detailed site map identifying and labeling of:
    - Current use of all facilities on the site
    - All classrooms previously built or retrofitted as kindergarten or preschool classrooms, regardless of current use
    - Any Program eligible classrooms that will not provide full-day instruction at the completion of the project
  - CALPADS documentation verifying district's overall enrollment at the site
    - Enrollment year application is submitted and the three immediately preceding enrollment years

# Calculating Transitional Kindergarten and Full Day Kindergarten Enrollment

- The CALPADS report 1.4 does not differentiate between Transitional Kindergarten and Full Day Kindergarten pupils

School Code	School Name	Grade	#
0	Sample Elementary	KN	62

School Code	School Name	Transitional Kindergarten (185)
0	Sample Elementary	<a href="#">23</a>

# What Makes a Complete Application? (cont.)

- Items required for **all** application types: (cont.)
  - Detailed narrative description of the proposed project must include:
    - Explanation of proposed project scope of work
    - Number of kindergarten classrooms before project to be funded
    - Number and use of Program funded classrooms after project completion
    - Explanation of if the site is currently offering a full day program and the enrollment year their program began
  - School Board Resolution approving full-day instruction
    - For Full-Day Kindergarten – *May submit with initial 70-01 submittal or **must** submit with the 70-03 Final Expenditure Report submittal*
    - For Preschool and Transitional Kindergarten – **Must** submit with the initial 70-01 submittal

# What Makes a Complete Preschool Application? (cont.)

- Items required for Preschool applications
- Applications must include all items in the previous two slides
  - The district or COE must submit its county's most recent childcare needs assessments conducted by its regional local planning council for preschool age children
  - A current or future contract with the CDE to operate a preschool program
  - Preschool Enrollment Data Documentation

Reminder: School districts applying for Program funds for facilities for a California state preschool program, must build facilities that are not less than 1,350 square feet



# OPSC Supporting Documentation

## Additional Items for New Construction Applications

- New Construction Grant without advance release of funds
  - DSA application number
  - DSA final plan approval letter date
  - CDE final plan approval letter date
  - Access to Plans and Specifications (P&S) for the DSA-approved project
  - CDE final site approval letter (site acquisition only)
  - Phase 1 Financial Hardship Check list (if requesting financial hardship)
  - Appraisal of property that must be dated within six months prior to purchase of the site (site acquisition only)



# OPSC Supporting Documentation

## Additional Items for New Construction Applications (cont.)

- New Construction Grant with advance release of funds
  - CDE contingent site approval letter (site acquisition only)
  - Preliminary appraisal of property that must be dated within six months prior to received date of Form SAB 70-01 (site acquisition only)



# OPSC Supporting Documentation

## Additional Items for Retrofit Applications

- Retrofit Grant without advance release of funds
  - DSA application number
  - DSA plan approval letter date
  - CDE final plan approval letter date
  - Phase 1 Financial Hardship Check list (if requesting financial hardship)
  - Access to P&S for the DSA-approved project
  - Identify facilities to be retrofitted and age of the building(s) on site map (50-year old utilities grant only)
- Retrofit Grant with advance release of funds
  - Identify facilities to be retrofitted and age of the building(s) on site map (50-year old utilities grant only)

# Financial Hardship Eligibility

Must be financially unable to provide a portion or all of necessary matching funds for an eligible Program project, be currently levying the maximum allowable developer fee, **AND** meet at least one of the following conditions:

- A current bonded debt that is 60% or more of district debt capacity
- Had a successful registered voter bond election for at least the maximum amount allowed under Proposition 39 within the previous two years from the date of request for financial hardship status
- A debt capacity of \$15 million or less at the time of the request for financial hardship status
- It is a County Superintendent of Schools

# Financial Hardship Process

- District submits a valid and completed Phase 1 Financial Hardship Checklist, and all required supporting documentation with the Form SAB 70-01 to be considered an Approved Application
- OPSC will notify district when 70-01 is scheduled to be processed
- District submits financial hardship documents within 30 days
- Financial Hardship Approval and Funding Application processed concurrently

*Reminder: If the district is planning to use Bridge Financing, please contact OPSC prior to beginning the process*



# Funding Order

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- Preference points are assigned to each application
  - 80 maximum points possible
  - Financial Hardship requirements met: 40 points
  - Low Income: Up to 40 points
  - Percentage of pupils within school district who are eligible for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals

