

MARSHALL COUNTY

SBA Needs Project Evaluation Summary

Project Request:

Marshall County requests up to \$9,213,555 in SBA funding for the construction of the new Benwood-McMechen School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$7,081,715 for a total project cost of \$16,295,270.

Project Facts:

- In approved CEFP: Yes
- Number of Students affected: 196
- Annual Savings: \$1,221,600
- Cost Avoidance: \$2,115,200
- 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) Active Flood Insurance: Yes

III. Reasonable Travel Time

This project does meet 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 has a low severity of need for new spaces as proposed.

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 decreases PM required which has a positive impact on the county's PM plan.

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 10/4/23 with Shelby Haines, Superintendent of Marshall County Schools, Ernie Dellatorre of McKinley Architects and Engineers, and Tommy Young of the SBA Staff.
- On behalf of Marshall County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by McKinley Architects and Engineers.

Project Comments by the SBA Staff:

- The Center McMechen School was built in 1949 and has multiple health and safety concerns. All areas of the facility contain asbestos, are not ADA compliant, and the current drop off/pick up location is in a heavily trafficked area in town.
- Marshall County proposes the construction of a new Benwood-McMechen PK-5 School. The new facility will allow for new health and safety features, along with providing modern curriculum opportunities through STEM, Project Lead the Way, and Arts educational classes. The new school could potentially see an increase in enrollment due to proposed redistricting. This project is part of an overall excess levy that was overwhelmingly supported by voters.

Existing Building Evaluation Report
Center McMechen Elementary School

- Year of Original Construction: 1942
- Number and Year of Major Additions: 1
- Grade Configuration: PK-5
- Number of Classrooms: 17
- 2nd Month Enrollment (22-23 School Year): 196
- Building Program Capacity 304
- Building Program Utilization: 64%
- Building Total Square Footage 24,000 sq. ft.
- Site Size: 1 acre
- Site Adequacy: Inadequate
- Site Access: Limited
- Parking Adequacy: Limited
- Flood Plain: No
- HVAC System Type: Electric
- HVAC System Overall Condition: Fair
- Restroom Facilities: Inadequate
- Food Service Facilities: Inadequate
- On-site Review Conducted:
 - Fire Safety Deficiencies 2
 - Sanitation Reports 0
 - State Board of Risk/Insurance 1
- Overall Condition of the Building: Fair

Project Finance Report

Marshall County

County's Proposed Finance Plan for this Project:

Funding Sources	County Proposal	Percent
SBA Funds:	\$ 9,213,555	56%
Local Funds:	\$ 7,081,715	44%
Other Funds: _____	\$ 0	0%
Total Funds:	\$16,295,270	100%

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2022:

Total County Budget: \$80,593,098

State Rank: 12th

Distressed County: No

Bonding and Levy Capacities:

Bonding Capacity: \$238,847,095

Available Bonding Capacity: \$238,847,095

Excess Levy Capacity: \$41,077,879

Available Levy Capacity: \$5,763,432

History of SBA Funding:

- Net: \$ 3,456,979.33
- NEEDs: \$44,015,582.16
- MIP: \$ 2,899,271.13
- Emergency: \$ 0
- SAS \$ 556,354.17
- **Total: \$49,928,186.79**

List of Needs Projects Funded:

New Cameron HS
John Marshal HS A/R

Ongoing SBA Project(s): None