"Reso A"

Resolution A Program:

A Guide

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The School Construction Authority

Who We Are

The School Construction Authority's (SCA) mission is to design and construct safe, attractive and environmentally sound public schools for children throughout the many communities of New York City.

We are dedicated to building and modernizing schools in a responsible, cost-effective manner while achieving the highest standards of excellence in safety, quality and integrity.

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What Is The Resolution A Program?

➢ Established through the New York City Charter under Section 243 and 245.

➢ Each year, during the budget process, Borough Presidents and Council Members assign discretionary funds to capital projects to meet local needs and fill gaps in City Agency projects, which is also called "Resolution A, (Reso A)."

➢ Some NYC Capital Funds are allocated to schools from Borough Presidents or New York City Council Members for enhancements and improvements to school buildings.

➢ Schools apply to their elected officials for funding for specific projects.

➢ The SCA receives and manages the allocated funding on behalf of the school. In certain cases, other agencies may implement projects. They include: Division of Instructional and Information Technology (DIIT), Division of School Facilities (DSF), Trust for Public Land (TPL).

What Is Participatory Budgeting?

➤ Participatory Budgeting is a democratic process in which community members directly decide how to spend part of the Reso A capital budget.

➤ Council Members and/or Borough Presidents use Participatory Budgeting to decide how to spend a certain amount of their Reso A Capital Discretionary funding.
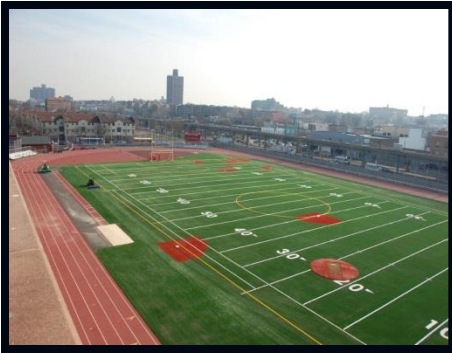
Capital Budget Reso A

■ Remaining Reso A Capital Budget ■ Participatory Budgeting
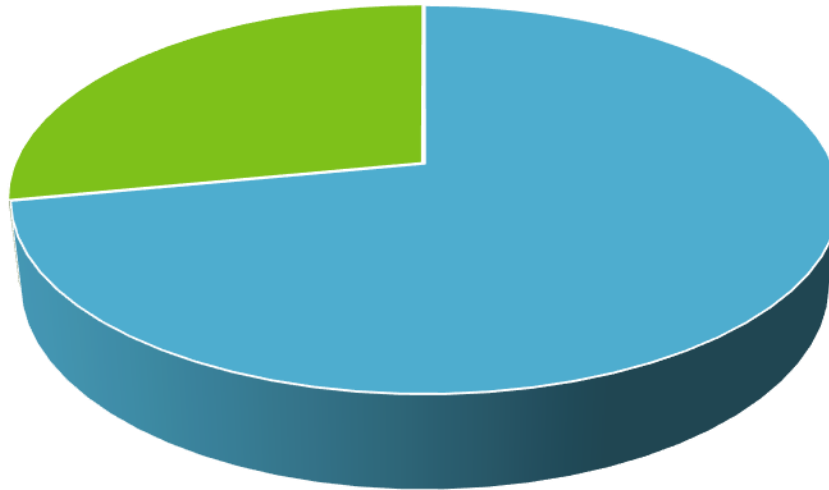
Typical Reso A Projects

Athletic Field

Gymnasium Upgrade

Science Lab

Auditorium Renovation

Bathroom Upgrade

Supplemental Cooling

Capital Eligibility Requirements
As per the City's Office of Management and Budget

➢ All grants must be a minimum of $50,000.

➢ Capital construction projects must provide a permanent enhancement to the facility.

➢ All equipment must have a minimum lifespan of three years.

➢ Technology grants must be used to purchase desktop computers, laptops, interactive white boards, printers, and tablets (iPads/Chromebooks).

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Projects That Are Not Eligible for Reso A

- Leased sites with less than 7 years remaining on their lease are ineligible for construction and/or renovation projects.
  - *However, technology is eligible for these sites.*

- Window air conditioning units

- Library books

- Loose furniture: desks, chairs, cafeteria tables, bookshelves

- Photocopiers

- Software

- Toner cartridges and other technology based supplies

- Staffing and after school programs

About Resolution A Project Budgets

➢ Project budgets are set by the amount of funding allocated by the elected official.

➢ In instances where a project is underfunded, the SCA and school will discuss the options of moving forward with a reduced scope or the school can attempt to secure additional funding to cover the estimated cost of the project.

➢ SCA managed construction projects have 25% soft costs applied to each construction project, which includes scope, design, contingency, and construction management.

