

2026-27 PHYSICAL PLANT AND INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT BLOCK GRANT CERTIFICATION FOR EXPENDITURES

This district certifies that all funds received for the Physical Plant and Instructional Support Block Grant will be spent in accordance with the provisions and guidelines below.

Certification Field	
Signature, Chief Executive Officer:	
Printed Name:	
Date:	
District:	

AUTHORITY: 2026-27 BLOCK GRANT

[SB 111, SEC. 147, 2026 and SB 135, SEC. 40, 2026]

CERTIFICATION

The higher education trailer bills (SB 111, SEC. 147, 2026 and SB 135, SEC. 40, 2026) contain a total block grant of \$120,700,000 for use in physical plant, instructional support, water conservation, energy efficiency, and affordable student housing. Districts must submit a signed certification form containing their 2026-27 Project Funding Proposal (PFP) funding information. The total non-instructional support funding in the form must equal the total state funds of the 2026-27 PFPs submitted alongside each district's 2026-27 Scheduled Maintenance Five Year Plan within FUSION. Districts must also certify they will spend the Physical Plant and Instructional Support Block Grant allocations according to the program(s) guidelines and requirements. This certification and the supporting PFPs are required as a condition for the receipt and expenditure of the funds, which are allocated through the general apportionment process.

The PFP funding limits are identical to what was present in prior years' Physical Plant and Instructional Support programs. For energy efficiency projects funded under the Physical Plant and Instructional Support Block Grant, the Chancellor's Office recommends these projects follow the "loading order" as seen in the Physical Plant and Instructional Support Guidelines.

Return the signed certification form via email by **October 30, 2026** to:

Facilities Program Associate: Druv Bhat

Email: dbhat@cccco.edu

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES GUIDELINES FOR 2026-27

The higher education trailer bills (SB 111, SEC. 147, 2026 and SB 135, SEC. 40, 2026) provide a total Physical Plant and Instructional Support allocation of \$120,700,000 intended for use by community colleges for physical plant, instructional support, water conservation, energy efficiency, and affordable student housing. These physical plant allocations may be used for high priority scheduled maintenance and special repairs (provided the district maintains its operations and maintenance expenditure equal to or greater than the 1995-96 Fiscal Year level), architectural barrier removal, hazardous substances abatement, seismic retrofit, water conservation projects, energy efficiency, affordable student housing projects, and, for the first time, childcare facilities, which are specifically listed as eligible for funds under this program.

Maximum cost limits for architectural barrier removal and seismic retrofit projects, previously at \$929,000, are now \$1,103,000. The instructional support allocation may be used for instructional equipment and library materials. The water conservation allocation may be used for replacement of water-intensive landscaping with drought-tolerant landscaping, synthetic turf, provided this turf is used only in non-athletic areas, and other non-plant materials; drip or low-flow irrigation systems; building improvements to reduce water usage; and installation of well meters to monitor water usage. Appropriations from this block grant for energy efficiency aim to support energy efficiency projects in-line with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Board of Governors' Climate Action and Sustainability Framework goals.

ACCOUNTABILITY

State funds allocated pursuant to the above referenced legislation shall be accounted for in either the Restricted General Fund in the case of instructional equipment or the Capital Outlay Fund in the case of scheduled maintenance, architectural barrier removal, seismic retrofit, hazardous substances abatement projects, water conservation projects, energy efficiency, and affordable student housing projects. The revenue shall be recorded as State Revenue, Categorical Apportionment (Controlling Account 8620) - Other Categorical Apportionment. The expenditure of this money shall be recorded in accordance with the California Community College's Budget and Accounting Manual.

Districts are to advise the Chancellor's Office of any subsequent changes to the proposed spending plan and their PFPs.

AUDIT

District expenditures of these funds shall be reviewed as part of the district's annual contracted audit (pursuant to requirements in the Budget Act). Noncompliance with block grant terms may result in repayment of the funds, whose encumbrance deadline is June 30, 2031.

DEFINITIONS

1. "Instructional" shall mean equipment purchased for instruction and/or library/learning resource center activities involving presentations and/or hands-on experience to enhance student learning and skills development.

2. "Equipment" shall mean tangible district property (excluding land and/or buildings and improvements thereon and licensed motor vehicles) of a more or less permanent nature that cannot be easily lost, stolen or destroyed; but which replaces, modernizes or expands an existing instructional program. Furniture and computer software, which is an integral and necessary component for the use of other specific instructional equipment, may be included.
3. "Library Materials" shall mean books, periodicals, related ordering, processing, cataloging or binding costs or services, reference databases, cataloging and/or security systems, maps, documents, microforms, computer software, or prerecorded audio-visual resources for the benefit of student learning.
4. "Purchase" shall mean the acquisition of applicable instructional equipment, library materials through outright purchase, subscription service or lease-purchase agreements and any associated costs (other than district personnel salary or benefits, personal services costs or operating expenses). For the 2026-27 Physical Plant and Instructional Support program, only lease/purchase agreements for applicable instructional equipment received on or after July 1, 2026 or that is a continuation of a prior year's Instructional Equipment Program funded lease-purchase agreement shall qualify under this program. When the equipment/materials are not exclusively used for instructional activities, the applicable cost must be prorated to instructional activities and adequately documented and/or justified.
5. "Scheduled Maintenance/Special Repairs" shall mean expenditures related to the non-recurring repair, maintenance or replacement of a community college's infrastructure or building component.
6. For additional information, please refer to *2026-27 Physical Plant and Instructional Support Guidelines*.

DISTRICT'S PROPOSED 2026-27 PHYSICAL PLANT AND INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SPENDING PLAN

Program	Match Requirement (State: Local)	State Block Grant
Instructional Support		
Instructional Equipment	N/A	\$
Library Materials	N/A	\$
Physical Plant¹		
Scheduled Maintenance/Special Repairs	N/A	\$
Architectural Barrier Removal	N/A	\$
Hazardous Substances	N/A	\$
Seismic Retrofit	N/A	\$
Childcare Facilities	N/A	\$
Water Conservation		
Landscaping/Synthetic Turf	N/A	\$
Drip/Low-flow Irrigation Systems	N/A	\$
Building Improvements	N/A	\$
Well Meter Installation	N/A	\$
Energy Efficiency		
Conservation and Efficiency	N/A	\$
Renewable Energy Resources and Distributed Generation	N/A	\$
Affordable Student Housing		
Affordable Student Housing	N/A	\$
Total²		\$

¹ Project Funding Proposals (PFPs) for projects in the "Physical Plant" category and all below categories must be completed in FUSION

² Total funds must equal the total district allocation identified in the *2026-27 Physical Plant and Instructional Support Allocations by District* attachment