EMERGENCY REPAIR POOL FOR K–12 SCHOOLS

The 2013 Legislature appropriated $5,000,000 solely to address unexpected and imminent health and safety hazards at K–12 public schools, including skill centers, that will impact the day-to-day operations of the school facility.

To be Eligible for Funds from the Emergency Repair Pool:
Districts: Must invoke an emergency declaration/resolution signed by the school district board of directors and submitted to the Office of Financial Management (OFM) through the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).

Skill Centers: The directors of the skill center cooperative must initiate a letter detailing the emergency to the host district. The host district must invoke an emergency declaration/resolution signed by the school district board of directors and submitted to the Office of Financial Management (OFM) through the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).

The Emergency Declaration/Resolution, in Accordance with the Proviso Language, Must Include:
- Description of the imminent health and safety hazard.
- The possible cause of the problem.
- Proposed scope of emergency repair work.
- Related cost estimate.
- An identification of local funding to be applied to the project.
- Acknowledgment that this grant would be repaid with any insurance payments or judgments that may be awarded to the district.

The above information may be included as attachments to the emergency declaration as long as the attachments are identified in the declaration.

All requests for funding will be reviewed and approved by OSPI and forwarded to OFM who will make final grant funding approval. Districts may be requested to submit more information upon request.
OSPI Guidance on Accessing the EMERGENCY REPAIR POOL FOR K–12 PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Districts and host districts of skill centers are encouraged to apply for emergency repair pool funding if they do not have funding available to address unexpected and imminent health and safety hazards which could impact the day-to-day operations of the school facility.

Districts should consider applying for the K–12 Emergency Repair Pool funding if:

- The district does not have sufficient operating or capital funds to adequately address the health and safety hazard, and;
- The emergency will likely result in the immediate physical injury to person(s) or property in the absence of prompt remedial action, or;
- The facility would suffer material damage if repair was delayed until addressed by preventative or routine maintenance, or;
- The facility cannot be safely occupied by students and educational staff.

Please submit emergency declarations and accompanying documents along with any questions to Scott Black at 360-725-6268 or scott.black@k12.wa.us

For an example of an Emergency Declaration/Resolution follow this link:
http://www.k12.wa.us/SchFacilities/pubdocs/ExampleEmergencyDeclaration.pdf

Other related links:
Bill 5035 New Section Sec. 1089
RCW 28A.335.190 (6) – Emergency declaration – exemption to public works