
APPENDIX B: CATEGORY A PROJECTS

Issue: Category A-1: Life Safety Projects

Intent:

The intent of this category is to *permanently* mitigate the life safety conditions in buildings or systems that create imminent danger to the life or limb of facility's occupants.

Category Criteria:

One or more of the following must exist to be considered as an A-1 project:

- Imminent Danger — immediate danger to the health, life or limb of the facility's occupants.
- Health and Life — safety-obvious danger to health, life or limb exists. While danger is not immediate, remedy is needed to protect people.
- Fire Safety — existing conditions could place people in grave peril and inadequate escape.
- The lack of compliance with existing code is not considered sufficient justification to warrant classification of an issue as a critical life-safety issue.
- The Final Project Proposal (FPP) shall be accompanied by a third-party study that identifies the critical life safety issues and states that *imminent* danger exists to the facility's occupants (study must be performed by an independent, professional who is certified or licensed to perform the relevant study).
or
Evidence of regulatory agency cites such as Cal OSHA or local fire marshals identifying and documenting severity of issue.
- Project scope is designed to permanently mitigate the problem with the least cost solution.
- Project scope may include other scope as demanded by the current building code.

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- Space expansion (gross square feet and/or assignable square feet) is permissible to address code compliance issues only.
 - No additional scope other than the least cost solution to mitigate the immediate life safety issue is allowed *regardless of funding source*.
 - No Group 2 Equipment allowances shall be budgeted as part of project costs.

District:

- Project title should include the words “Health & Safety.”

Procedures:

- No Initial Project Proposal is required.
- FPP may be submitted at any time.

Issue: Category A-2: Non-state supportable category

Intent:

Not currently used by the State.

Issue: Category A-3: Seismic Retrofit Projects

Intent:

The intent of this category is to seismically retrofit structures subject to the likely probability of collapse during a seismic event of greater than 6.0.

Category Criteria:

- Final Project Proposal (FPP) shall be accompanied by a third-party study/report that validates that the target building’s structural deficiencies provide a risk that is equivalent to Risk Level 4 or greater as specified in the April 1998 *CCC Seismic Survey, Report and Recommendations*, prepared by the State Department of General Services — Real Estate Services Division. This study must be performed by an independent, professional who is certified or licensed to perform the relevant study and shall include possible mitigation measures.
- Project scope is designed to *permanently* mitigate the problem with the least cost solution.

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- Project scope may include other scope as demanded by current building code.
 - Space expansion (gross square feet and/or assignable square feet) is permissible to address seismic solution or code compliance issues only.
 - No additional scope allowed other than the work required for seismic solution or code compliance mitigation *regardless of funding source*.
 - No Group 2 Equipment allowances shall be budgeted as part of project costs.

District Procedures:

- No Initial Project Proposal is required.
- Final Project Proposal shall be submitted as called for by the annual submission cycle.

Issue: Category A-4: Immediate Infrastructure Failure Projects

Intent:

The intent of this category is to repair or replace the immediate failing infrastructure within a structure or campus system.

Category Criteria:

- Project scope is designed to *permanently* mitigate the problem with the least cost solution that restores the “designed capability and capacity” of the existing infrastructure.
- Final Project Proposal (FPP) shall be accompanied by a third-party study that identifies the failing infrastructure and least cost mitigation measures that *permanently* mitigates the issues and restores the designed capability (study must be performed by an independent, professional who is certified or licensed to perform the relevant study)
- This category shall not to be used for addressing non-urgent non-code compliant issues. *The absence of code compliance shall not be the sole requirement for this category.*
- Project scope may include other scope as demanded by current building or safety code.
- Project must stay within the existing footprint. Space expansion (gross square feet and/or assignable square feet) is only permissible to address infrastructure replacement or code compliance issues only.

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- No additional scope other than the least cost solution to restore the designed capability and capacity of the existing infrastructure is allowed *regardless of funding source*.
 - If the solution is replacement of building, then the project no longer competes as a Category A-4. The project must compete as a Category A-1 or C/F (modernization) as appropriate.
 - No Group 2 Equipment allowances shall be budgeted as part of project costs.

District Procedures:

- No Initial Project Proposal is required.
- FPP shall be submitted as called for by the annual submission cycle.