## Planning to Use California Prop 2 Funds for New School Construction?

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

### What is California's Proposition 2?

In November 2024, California voters approved \$10 billion in funding for the repair, upgrade, and construction of facilities at K-12 public and charter schools, community colleges, and career technical education programs. These funds aim to improve health and safety conditions and provide necessary classroom upgrades.

#### Who Gets Funded?

Funding is allocated through a competitive grant process that considers Gross Bond Capacity until all funds are distributed. Schools can submit applications, and those with the highest scores based on a point system will be prioritized for funding.

While the number of applications is uncertain, it is expected that a high percentage of proposed projects will receive full funding.



You do not need a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) to qualify for state matching funds. Using a PLA could increase project costs by up to 30%. Be mindful of the added expenses, as they could limit what your school can achieve.

## **How Are Projects Prioritized?**

Grant allotment is determined by a point system that evaluates multiple factors.

Two key considerations are:

- Gross Bond Capacity
- Unduplicated Pupil Percentage

These factors help identify schools with the greatest need for funding.

# Are Union-Only Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) Recommended?

No, Union-Only PLAs are not recommended. They can:

- · Discriminate against local workers.
- · Reduce competition in bidding.
- Increase costs by 15–30%, resulting in fewer projects completed.

## Important Reminder: PLAs Are Not Required!

Do not sign a PLA without thoroughly evaluating its impact.

For more information about Project Labor Agreements and how they effect your community contact Carmen Berry at <a href="mailto:berry@abcofca.org">berry@abcofca.org</a>.