Percentage Eligible for Free and Reduced Price School Meals	Preference Points Assigned
60-65%	4
66-70%	8
71-75%	15
76%	16
77%	17
78%	18
79%	19
80%	20
81%	21
82%	22
83%	23
84%	24
85%	25
86%	26
87%	27
88%	28
89%	29
90%	30
91%	31
92%	32
93%	33
94%	34
95%	35
96%	36
97%	37
98%	38
99%	39
100%	40



# Fund Release and Reporting

# Fund Release Process

## New Construction or Retrofit Grants without Advance

- Must submit *Fund Release Authorization* (Form SAB 70-02) with all approvals within **18 months** of apportionment

## New Construction or Retrofit Grants with Advance

- Must submit *Fund Release Authorization* (Form SAB 70-02) with all approvals within **18 months** of apportionment

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- Must execute and submit grant agreement before release of **any** funds
  - Cash proceeds will be made available after apportionment and will be released upon receipt of a Grant Agreement

Fifth Round Program Events	Key Dates
Apportionments (proposed)	October 28, 2026
Fund Release Due Date (18 months)	April 28, 2028
Maximum Extension to Fund Release (12 months)	April 28, 2029
Expenditure Report Due Date (3 years)	October 28, 2029

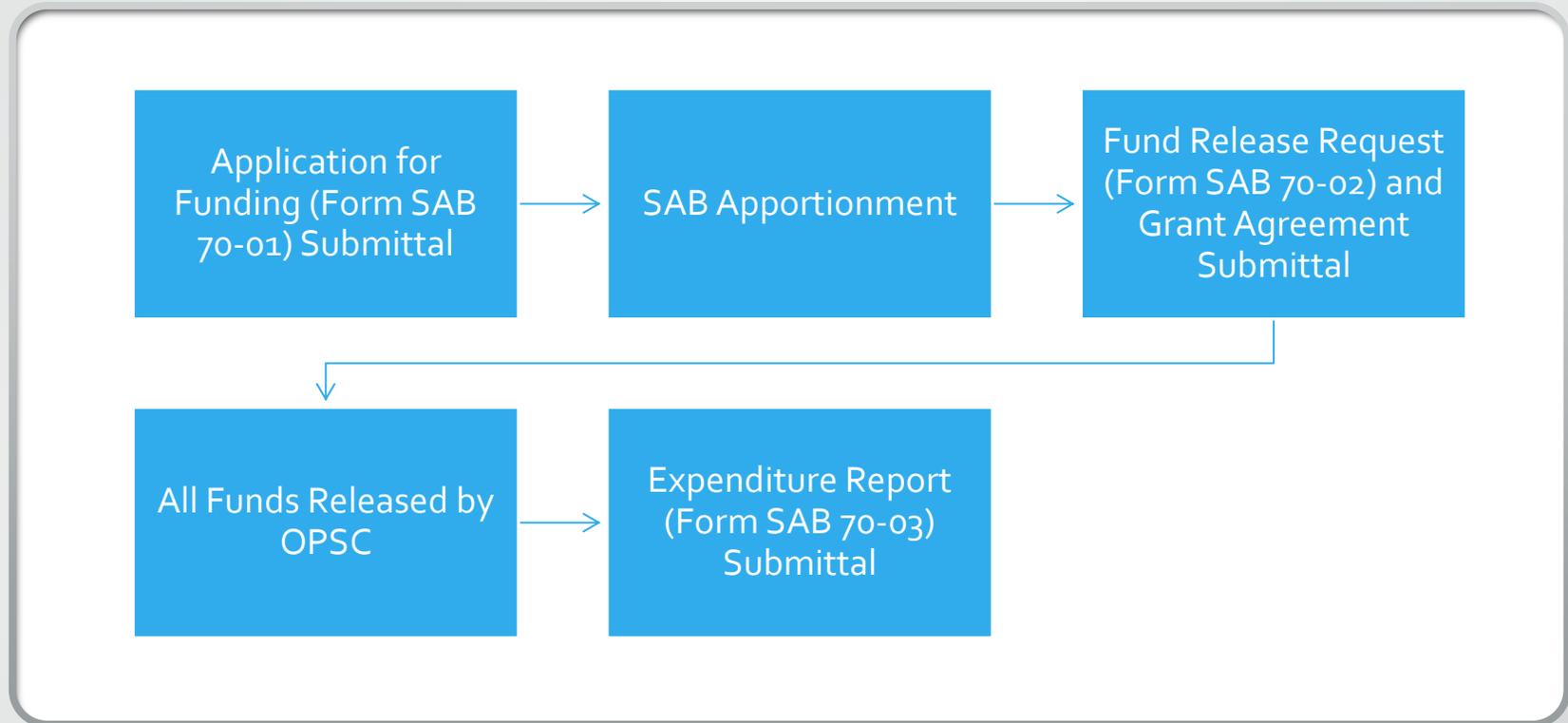
# Fund Release Extension

*Projects funded by October 2026*

Potential Additional Apportionment(s)	Key Date
Final Date for Any Apportionment	June 30, 2028
Fund Release Due Date (18 months)	December 30, 2029*
Maximum Extension to Fund Release	May 1, 2030
Program Funds Liquidated	June 30, 2030
Expenditure Report Deadline	June 30, 2031*

