

# School Cooling Funding Opportunities

## How, when, and what to apply for

Urban heat island reduction is a key initiative by Los Angeles County to help cool neighborhoods. Schools are among the hottest areas due to limited tree cover and extensive asphalt surfaces, which provide little relief from high temperatures. This increases the risk of heat-related illnesses and injuries for students and staff. Fortunately, grant funding is available to help schools modernize their campuses and improve resilience to extreme heat.



Funding Opportunity	Deadline	Example Projects	Min-Max Award	Prioritizes Equity	Eligible Applicant
<b>Los Angeles County</b> <a href="#">Safe, Clean Water Program</a>	July 31, 2025	School greening, stormwater management	Varies	Yes	Schools, CBOs
<b>California Climate Investments</b> <a href="#">Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program</a>	Sept. – Dec. 2025	School greening, drinking water, shade, cooling centers	Varies	Yes	Schools, CBOs, tribal governments
<b>American Academy of Dermatology</b> <a href="#">Shade Structure Grant Program</a>	Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup> - Dec. 15 2025	Permanent shade structures at playgrounds, eating areas, dugouts	\$8k	No	Public schools, CBOs
<b>U.S. Department of Energy</b> <a href="#">Renew America's School Grant</a>	Dec. 2025 – April 2026	Energy upgrades & ventilation upgrades	\$300k	Yes	Local educational agencies
<b>LA2050</b> <a href="#">LA 2050 Grants Challenge Program</a>	April – June 2026	I AM PARK – a creative space for relaxation and play	\$75k	Yes	Schools, CBOs

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<b>State Water Resources Control Board</b> <a href="#">Proposition 68 – Water Recycling</a>	Expires June 30, 2027	Construction of water recycling projects to support school greening	\$75k – \$1.2m	Yes	Public schools, CBOs, local governments
<b>State Water Resources Control Board</b> <a href="#">Drinking Water State Revolving Fund</a>	Continuous	Barry Elementary School Water Service	\$2m – \$10m	Yes	CBOs, schools, local governments
<b>State Water Resources Control Board</b> <a href="#">County-wide and Regional Funding</a>	Continuous	Water drought assistance program; drinking water needs	TBD	Yes	CBOs, tribal governments
<b>State Water Resources Control Board</b> <a href="#">Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience</a>	Continuous	Funding for technical assistance on drinking water program	TBD	No	CBOs, tribal governments
<b>Teachers Get Funded</b> <a href="#">Donors Choose</a>	Continuous	Funds for gardening tools, canopy for shade	\$50 – \$1k	Yes	School teachers
<b>CAL FIRE</b> <a href="#">Green Schoolyard Grants</a>	TBD	Asphalt removal, tree planting, outdoor gardens/classrooms	TBD	Yes	School districts, CBOs
<b>California State Parks</b> <a href="#">Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program</a>	TBD	Joint-use schoolyards	TBD	Yes	Local governments, CBOs
<b>CAL FIRE</b> <a href="#">Urban &amp; Community Forestry Grants</a>	TBD	Tree planting & care, planting site prep	TBD	Yes	School districts, CBOs

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<b>San Gabriel and Lower LA Rivers &amp; Mountains Conservancy</b> <a href="#">Proposition 68 LLAR</a>	TBD	Develop urban recreation; protect/restore habitats	TBD	Yes	CBOs, schools, tribal governments
<b>San Gabriel and Lower LA Rivers &amp; Mountains Conservancy</b> <a href="#">RMC Lower LA River Grant Program</a>	TBD	Pico Rivera's Passions Active Depot	\$50k – \$2m	Yes	CBOs, schools, public agencies, tribal governments
<b>San Gabriel and Lower LA Rivers &amp; Mountain Conservancy</b> <a href="#">Proposition 1 Lower LA River Grants</a>	TBD	School greening technical assistance program	\$50k – \$2m	Yes	Schools, CBOs, tribal governments

*This list is not exhaustive; but reflects opportunities most relevant to school cooling/ greening. If you have any questions about the opportunities listed here, please contact their sponsors directly. Some funding opportunities may no longer be available, or their future availability is indeterminate.*