



## Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District receives clean energy funds

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The Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District has received more than \$600,000 in state funding that will be used to add more energy-efficient lighting at its two East County campuses.

Grossmont-Cuyamaca was one of 14 school districts in California to receive funding from Proposition 39, a measure passed in November 2012 that raised taxes on out-of-state corporations to pay for clean energy projects at schools and campuses in California. The initiative also helps to create jobs.

The Grossmont-Cuyamaca received \$614,585 of the \$8 million that was handed out in the state's third round of appropriations last month. The district is the only one in the county to have received funding.

The district will be using the money to partially fund a \$2.1 million project that will replace existing lights with LED fixtures for pedestrian walks, parking lot lighting and some street lighting.

More than 8,000 fluorescent lamps in classrooms at Grossmont and Cuyamaca colleges will also be replaced with the more energy-efficient lighting.

The project, which is supported by the \$398 million bond measure Proposition V, will also allow for upgrades to some of the mechanical controls for Grossmont College to tie into the existing system.

"We're very pleased to receive these funds that will allow us to provide more energy-efficient lighting at Cuyamaca and Grossmont colleges," said Cindy L. Miles, chancellor of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District. "Our goal with our Proposition V projects is to make our campuses as sustainable as possible so we can save money and protect the environment."

The district is also receiving an \$84,799 rebate from San Diego Gas & Electric for the lighting improvements. The \$2.1 million project is currently being advertised for bid by contractors, and will be awarded in February 2014.