



SCHOOL FACILITIES BOARD FY 2013-2014 Program Update

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BUILDING RENEWAL GRANTS

BUILDING RENEWAL GRANT FUND

Current fund balance: \$6,075,848

FY 2014 appropriation: \$16,667,900

Applications pending: 60

Estimate of pending applications: \$6,255,142

FY 2015 appropriation: \$16,667,900

We often hear people say “The SFB has no money.” Contrary to popular belief, the SFB not only has Building Renewal Grant funding available, but we will help you through the application process and with managing the project once an award has been made. To qualify for Building Renewal Grant funding, the request must be a “primary building renewal project”. As defined in [A.R.S. §15-2032](#), a “primary building renewal project” means projects that are necessary for buildings owned by school districts that are required to meet the minimum adequacy standards for student capacity (buildings used for academic purposes) and that fall below the minimum school facility adequacy guidelines (deficiency), for school districts that have provided routine preventative maintenance to the school facility.

- Building used for academic purposes? Yes No
- Project corrects a deficiency? Yes No
- School district performs routine preventative maintenance? Yes No

Not sure if your project qualifies for Building Renewal Grant funding? Contact your SFB Liaison for guidance:

Gerry Breuer: 602-542-6139 or gbreuer@azsfb.gov

Pat Cruse: 602-364-1193 or pcruse@azsfb.gov

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If you do not know the SFB Liaison for your district, [click here](#).

EMERGENCY DEFICIENCIES CORRECTION

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Current fund balance: \$554,652

As defined in [A.R.S. 15-2022](#), "emergency" means a serious need for materials, services or construction or expenses in excess of the district's adopted budget for the current fiscal year that seriously threatens the functioning of the school district, the preservation or protection of property or public health, welfare or safety. Please contact your SFB Liaison if you have a project that meets these requirements.

NEW SCHOOL FACILITIES

NEW SCHOOL FACILITIES PLAN REVIEW

Is your school district planning to construct a new building in the near future? Using B Bonds to fund a major renovation or new facility? **Regardless of the funding source**, [A.R.S. §15-2002 \(A.5\)](#) requires the SFB to certify that plans for new school facilities meet the building adequacy standards. Simply put, architectural drawings and specifications should be submitted **prior to construction** to the SFB to review for compliance with the building adequacy standards. The SFB will review construction drawings for all kinds of projects at no cost, just ask. Please contact Dan Demland, SFB Architect, at ddemland@azsfb.gov with any questions and to submit your plans for review.

PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE, and more...

PEST MANAGEMENT AT SCHOOLS

It's that time of year! Time to schedule your pest management preventative maintenance.

Did you know???

There are specific legal requirements that a school district must comply with when applying pesticides, including but not limited to [A.R.S. §15-152](#) and [A.R.S. §32-2307](#). There may be additional requirements with which a school district must comply, including ones promulgated by local jurisdictions. It is each school district's responsibility to ensure compliance with all applicable requirements.

[Beyond Pesticides](#) is a non-profit organization that works with allies in protecting public health and the environment to lead the transition to a world free of toxic pesticides. Their website includes information for each State. [Click here](#) for information specific to Arizona. The SFB has not independently verified the information contained therein and is simply providing this website as a resource to school districts. School districts should independently verify any information before relying upon it.

This information is being provided to assist school districts. However, this is not meant to be a comprehensive or complete list of legal requirements that a school district must follow. Each school district is responsible for ensuring that it complies with all applicable requirements.

The SFB continues to perform 5-Year Assessments and Preventative Maintenance Inspections. The following districts are currently being assessed:

Balsz Elementary
Blue Ridge Unified
Tolleson Union
Tucson Unified
Topock Elementary

The SFB currently has two policies under review.

[II. Policy Development](#)
[IX. Building Renewal Grant Fund](#)

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