

ANNUAL FACILITIES GRANT (AFG)

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- **What is it?**
- **The Annual Facilities Grant is money received by the school district from the Ministry specifically for facility maintenance.**
- **A Board of Education may expend its annual facility grant for the purpose of:**
 - **upgrading or replacing existing building components throughout the expected economic life of an existing capital asset;**
 - **enhancing the service potential of an existing capital asset or a component of an existing capital asset by correcting deficiencies in design or construction, and unsafe conditions;**
 - **significantly lowering the associated operating costs of an existing capital asset; or**
 - **extending the life of an existing capital asset or a component of an existing capital asset beyond its original life expectancy.**

How is it calculated?

The amount of a Board of Education's annual facility grant will be calculated by the Ministry of Education using a formula based on student enrolment and average age of facilities, with an adjustment made for unique geographic factors.

How much is it?

SD8 gets approximately 1.3M per fiscal year.

What can the AFG be used for?

There are 12 categories of eligible annual facility grant expenditures:

1. Roof Replacements (including scheduled roof replacements and major roof repairs),

2. Mechanical System Upgrades (improvements, replacements or provision of heating, ventilation, air conditioning or plumbing systems),

3. Electrical System Upgrades (improvements or replacements of power supply and distribution systems),

4. Facility Upgrades (improvements to protect the fabric of the plant, including exterior painting, window and door replacement, building envelope repair and replacement, structural and nonstructural seismic mitigation),

5. Loss Prevention Projects (improvements, replacements or provision of fire protection system),

6. **Functional Improvements** (improvements of school facilities related to the provision of educational programming),
7. **Technology Infrastructure Upgrades** ("behind the wall" improvements to accommodate computer and telecommunications wiring and cabling),
8. **Site Upgrades** (site improvements including positive site drainage; repairs to sidewalks, parking lots, site access/egress, paved work areas, paved play areas, and play fields; perimeter safety fencing; contaminated soil remediation; underground storage tanks removal),
9. **Disabled Access** (improvements related to access for persons with physical disabilities) ,
10. **Asbestos Abatement** ,
11. **Health and Safety Upgrades** (improvements related to indoor air quality, seismic vulnerability, traffic safety, and structural upgrades) ,
12. **Site Servicing** (improvements, replacements or provision of sewer, drainage or water services; underground irrigation systems).

What can the AFG NOT be used for?

Examples of ineligible use of annual facility grants include:

- building expansions resulting in increases to gross facility area or nominal capacity,
- building acquisitions,
- site acquisitions,
- acquisition of equipment, furnishings, personal computers, servers, local area network connections, or vehicles and their accessories.

Overlaps and Interrelationships in Types of Maintenance

