



A program allowing eligible school districts to receive limited State funds to make facility improvements in lieu of participating in the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program or Vocational Facilities Assistance Program.

FIVE STEPS

1. Commission Outreach and Activation
2. Active Planning
3. Program Decision and Application
4. Project Agreement/Funding
5. Project Administration

ACTIVE PLANNING PHASE

1. Condition Assessment
2. Enrollment Projection
3. Master Facilities Plan

HISTORY

In June 2017, the Ohio General Assembly established the 1:1 School Facilities Option Program, commonly known as the Alternative Facilities Assistance Program (AFAP). Program guidelines were approved in October 2017.

WHAT IS AFAP?

Under AFAP, OFCC provides a reduced portion of projected state funds to assist eligible districts in constructing expanding, or renovating any classroom facility consistent with the Master Facilities Plan (MFP) and the Ohio School Design Manual (OSDM).

The reduced amount is the greater of either \$1 million or 10% of the State share of what the district would have received had it participated in the Commission's CFAP or VFAP programs, though districts may opt to take a lesser amount. Districts must match the State share on a one to one basis. Districts that elect to participate in AFAP will be ineligible to participate in CFAP or VFAP for 20 years. A district may participate in this program

only at the time it otherwise becomes eligible for assistance in CFAP or VFAP.

This program is comprised of five steps:

1. COMMISSION OUTREACH AND ACTIVATION

Periodically, the OFCC will notify eligible districts that they have the option of beginning an active planning process which may result in a funding offer from the Commission. A district is eligible for AFAP if it does not have a Project Agreement with the OFCC, or did not previously have an Agreement. Eligible districts must either proceed through the Commission's active planning process or have any previous MFP updated.

To begin active planning, districts are required to submit a Resolution of Intent to Enter an Active Planning Process adopted by the district's board. The resolution must be adopted within 45 days from the Commission's outreach.

2. ACTIVE PLANNING

In the active planning phase, the following activities will occur: condition assessment, enrollment projection, and master facilities plan (MFP).

3. PROGRAM DECISION AND APPLICATION

At the end of the active planning phase, the District may proceed directly with the CFAP/VFAP process, or as an option, consider AFAP. If it chooses to consider AFAP, the district must develop an alternative project scope and budget consistent with the MFP, in conjunction with a design professional.

4. PROJECT AGREEMENT/FUNDING

Based upon the successful completion of the predecessor requirements, the district board and the Commission will enter into a project agreement for the execution of the district's AFAP project.

5. PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

Once the district has secured its portion of the required project funding and the AFAP Project Agreement has been executed, the District may begin the project. AFAP projects are administered solely by the district. The design, bidding, construction contract award, construction management, construction claims management, and project closeout are the responsibility of the district.

ABOUT OFCC

OFCC is responsible for guiding capital projects for state agencies, state-supported universities and community colleges, including Ohio's comprehensive public K-12 school construction and renovation program. The Commission also manages grant programs for cultural facilities, community school classroom facilities, and lead plumbing fixture replacement in schools.

FUNDING

A District eligible for AFAP may elect to receive a reduced state share in an amount the greater of either \$1 million or 10% of the state share of the district's MFP. The District must match the state share

on a one to one basis. The district may elect to take less than the reduced state share. The state's portion of the project will occur as a reimbursement.

Program Element	CFAP/VFAP	AFAP
Eligibility	A district not having completed all elements of the Master Facilities Plan	Any district not having signed a Project Agreement with the Commission
Districts served in priority order	Yes	Yes
Full master planning required	Yes	Yes
Project scope	Full master plan or segment	Portion of MFP; created by district; approved by OFCC
Maximum state funding	State share of total master plan cost, based upon equity %	10% of CFAP state share or \$1 million, whichever is greater
Local match	Local share of total master plan cost, based upon equity %	1:1 state/local match
District may take less than maximum state funding	Yes	Yes
School board approval	Simple majority vote	4/5 majority
Project agreement required	Yes	Yes
Waiting period for future OFCC programs after project agreement signed	20 years	20 years
Construction procurement and administration performed by	OFCC and district	District
Payments during construction	District pays out of joint state/local project fund, which is reconciled before closeout	District pays contractors with local funds; state reimburses district