



To: Dr. Charles Johns
Board of Education

From: Dr. Kim Ptak
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Date: Monday, September 27, 2021

Re: Authorization of School Maintenance Grant Application

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize District administration to apply for a School Maintenance Grant for \$50,000 through the State of Illinois.

Background

The State of Illinois has appropriated approximately \$47 million for the fiscal year 2022 School Maintenance Project Grant (SMPG). The SMPG is a dollar-for-dollar matching grant program providing up to \$50,000 exclusively for the maintenance or upkeep of buildings or structures for educational purposes. Applicants may submit projects that involve different types of work on a single building or structure or may focus on a single type of work on several buildings. There is no limit to the project's cost; however, grant awards will not exceed \$50,000.

To be eligible for an SMPG, applicants must match the state funds with an equal amount of local funds and complete all activities within two years of receipt of the funds from the State. Additionally, an applicant must not obligate funds or begin work on any project listed on the application before applying.

Grants are awarded in order of five priorities:

1. Emergency projects made necessary by a disaster;
2. Health/life safety projects to remodel or improve an existing structure;
3. State priority projects necessary for energy conservation or to better serve students in an area where the applicant receives funding under Illinois School Code;
4. Permanent improvement projects designed to upgrade building systems (e.g., HVAC, plumbing); and
5. Other.

The school district previously applied for the grant in 2019 and was approved for the maximum amount of \$50,000. These funds were used to support the renovation of the Glenbrook South nurse's office. It is anticipated that if the school district applies within this grant cycle that it will likely be awarded the maximum amount of \$50,000. If awarded, it is recommended that the funds be used to replace the Glenbrook South auditorium roof, which is slated for summer 2022 per the District's master roofing plan. The auditorium roof was installed in 1995 and has reached the end of its serviceable life, and is experiencing several deficiencies typical for this roof system's age. Therefore, this project qualifies as priority two, Health and Life Safety.

At the October 19, 2021 Facility Committee meeting, a list of recommended projects to be completed in the summer of 2022 will be presented, including the GBS auditorium roof replacement. Upon approval of the Board of Education, bid specifications will be created and made available to interested parties. It is anticipated that bids will be reviewed by the Facility Committee in January.

The first round of the grant application is due Friday, October 8, 2021. At this time, the administration is requesting authorization to submit an application for the SMPG for \$50,000 in support of anticipated projects to be completed during the summer of 2022.