

# GILMER COUNTY

## SBA Needs Project Evaluation Summary

### **Project Request:**

Gilmer County requests up to \$1,977,385 in SBA funding for renovations at Gilmer County High School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$219,709 for a total project cost of \$2,197,094.

### **Project Facts:**

- In approved CEFP: Yes
- Number of Students affected: 422
- Annual Savings: N/A
- Cost Avoidance: N/A
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

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

#### I. Student Health & Safety

This project has a generally positive effect on student and teacher health and safety.

#### II. Economies of Scale

This project meets economies of scale: No. (If no) Waiver request submitted: Yes.

#### 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 proposes no change to current curriculum delivery.

#### VI. Innovations in Education

This project does not propose innovative education 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 10/8/24 with Dr. Tony Minney, Superintendent of Gilmer County Schools, along with Patrick Elliott of the SBA Staff.
- On behalf of Gilmer County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by Williamson Shriver Architects.

**Project Comments by the SBA Staff:**

- The existing 500-gallon hot water tank (25 years old) and existing piping (66 years old) have exceeded their life expectancies. The water tank supplies the main building and the science labs. If the tank goes out, the school will have to be shut down until it is replaced. The tank shows signs of multiple leaks, and the top is completely corroded. Maintenance has spent between \$5,000 to \$10,000 on repairs in the last three years.
- The Ethylene Propylene Diene Monomer (EPDM) roof (28 years old) over the science classroom addition has exceeded its life expectancy. Leaks are a common occurrence, affecting hallways and some classrooms. During heavy rains, students have to be displaced for up to several days. The metal roof (26 years old) over the vocational building is showing signs of deterioration. This roof covers the new animal processing center and school clinic. Leaks have been occurring since 2015. Maintenance has replaced numerous galvanized screws and repainted the roof in 2016.
- Gilmer County proposes to replace the water tank and piping; and replace the EPDM and metal roofs.

## Existing Building Evaluation Report

### Gilmer County Middle/High School

- Year of Original Construction: 1957
- Number and Year of Major Additions: 4-1975, 1988, 1986, 1999
- Grade Configuration: 6-12
- Number of Classrooms: 29
- 2nd Month Enrollment (23-24 School Year): 422
- Building Program Capacity 714
- Building Program Utilization: 59%
- Building Total Square Footage 78,504 sq. ft.
- Site Size: 21 acres
- Site Adequacy: Adequate
- Site Access: Adequate
- Parking Adequacy: Adequate
- Flood Plain: No
- HVAC System Type: Gas, Electric
- HVAC System Overall Condition: Good
- Restroom Facilities: Adequate
- Food Service Facilities: Adequate
- On-site Review Conducted:
  - Fire Safety Deficiencies 0
  - Sanitation Reports 0
  - State Board of Risk/Insurance 0
- 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:	\$1,977,385	90%
Local Funds:	\$ 219,709	10%
Other Funds: _____	\$ 0	0%
<b>Total Funds:</b>	<b>\$2,197,094</b>	<b>100%</b>

**County Budget Information as of June 30, 2023:**

Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$2,981,179      State Rank: 46th      Distressed County: No

**Bonding and Levy Capacities:**

Bonding Capacity:      \$17,557,546      Available Bonding Capacity:      \$17,557,546  
Excess Levy Capacity: \$2,708,233      Available Levy Capacity:      \$1,783,067

**History of SBA Funding:**

- Net:      \$ 513,901.72
- NEEDs:      \$16,829,765.94
- MIP:      \$ 2,933,463.41
- Emergency:      \$ 100,000.00
- SAS:      \$ 106,447.78
- **Total:**      **\$20,483,578.85**

**List of Needs Projects Funded:**

- New Elementary School
- Glenville ES Renovations/Roof
- Gilmer Co. HS HVAC/Roof Rep.
- Gilmer Co. HS A/R

**Ongoing SBA Project(s): Gilmer County MS/HS Kitchen Walk-In Freezer Replacement (Needs 2024); Gilmer County MS/HS Animal Processing Renovations (MIP 2022)**