

MERCER COUNTY

SBA Needs Project Evaluation Summary

Project Request:

Mercer County requests up to \$12,211,835 in SBA funding for Phase I additions/renovations to Mercer County Technical Education Center (MCTEC). These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$4,000,000 for a total project cost of \$16,211,835.

Project Facts:

- In approved CEFP: No. Amendment before WVBE 9/11/24.
- Number of Students affected: 844
- 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 general positive effect on student and teacher health and safety.

II. Economies of Scale

This project meets economies of scale: NA

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 to offer advanced and diversified curricular improvements.

VI. Innovations in Education

This project includes some innovative curriculum and/or breakout STEM education.

VII. Adequate Space for Projected Student Enrollments

This project will address a school with a high utilization factor by eliminating overcrowding.

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

The County proposes bond issues and/or special levies regularly.

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 9/23/24 with Danielle Farmer, Principal of MCTEC, along with Mark Miller of the SBA Staff.
- On behalf of Mercer County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by ZMM Architects and Engineers.

Project Comments by the SBA Staff:

- The Mercer County Technical Education Center (MCTEC) is currently limited in its ability to offer a broad and diversified curriculum due to inadequate space, outdated infrastructure, and a lack of specialized classrooms. This hinders the center's ability to provide a comprehensive range of programs in high demand fields such as engineering, computer science, and medical preparation. The existing facility has an inadequate sprinkler system, an aging fire alarm system, and outdated HVAC controls.
- Mercer County proposes to begin Phase 1 of additions and renovations at the Mercer County Technical Education Center (MCTEC). This project would include new spaces for engineering, criminal justice, information technology, and emergency medical services, with additional general classrooms and restrooms. The renovations would recapture existing space for an administrative suite and upgrade essential building systems, including a new sprinkler system, fire alarm, and HVAC controls.

Existing Building Evaluation Report

MCTEC

- Year of Original Construction: 1970
- Number and Year of Major Additions: 9
- Grade Configuration: 9-12
- Number of Classrooms: 24
- 2nd Month Enrollment (23-24 School Year): 792
- Building Program Capacity: NA
- Building Program Utilization: NA
- Building Total Square Footage: 42,890 sq. ft.
- Site Size: 28 acres
- Site Adequacy: Adequate
- Site Access: Adequate
- Parking Adequacy: Adequate
- Flood Plain: Yes, Flood Insurance: Yes
- HVAC System Type: Gas & Electric
- HVAC System Overall Condition: Poor
- Restroom Facilities: Inadequate
- Food Service Facilities: N/A
- On-site Review Conducted:
 - Fire Safety Deficiencies: 0
 - Sanitation Reports: 1
 - State Board of Risk/Insurance: 11
 - ADA Compliance Issues: 18
- Overall Condition of the Building: Fair

Project Finance Report

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County's Proposed Finance Plan for this Project:

Funding Sources	County Proposal	Percent
SBA Funds:	\$12,211,835	75%
Local Funds:	\$ 4,000,000	25%
Other Funds:	\$ 0	0%
Total Funds:	\$16,211,835	100%

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2023:

Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$21,548,344 State Rank: 9th Distressed County: No

Bonding and Levy Capacities:

Bonding Capacity: \$113,255,554 Available Bonding Capacity: \$113,255,554
Excess Levy Capacity: \$16,150,914 Available Levy Capacity: \$0

History of SBA Funding:

- Net: \$ 4,554,565.10
- NEEDS: \$58,766,603.02
- MIP: \$ 4,019,014.00
- Emergency: \$ 274,918.29
- SAS \$ 1,061,503.48
- **Total: \$68,676,603.89**

List of Needs Projects Funded:

- Oakvale Elementary School
- Pikeview Middle School
- Pikeview High School
- New Bluefield Area Intermediate ES
- New Princeton Area ES
- Princeton MS Renovations
- Princeton HS A/R
- New Mountain Valley ES
- New Bluefield Primary ES
- New Bluewell-Brushfork PK-5 School

Ongoing SBA Project(s): New Timberwood ES (NEEDS 2021)