

**PCB TESTING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)**

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**Q: When do the applications for the PCB Grant open?**

A: Applications for the PCB grant application open May 1, 2026 and are posted on ODE's website here. They close May 31, 2026.

**Q: What is required to be submitted as part of the application?**

A: Districts applying for the PCB Grant will need to submit the following as part of their application:

- Contact information
- Estimate of Costs
- Documentation showing community concern
- Documentation that one building has been tested
- Assurance that all expenses will be incurred by June 30, 2027.
- Assurance that any third-party contracted to do the testing will comply with all state and federal regulations.

**Q: What qualifies as an estimate of costs?**

A: Districts do not need a bid quality estimate of the costs to complete the testing. Districts may submit an estimate of costs developed by a third-party subject matter expert as part of the application. Districts may include up to 10% of the estimate of cost as an additional estimated amount for contingency purposes.

**Q: What qualifies as documentation of community concern?**

A: Districts have a lot of flexibility in providing documentation of a community concern. Examples of acceptable documentation include:

- Newspaper articles specifically discussing PCB concerns at school facilities
- Documentation of public comments during a school board meeting that raise a concern regarding the presence of PCBs in school facilities.
- Emails or other correspondence from members of the public raising the concern of the presence of PCBs in school facilities.
- Documentation from labor unions raising this as a concern to district administration.
- Other documentation showing that members of the community are concerned about the presence of PCBs in school facilities.

**Q: What must a district submit to show they have tested at least one building?**

A: Districts must submit the results of at least one test done in a building even if the results do not show testing of every room in the facilities.

**Q: What other requirements must a district meet in order to qualify for this grant?**

A: Districts must have at least 50% of their buildings built between 1950 and 1980 which is when PCBS were most frequently used in building construction.

**Q: Do districts have to submit evidence of documentation that they meet the 50% building requirement?**

A: No. ODE will use the data already submitted as part of the School Facilities Data Collection to calculate the percentage of buildings built between 1950 and 1980.

**Q: How are districts awarded grant funds?**

A: ODE will commit grant funds to districts that submit a qualifying application in the order the applications are received.

**Q: Are charter schools or ESDs eligible for this grant?**

A: No. Only school districts are eligible for this grant.

**Q: How much in funding is available for the PCB grant?**

A: The Legislature authorized \$2 million for the PCB grant for the 2025-27 biennium.

**Q: Will there be ongoing funding available for this grant?**

A: At this time it is ODE's understanding that the PCB grant will not receive ongoing funding from the Legislature.

**Q: Will districts have to sign a grant agreement for these funds?**

A: Yes. ODE will provide a grant agreement for districts to sign to all districts that receive a commitment of funds.

**Q: How will districts receive the funds?**

A: ODE will provide the funds to the districts on a reimbursement basis through EGMS.

**Q: What will districts have to submit to get the reimbursement request approved?**

A: Districts will have to submit the following:

- An invoice from the third party organization conducting the testing
- The results of any tests
- A certification from the third party organization that they complied with all state and federal regulations.

**Q: What type of testing will the grant cover?**

A: The grant will cover costs associated with testing done according to [EPA sample collection procedures](#). This includes the following types of tests:

- Bulk solid samples
- Porous surface samples
- Non-porous surface samples
- Indoor air samples

**Q: May districts charge an indirect rate to this grant?**

A: No. All grant funds must go to pay for the costs incurred to do the actual testing.

**Q: Will the district be reimbursed for the building test submitted during the application?**

A: No. Districts will be reimbursed for tests done from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.