



Drought Response Outreach Program for Schools (DROPS)

State Water Resources Control Board Division of Financial Assistance

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) has developed a Drought Response Outreach Program for Schools (DROPS). DROPS will focus on projects that address stormwater pollution while providing multiple benefits including water quality improvement, water conservation, water supply augmentation, greenhouse gas reduction, energy savings, and increased awareness of water resource sustainability at schools.

DFA have posted the [Final Guidelines](#) and anticipates opening the solicitation on September 8th. Approximately \$25 million is available.

Concept Grant Program Requirements

Eligible Applicants: Local Educational Agencies, limited to K-12 school districts, county offices of education, Federally Recognized Tribes in California with Tribal K-12 schools (only Proposition 13 Watershed funds), and K-12 charter schools on publicly-owned property

Grant Amount: ranges from \$50,000 - \$2,500,000, based on school district size. (Check final guidelines for further details.)

Funding Match: 10 – 20%, depending on total project cost.

Eligible Project Types

- Projects designed to address the drought by capturing, treating, infiltrating, or using stormwater while providing multiple benefits, including water conservation, water supply augmentation, energy savings, increased awareness of water resource sustainability, and reduced dry weather runoff.

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