School Facilities Assistance

The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) provides funding, management oversight, and technical assistance to public districts and schools for the construction and renovation of K-12 classroom facilities. OFCC is the successor agency to the Ohio School Facilities Commission, which was created in 1997 by S.B. 102 of the 122nd General Assembly.

Progress in Rebuilding Schools

Major School Facilities Programs

State K-12 Facilities Spending by Program, FY 1998–FY 2021

- **CFAP** (Classroom Facilities Assistance Program)
  - Addresses the entire facilities of traditional districts
  - State funding based on average valuation per pupil, with a small adjustment based on income
  - Lower wealth districts receive a greater share of state assistance and are also served sooner

- **ENP** (Exceptional Needs Program)
  - Addresses the health and safety needs of a specific building rather than the entire facilities needs of a district

- **VFAP** (Vocational Facilities Assistance Program)
  - Similar to CFAP but serves JVSDs

- **Other**
  - Includes programs for the Big 8 districts, Emergency Repair, Schools for the Deaf and Blind, Community/STEM schools, School Security Grants, among others

Major Funding Sources

State K-12 Facilities Spending by Source, FY 1998–FY 2021

- **Bonds**
  - Most projects are financed through borrowing. The debt service has primarily been paid by the GRF.
  - $6.1b

- **Tobacco**
  - Tobacco MSA funds and proceeds from securitization of MSA payments in FY 2008.
  - $4.8b

- **Cash**
  - Financed by transfers from the GRF
  - $1.4b

- **Lottery**
  - Mostly from one-time VLT licensing fees
  - $434.3m

GRF Debt Service on School Facilities Bonds ($ in millions)

- FY 13: $254.3m
- FY 14: $262.8m
- FY 15: $272.6m
- FY 16: $284.8m
- FY 17: $298.9m
- FY 18: $316.0m
- FY 19: $329.6m
- FY 20: $341.6m
- FY 21: $348.8m

*State debt refinancing lowered GRF debt service costs on school facilities bonds in FY21