

BRAXTON COUNTY

SBA Needs Project Evaluation Summary

Project Request:

Braxton County requests up to \$5,479,376 in SBA funding for HVAC replacement at Braxton County Middle School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$15,000 for a total project cost of \$5,494,376.

Project Facts:

- In approved CEFP: Yes.
- Number of Students affected: 375
- Annual Savings: \$35,000
- Cost Avoidance: \$0
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No.

Evaluation Criteria in W.Va. Code §18-9D-16:

I. Student Health & Safety

This project addresses critical student and teacher health and safety needs.

II. Economies of Scale

This project meets economies of scale: Yes.

III. Reasonable Travel Time

This project meets 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 9/25/25 with Tim Via and Mark Rose of Braxton County Schools, along with Mark Miller of the SBA Staff.
- On behalf of Braxton County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by McKinley Architecture and Engineering.

Project Comments by the SBA Staff:

- The HVAC system at Braxton County Middle School is original to the building and is well beyond its useful life. At 30+ years old, the system is inadequate for the proper heating and cooling of the facility, with units inoperable at the time of this request. The units have continual failures, need replacement parts often, and present leaks that lead to wet ceiling tiles and the potential for mold growth.
- Braxton County proposes the total replacement of the HVAC system at Braxton County Middle School due to its age and frequent breakdowns.
- A portion of the facility has been repurposed as the Braxton County Board of Education office. Only the HVAC units that supply the middle school section of the building are being considered for SBA funding.

Existing Building Evaluation Report

Braxton County Middle School

- Year of Original Construction: 1991
- Number and Year of Major Additions: 0
- Grade Configuration: 6-8
- Number of Classrooms: 34
- 2nd Month Enrollment (24-25 School Year): 375
- Building Program Capacity: 782
- Building Program Utilization: 48%
- Building Total Square Footage 105,682 sq. ft.
- Site Size: 57.82 acres
- Site Adequacy: Adequate
- Site Access: Adequate
- Parking Adequacy: Adequate
- Flood Plain: No
- HVAC System Type: Electric
- HVAC System Overall Condition: Poor
- Restroom Facilities: Adequate
- Food Service Facilities: Adequate
- On-site Review Conducted:
 - Fire Safety Deficiencies 8
 - Sanitation Reports 1
 - State Board of Risk/Insurance 8
- Overall Condition of the Building: Good

Project Finance Report

Braxton County

County's Proposed Finance Plan for this Project:

Funding Sources	County Proposal	Percent
SBA Funds:	\$5,479,476	99%
Local Funds:	\$ 15,000	1%
Total Funds:	\$5,494,376	100%

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2024:

Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$0

State Rank: 40th

Distressed County: No

Bonding and Levy Capacities:

Bonding Capacity: \$39,998,876

Available Bonding Capacity: \$34,793,876

Excess Levy Capacity: \$6,019,296

Available Levy Capacity: \$6,019,296

History of SBA Funding:

- Net: \$ 1,101,100.57
- NEEDs: \$18,466,418.46
- MIP: \$ 960,925.44
- Emergency: \$ 0
- SAS: \$ 257,136.39
- **Total:** **\$20,785,580.86**

List of Needs Projects Funded:

Davis ES A/R
Flatwoods ES A/R
Sutton ES A/R
Braxton Co. HS A/R
Braxton Co. HS Renovation
Sutton ES HVAC
Braxton Co. HS Kitchen Hood Rep.

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Braxton County MS Water System (MIP 2025)