

JACKSON COUNTY

SBA Needs Project Evaluation Summary

Project Request:

Jackson County requests up to \$3,612,239 in SBA funding for additions and renovations to Evans Elementary School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$903,060 for a total project cost of \$4,515,299.

Project Facts:

- In approved CEFP: Yes
- Number of Students affected: 161
- Annual Savings: \$6,000 (Kitchen); \$12,000 (HVAC)
- Cost Avoidance: \$5,000
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

Evaluation Criteria in WV 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 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 not proposed a bond issue or special levy in the recent past.

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 10/9/24 with William Hosaflook, Superintendent and Tommy White, Director of Facilities of Jackson County Schools, along with Patrick Elliott of the SBA Staff.
- On behalf of Jackson County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by Williamson Shriver Architects.

Project Comments by the SBA Staff:

- The current kitchen is small, cramped and inadequate. The food preparation and cleanup areas are located within very close proximity. It does not comply with health and safety codes. The serving area counters are high and wide, making it difficult for students to receive their meals.
- Sidelights of eight classrooms are a safety concern. Unobstructed views of the entirety of the classrooms are visible from their respective sidelights. Original exterior windows (1960) do not meet modern energy efficiency standards. The current HVAC system does not meet WVDE indoor air quality standards.
- Rather than construct a new elementary school, Jackson County Schools proposes to renovate and expand the existing facility at a much lower cost. The current kitchen can be used during proposed construction and repurposed afterwards.

Existing Building Evaluation Report

Evans Elementary School

- Year of Original Construction: 1960
- Number and Year of Major Additions: 7-1973, 1981, 1982, 1985, 1991, 1997, 2011
- Grade Configuration: PK-5
- Number of Classrooms: 12
- 2nd Month Enrollment (23-24 School Year): 161
- Building Program Capacity: 277
- Building Program Utilization: 58%
- Building Total Square Footage: 23,000 sq. ft.
- Site Size: 10 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: Inadequate
- On-site Review Conducted:
 - Fire Safety Deficiencies: 0
 - Sanitation Reports: 0
 - State Board of Risk/Insurance: 0
- Overall Condition of the Building: Good

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County's Proposed Finance Plan for this Project:

Funding Sources	County Proposal	Percent
SBA Funds:	\$3,612,239	80%
Local Funds:	\$ 903,060	20%
Other Funds: _____	\$ 0	0%
Total Funds:	\$4,515,299	100%

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2023:

Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$14,886,163 State Rank: 17th Distressed County: No

Bonding and Levy Capacities:

Bonding Capacity: \$89,811,641 Available Bonding Capacity: \$89,811,641
Excess Levy Capacity: \$13,677,360 Available Levy Capacity: \$0

History of SBA Funding:

- Net: \$ 2,072,525.32
- NEEDS: \$37,550,763.48
- MIP: \$ 2,097,841.78
- Emergency: \$ 0
- SAS: \$ 565,327.10
- **Total:** **\$42,286,457.68**

List of Needs Projects Funded:

- Ripley HS Renovations
- Ravenswood HS Renovations
- New Kenna ES
- Fairplain ES Addition/Renovations
- MS Addition to Ravenswood HS

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Ripley MS A/R (NEEDS 2024)