➢ Ultimately, NYC Office of Management and Budget (OMB) releases funding to the SCA – not to the school's Galaxy account.

➢ Larger projects, such as athletic field renovations, can and have been funded over the course of multiple fiscal years.

Budget Timeline

Timeframe	Budget Activities
January - March	Elected officials contact schools to identify potential projects
May - June	City budget negotiations and adoption of the City's budget which includes new school projects
July 1st	Start of the new Fiscal Year
Summer	Schools notified of awards from Elected Officials
July - September	Review and creation of newly funded school projects
October-November	SCA receives final budget authorization from the Office of Management and Budget
Late Fall (November/December)	SCA begins project scope and design process and schools are contacted by their project team. Notices for fulfilling Technology projects are published in the Principals' Weekly.

Average Cost and Timeframe Estimates

Project Type	Low*	High*	Average Months for Delivery after release of funds
Auditorium Upgrade*	$ 1M	$ 2.5M	22
Seating and Floor*	$ 800K	$ 1.2M	
Curtains*	$ 150K	$ 400K	
Audio / Visual Tech	$ 150K	$ 300K	
Gymnasium Upgrade* *and* **	$ 600K	$ 950K	20
Wall padding *	$ 35K	$ 70K	
Refinished Basketball Court	$ 150K	$ 300K	
Replaced Basketball Court	$ 300K	$ 600K	
Library*	$ 750K	$ 1.5M	20
Science Lab Upgrade*	$ 1M	$ 2M	24
Cafeteria*	$ 750K	$ 1.5M	20

* Project cost estimates are dependent upon grade level and size of space

**Does not include locker room renovations or conversions

Average Cost and Timeframe Estimates Continued

Project Type	Low*	High*	Average Months for Delivery after release of funds
New Science Lab*	$ 2.5M	$ 3M	24
Elementary School	$ 500K	$ 1M	
Playground*	$ 750K	$ 1.5M	20
Security Cameras	$ 550K	$ 1M	18
Mobile Science Carts	$ 62K	$ 80K	6
Culinary Arts Room	$ 2M	$ 3M	24
Green Roofs* and ***	$ 5M	$ 7M	24
Supplemental Cooling for PS/IS Public Assembly Space	$ 750K	$ 1.2M	24

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*** *Many schools are not viable candidates for these projects due to building infrastructure. Please contact the SCA before applying for funding for a green roof project.*

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Obtaining Project Estimates

Do:

- ✓ **Only seek an estimate from the SCA for construction projects**

- ✓ **Prioritize the components of your projects, e.g., chairs, A/C, curtains…**

- ✓ **Look on FAMIS for technology pricing**

Don't:

- x **Ask any other source for an estimate as factors tend to be overlooked**

Project Milestones & Timeline for SCA Managed Construction Projects

Project Phase	Phase Description
Scope	The designer meets with the school administration to discuss the project specifics. The designer will produce a scope report that defines work to be performed, preliminary cost estimate, design, and construction time duration. ➢ Typically 4 months
Design	Development of complete set of construction/contract documents for the Bid and Award process. ➢ Typically 4 months
Bid and Award	Public advertising, bid opening, and award of contract. ➢ Typically 4 months
Phasing Schedule	Project Officer and school establish work hours and areas to be used by the contractor established (estimated 3:30pm start time for interior work).
Construction	Project mobilization begins and includes preconstruction meetings, permitting, and site safety plan. ➢ Schedule based on project scope and can range from 6 to 22 months

Technology purchases do not follow this process and may be ordered quickly upon SCA receiving budget authorization and approval from the school.

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Co-Located Schools (including Charter Schools) & Reso A Grants

➢ **In shared spaces (e.g. auditorium, gymnasium, cafeteria), the grant is viewed as an upgrade for the entire building. All building principals are involved in the process and must approve the final project, including Charter Schools.**

➢ **When a Reso A allocation is made for technology, that grant is specifically for that individual organization only.**

Building-Wide Reso A	School Specific Reso A
Shared Spaces: Auditorium, Gymnasium, Cafeteria, Playground, Library, Science Labs	Technology, Mobile Science Labs

Completed Projects

Playground Upgrade	Auditorium Upgrade
P.S. 54 - Queens	**P.S. 13 - Queens**

Completed Projects

Room Conversion: Dance Studio/Computer Lab	Library Upgrade
P.S. 80 - QUEENS	M.S. 282 - Queens

Completed Projects

Gymnasium Upgrade	Library Upgrade
Francis Lewis High School	P.S. 175 - Queens

Completed Projects

Locker Room Renovation	Auditorium Upgrade
Long Island City High School	P.S. 124 - Queens

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