

Community school classroom facilities grants

SECTION 501.10. All items set forth in this section are hereby appropriated for the biennium ending on June 30, 2016, out of any moneys in the state treasury to the credit of the Public School Building Fund (Fund 7021) that are not otherwise appropriated.

	Appropriations
FCC OHIO FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION	
C230W4 Community School Classroom Facilities Grants	\$ 25,000,000
TOTAL Public School Building Fund	\$ 25,000,000

COMMUNITY SCHOOL CLASSROOM FACILITIES GRANTS

The foregoing appropriation item C230W4, Community School Classroom Facilities Grants, may be used by the School Facilities Commission to provide grant funding to an eligible high-performing community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code.

For purposes of this section, an "eligible high-performing community school" means a community school that has available and has certified it will supply, at least fifty per cent of the cost of the project funded under this section and that meets the following other conditions:

(A) Except as provided in division (B) or (C) of this section, the school both:

- (1) Has received a grade of "A," "B," or "C" for the performance index score under division (C)(1)(b) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code or has increased its performance index score under division (C)(1)(b) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code in each of the previous three years of operation; and
- (2) Has received a grade of "A" or "B" for the value-added progress dimension under division (C)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code on its most recent report card rating issued under that section.

(B) If the school serves only grades kindergarten through three, the school received a grade of "A" or "B" for making progress in improving literacy in grades kindergarten through three under division (C)(1)(g) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code on its most recent report card issued under that section.

(C) If the school primarily serves students enrolled in a dropout prevention and recovery program as described in division (A)(4)(a) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code, the school received a rating of "exceeds standards" on its most recent report card issued under section 3314.017 of the Revised Code.

Notwithstanding the definition of an eligible high-performing community school under divisions (A) to (C) of this section, a newly established community school may be eligible for assistance under this section, if it is implementing a community school model that has a track record of high quality academic performance, as determined by the Department of Education.

The foregoing appropriation may be used for the purchase, construction, reconstruction, renovation, remodeling, or addition to classroom facilities. A grant may be awarded to an eligible high-performing community school that demonstrates that the funds will be used to

purchase or support classroom facilities construction or modifications that increase the supply of seats in effective schools, service specific unmet student needs through community school education, and show innovation in design and potential as a successful, replicable school model. The School Facilities Commission may award a grant to an eligible high-performing community school upon the approval of a grant application by the Executive Director of the Commission and the Superintendent of Public Instruction. A facility that is purchased, constructed, or modified by the grant funds shall be used for educational purposes for a minimum of ten years after receiving the grant funds. The School Facilities Commission, in consultation with the Superintendent of Public Instruction, shall develop guidelines and may adopt rules under Chapter 111. of the Revised Code for the administration of the grants, including provisions for the ownership and disposal of the facilities funded under this section in the event the community school closes at any time. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, all Revised Code exemptions applicable to grants awarded and projects administered by the School Facilities Commission or Facilities Construction Commission shall apply to the grants pursuant to this section.