**Grant Funding 101**

As your school or campus plans to transform nonfunctional lawn areas, state and federal grants can help offset project costs. Grant funding is often competitive and distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, so early planning is essential. These tips are designed to help you begin the process of funding and creating sustainable, water-efficient landscapes.

**Available Resources:** Look for information on funding opportunities at:

* The *California Water Efficiency Partnership (CalWEP)* is collecting and posting information about rebates and grants on the website: **[nonfunctionalturfca.org](http://www.nonfunctionalturfca.org)**
* The *California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP)* supports schools’ efforts to partner with community agencies and local government to align community resources to improve student outcomes: **[www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/hs/ccspp.asp:](https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/hs/ccspp.asp%3A)**
* The *Charter School Facility Grant Program* provides grants to offset ongoing facility costs: **[grants.ca.gov/grants/charter-school-facility-grant-program-sb740](https://www.grants.ca.gov/grants/charter-school-facility-grant-program-sb740/)**
* An online resource developed by the CA State Library that lists all of the grants and loans offered by CA state agencies: **[grants.ca.gov](http://grants.ca.gov/)**
* A database designed to help applicants find and apply for federal grants: **[grants.gov](http://grants.ca.gov/)**
* The *California Financing Coordinating Committee* combines federal and state resources for available grants, loans and bond financing for infrastructure projects: **[cfcc.ca.gov](http://cfcc.ca.gov)**
* Reach out to state or local non-profit organizations for collaboration where common goals are aligned, where they may have or can gain funding resources, for example:
	+ *Rescape California*:<https://www.rescapeca.org/partnership-program-page>
	+ *Surfrider Ocean Friendly Program*: <https://www.surfrider.org/programs/ocean-friendly-gardens>

**Look for alternative pathways to financial support:**

* Partner with the local water provider or utility for enhanced funding opportunities, such as using drought surcharge credits for demonstration projects.
* Climate resilience or heat adaptation grants (CalFire Urban Forest grants).
* SB 1383 compliance (reduction of organic waste from lawn maintenance in landscaping) as a co-benefit.
* Apply for regional transportation or air quality funds (streets programs) when redesigning streetscapes with turf removal.
* Stormwater programs may co-fund bioswales or rain gardens where lawn is removed.

**Your Water Provider Is Here to Help.** Many water agencies offer:

* Lawn replacement and irrigation equipment rebates
* Free site visits and landscape reviews
* Sample plant lists and design templates
* Tree protection tips and irrigation strategies

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Website: [Insert URL]

Phone: [Insert Number]

Rebate Info: [QR Code or Link]