

# NICHOLAS COUNTY

## SBA Needs Project Evaluation Summary

### **Project Request:**

Nicholas County requests up to \$1,686,000 in SBA funding for safe school entrances at Panther Creek Elementary, Zela Elementary, Birch River Elementary and Nicholas County High School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$100,000 for a total project cost of \$1,786,000.

### **Project Facts:**

- In approved CEFP: Yes
- Number of Students affected: 1098
- Annual Savings: None Projected
- Cost Avoidance: None Projected
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

### **Evaluation Criteria in WV Code §18-9D-16:**

#### I. Student Health & Safety

This project address health and safety needs that cannot be locally funded.

#### II. Economies of Scale

This project meets economies of scale: Yes (NCHS) No (Birch, Zela, Panther Creek)

#### III. Reasonable Travel Time

This project meets the requirements in WV Code for maximum student travel time.

#### IV. Multi-County and Regional Planning

This project is a single-county project.

#### V. Curriculum Improvement and Diversification, including Technology and Distance Learning

This project has limited or indirect changes or improvements to curriculum delivery

#### VI. Innovations in Education

This project does not propose innovative educational offerings.

#### VII. Adequate Space for Projected Student Enrollments

This project has no positive or negative effect on the adequacy of spaces within the existing school.

#### VIII. History of Efforts taken by the County Board to Propose or Adopt Bond Issues of Special Levies

The County has proposed a bond issue and/or special levy on limited occasions.

## IX. Regularly Scheduled Preventative Maintenance

This project increases maintenance required; however, the county has a PM plan in place.

### **Project Status:**

Listed below are projected activities that have been completed to date.

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 10/10/19 with Dr. Donna Burge-Tetrick, Superintendent, and Chris Hanshaw of Nicholas County Schools and Mike Hall of the SBA Staff.
- On behalf of Nicholas County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by ZMM Architects and Engineers.

### **Project Comments by the SBA Staff:**

- Recent issues at these schools with unapproved / unauthorized visitors entering buildings without proper notification has prompted the county to take steps to secure these facilities.
- All three of the elementary schools have a centrally located office that, through this project, will be moved to the front of each building adjacent to the entrance to create separate, controlled visitor entrances. The high school's administrative suite is located at the main entrance, and this project includes the renovation of the vestibule area to send visitors directly into the office before gaining access to the hallway.
- This project proposes to add safe and secure mantrap entrances for visitors, separate from the student access points, at all four facilities by utilizing interior existing space with very limited exterior construction.

Existing Building Evaluation Report  
Panther Creek Elementary School

- Year of Original Construction: 1995
- Number and Year of Major Additions: 0
- Grade Configuration: PK-5
- Number of Classrooms: 17
- 2nd Month Enrollment (2018 School Year): 247
- Building Program Capacity 402
- Building Program Utilization: 61%
- Building Total Square Footage 30,000 sq. ft.
- Site Size: 12 acres
- Site Adequacy: Adequate
- Site Access: Adequate
- Parking Adequacy: Adequate
- Flood Plain: No
- HVAC System Type: Gas heat, Electric AC
- HVAC System Overall Condition: Good
- Restroom Facilities: Adequate
- Food Service Facilities: Adequate
- On-site Review Conducted:
  - Fire Safety Deficiencies Y
  - Sanitation Reports N
  - State Board of Risk/Insurance N
- Overall Condition of the Building: Good

## Existing Building Evaluation Report

### Zela Elementary School

- Year of Original Construction: 1978
- Number and Year of Major Additions: 2 – 1990, 1994
- Grade Configuration: K-5
- Number of Classrooms: 12
- 2nd Month Enrollment (2018 School Year): 89
- Building Program Capacity 264
- Building Program Utilization: 34%
- Building Total Square Footage 16,010 sq. ft.
- Site Size: 10 acres
- Site Adequacy: Adequate
- Site Access: Adequate
- Parking Adequacy: Adequate
- Flood Plain: No
- HVAC System Type: Gas heat; Electric A/C
- HVAC System Overall Condition: Fair
- Restroom Facilities: Adequate
- Food Service Facilities: Adequate
- On-site Review Conducted:
  - Fire Safety Deficiencies Y
  - Sanitation Reports N
  - State Board of Risk/Insurance N
- Overall Condition of the Building: Fair

## Existing Building Evaluation Report

### Birch River Elementary School

- Year of Original Construction: 1952
- Number and Year of Major Additions: 2 – 1990, 1994
- Grade Configuration: PK-5
- Number of Classrooms: 9
- 2nd Month Enrollment (2018 School Year): 94
- Building Program Capacity 189
- Building Program Utilization: 50%
- Building Total Square Footage 22,450 sq. ft.
- Site Size: 6 acres
- Site Adequacy: Adequate
- Site Access: Adequate
- Parking Adequacy: Adequate
- Flood Plain: No
- HVAC System Type: Gas heat; Electric A/C
- HVAC System Overall Condition: Good
- Restroom Facilities: Adequate
- Food Service Facilities: Adequate
- On-site Review Conducted:
  - Fire Safety Deficiencies Y
  - Sanitation Reports N
  - State Board of Risk/Insurance N
- Overall Condition of the Building: Fair

## Existing Building Evaluation Report

### Nicholas County High School

- Year of Original Construction: 1978
- Number and Year of Major Additions: 5 – 1985, 1988, 1992, 1999, 2006
- Grade Configuration: 9-12
- Number of Classrooms: 40
- 2nd Month Enrollment (2018 School Year): 668
- Building Program Capacity 998
- Building Program Utilization: 67%
- Building Total Square Footage 110,090 sq. ft.
- Site Size: 8 acres
- Site Adequacy: Adequate
- Site Access: Adequate
- Parking Adequacy: Adequate
- Flood Plain: No
- HVAC System Type: Gas heat, Electric AC
- HVAC System Overall Condition: Fair
- Restroom Facilities: Adequate
- Food Service Facilities: Adequate
- On-site Review Conducted:
  - Fire Safety Deficiencies Y
  - Sanitation Reports N
  - State Board of Risk/Insurance N
- Overall Condition of the Building: Good

Project Finance Report

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**County's Proposed Finance Plan for this Project:**

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>County Proposal</b>	<b>Percent</b>
SBA Funds:	\$1,686,000	95%
Local Funds:	\$ 100,000	5%
Other Funds: _____	\$0	0%
<b>Total Funds:</b>	<b>\$1,786,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

**County Budget Information as of June 30, 2018:**

Total Budget Expenditures: \$36,126,055      State Rank: 26<sup>th</sup>      Distressed County: No

**Bonding and Levy Capacities:**

Bonding Capacity:      \$47,377,480      Available Bonding Capacity:      \$47,377,480  
Excess Levy Capacity: \$6,756,159      Available Levy Capacity:      \$2,299,155

**History of SBA Funding:**

- Net:              \$ 2,068,062.67
- NEEDs:         \$14,255,629.36
- MIP:             \$ 1,007,224.00
- Emergency:    \$0
- SAS:             \$ 457,844.47
- **Total:**         **\$17,788,760.50**

**List of Needs Projects Funded:**

New Elementary School  
Cherry River ES HVAC/Flooring  
Glade Creek ES Addition  
Summersville ES Windows/Carpet Rep.  
Summersville Jr. High Carpet Rep.  
Nicholas Co. HS A/R; Carpet; HVAC

**Ongoing SBA Project(s): New Richwood MS-HS, New Summersville MS, New Nicholas County Comprehensive HS (FEMA)**