# Fund Release Extension (cont.)

*Projects funded by June 2028*

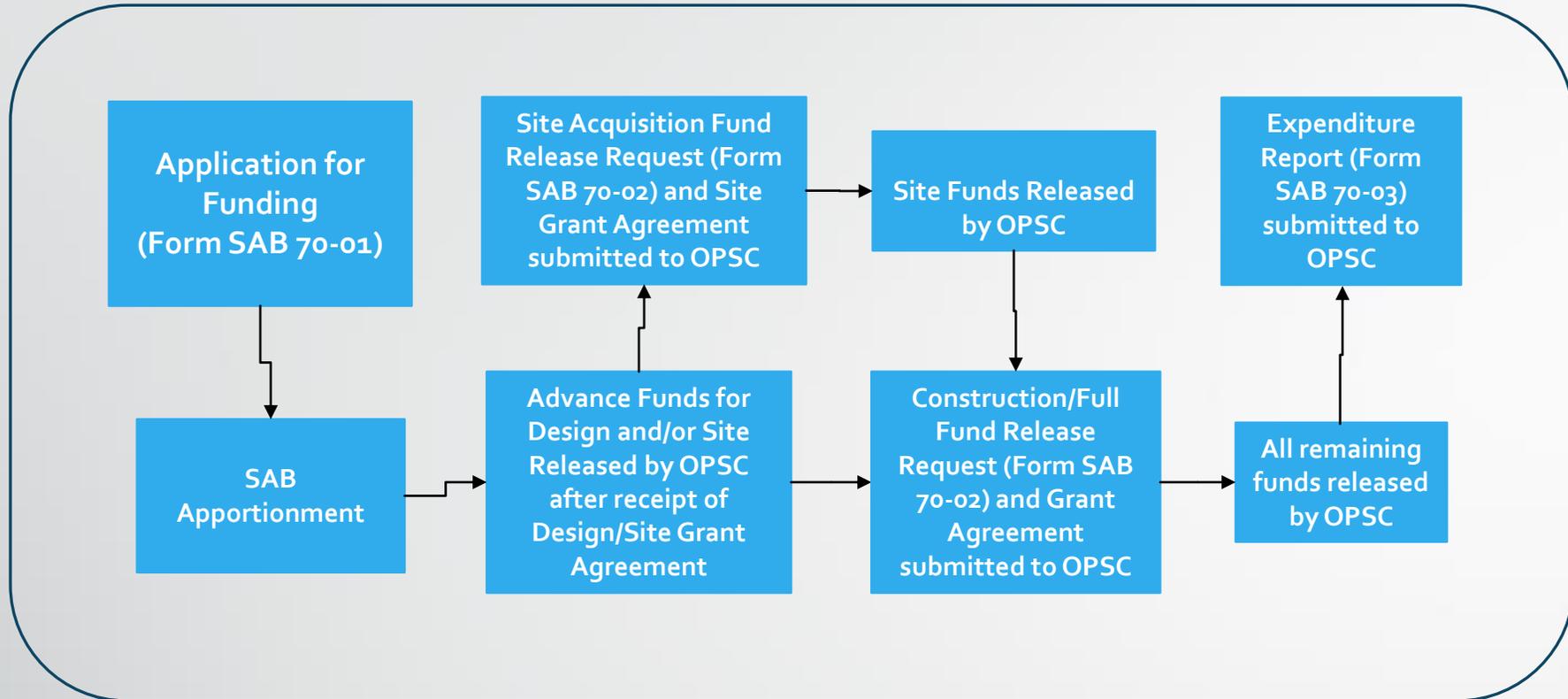


# Sample Program Timeline

*Projects without advance release of funds*

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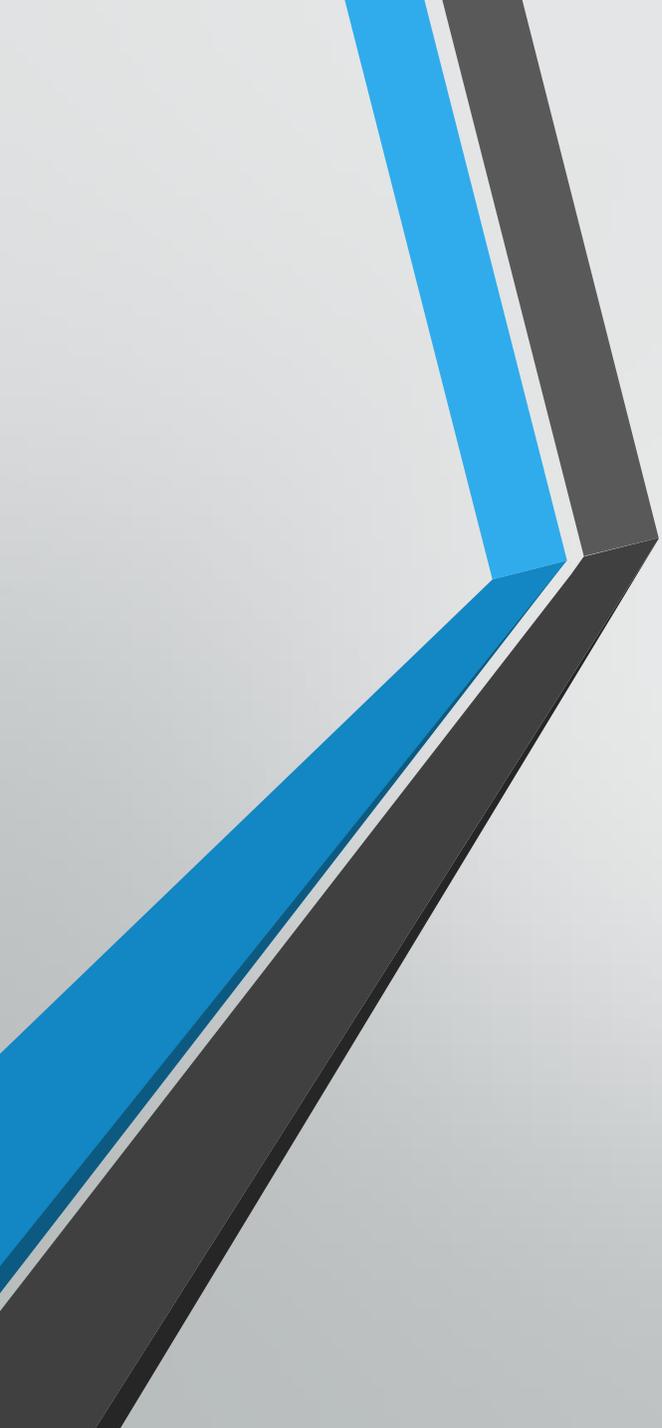
*Projects with advance release of funds*





# Program Reporting

- Must submit an *Expenditure Report* (Form SAB 70-03) and a Detailed Listing of Project Expenditures Report (DLOPE) at project completion
  - A projects is considered complete when either of the following occur:
    - Notice of completion for the project has been filed; or
    - Three years from the date of apportionment
- Must report expenditure of project savings within one year from project completion
- All projects will be subject to a local audit



# OPSC and Program Websites

- Program Website
  - <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OPSC/Services/Page-Content/Office-of-Public-School-Construction-Services-List-Folder/Access-Full-Day-Kindergarten-Facilities-Grant-Program-Funding#@ViewBag.JumpTo>
- OPSC Online
  - <https://opsconline.apps.dgs.ca.gov/>

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