

TO: Chief Business Officers
Facilities Directors

FROM: Hoang Nguyen, Director of Facilities Planning
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RE: 2026-27 Physical Plant and Instructional Support - Certification and Allocations

In 2026-27, the Physical Plant and Instructional Support program will provide a total of \$120,700,000 for California Community Colleges. Districts have the discretion to distribute their Physical Plant and Instructional Support Block Grants allocation to meet local needs. For 2026-27, districts are not required to match their state Physical Plant and Instructional Support allocation with local resources. Additionally, water conservation, energy efficiency, and affordable student housing projects are included in this program. For the first time, childcare facilities are specifically listed as eligible for this program's funds as part of physical plant funding.

Allocations

Districts' share of the statewide Physical Plant and Instructional Support funding is included on the attached *2026-27 Physical Plant and Instructional Support Allocations by District*. Each district will receive a minimum of \$500,000 with remaining funds allocated based upon districts' proportionate share of Full-time Equivalent Students as reported for the 2025-26 Second Period.

Encumbrance of Funds

The higher education trailer bills (SB 111, SEC. 147, 2026 and SB 135, SEC. 40, 2026) require the encumbrance or expenditure of Physical Plant and Instructional Support funds by June 30, 2031.

Certification Process

To assist with this year's Physical Plant and Instructional Support certification process please find the attached *2026-27 Physical Plant and Instructional Support Block Grants Certification* form. The certification form documents how districts plan to distribute their funds between physical plant (i.e., scheduled maintenance and special repairs, architectural barrier removal, hazardous substances abatement, seismic retrofit, childcare facilities, water conservation, energy efficiency, and affordable student housing) and instructional support (i.e., instructional equipment and library materials). Also, maximum cost limits for architectural barrier removal and seismic retrofit projects increased from \$929,000 to \$1,103,000.

2026-27 Project Funding Proposals and Scheduled Maintenance Five-Year Plan

Project funding proposals indicate which physical plant projects districts will pursue using 2026-27 program funding. Districts shall complete and submit project funding proposals with a spending plan via FUSION. The 2026-27 project funding proposals comprise the first year of the Scheduled Maintenance Five-Year Plan, with a four-year planning horizon ending in 2030-31.

Districts' Scheduled Maintenance Five-Year Plans must demonstrate long-term physical plant needs. The Chancellor's Office uses districts' physical plant data to advocate for state funding. For more information about the Physical Plant and Instructional Support program, project eligibility, or information about how to enter projects into FUSION, please see the attached *2026-27 Physical Plant and Instructional Support Guidelines*.

Instructional Support

The Chancellor's Office requests that districts provide information about local instructional support needs through the submission of the Instructional Support Five-Year Plan. The Instructional Support Five-Year Plan may include your district's purchases in 2025-26, potential purchases for 2026-27 using the allocated funds, and a five-year projection (2027-28 to 2031-32) of instructional support need. Please use the attached *2026-27 Instructional Support 5 Year Plan Template*.

Actions requested

Please submit the following items by their specified deadlines:

- Email the Physical Plant and Instructional Support Block Grants Certification form, signed by your district's Chief Executive Officer, to Druv Bhat by **October 30, 2026**.
- Submit the 2026-27 project funding proposals and the Scheduled Maintenance Five-Year Plan (2026-27 to 2030-31) via FUSION by **October 30, 2026**.
- Email the Instructional Support Five-Year Plan Template to Druv Bhat by **December 1, 2026**.

Need Assistance?

Please contact Druv Bhat at dbhat@cccco.edu or (916) 323-4814 for assistance with the Physical Plant and Instructional Support certification process or with questions related to the program.

Attachments:

2026-27 Physical Plant and Instructional Support Certification Form

2026-27 Physical Plant and Instructional Support Allocations by District

2026-27 Physical Plant and Instructional Support Guidelines

2026-27 Instructional Support 5 Year Plan Template