



# **Diamond Lake School District 76**

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TO: Board of Education  
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SUBJECT: School Maintenance Project Grant

The Illinois State Board of Education has again made available the School Maintenance Project Grant (SMPG). SMPG is a dollar-for-dollar state matching grant program which awards up to \$50,000 for the “maintenance or upkeep of buildings or structures for educational purposes”. In total, there is approximately \$40 million made available statewide for this program.

The District previously received the School Maintenance Project Grant in FY23, FY24, and FY25 and with several upcoming facility projects on the horizon, I would like to apply for the FY26 grant. One project that has become a priority is creating a D76 market/additional storage at Diamond Lake Elementary School.

This project would look to create a separate space for families to access the resources that they need, in a private venue at the back of Diamond Lake Elementary School. This space would have its own storage, refrigeration, and act as a “store front” for families. In addition to this market, the district would utilize the other side of this building for dedicated storage for the maintenance department. The current garage is becoming dilapidated and is not meeting the storage needs of the building.

Budgets are still being determined, but this project is estimated to be around \$100,000 and could be completed in Summer 2026. The remaining funds for this project would come from the Capital Projects Fund. Formal board action is also needed to officially apply for the grant.

I am recommending that the Board authorize Diamond Lake SD76 to apply for the School Maintenance Project Grant and make available local funds to meet the local match requirement.