

MINGO COUNTY

SBA Needs Project Evaluation Summary

Project Request:

Mingo County requests up to \$3,267,201 in SBA funding for HVAC renovations at Lenore PK-8 School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$500,000 for a total project cost of \$3,767,201.

Project Facts:

- In approved CEFP: Yes
- Number of Students affected: 288
- Annual Savings: \$0
- Cost Avoidance: N/A
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

Evaluation Criteria in WV 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: 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 curriculum delivery.

VI. Innovations in Education

This project does not propose innovative curriculum 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 issues 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 9/30/25 with Dr. Joetta Basile, Superintendent, and William Hensley of Mingo County Schools, along with Patrick Elliott of the SBA Staff.
- On behalf of Mingo County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by McKinley Architecture and Engineering.

Project Comments by the SBA Staff:

- The existing HVAC units are the original systems installed when the school was built in 2002. Maintaining proper operation of the units and dampers, and controlling humidity levels, is a major issue for the county. Mingo County is currently renting industrial dehumidifiers with each unit removing approximately 32 gallons of water each day. In addition, the county has twice contracted Restoration One for mold remediation and damage restoration.
- This project proposes to replace the existing HVAC system with new, updated, energy saving equipment that will provide adequate heat and air conditioning. In addition, a new HVAC control system will be installed for maintenance staff to better monitor the equipment to ensure the facility is comfortable, energy usage is efficient, and operations are running smoothly.

Existing Building Evaluation Report

Lenore PK-8 School

- Year of Original Construction: 2002
- Number and Year of Major Additions: 0
- Grade Configuration: PK-8
- Number of Classrooms: 27
- 2nd Month Enrollment (24-25 School Year): 288
- Building Program Capacity 642
- Building Program Utilization: 45%
- Building Total Square Footage 73,816 sq. ft.
- Site Size: 6.68 acres
- Site Adequacy: Adequate
- Site Access: Adequate
- Parking Adequacy: Adequate
- Flood Plain: No
- HVAC System Type: Gas
- HVAC System Overall Condition: Poor
- 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:

Funding Sources	County Proposal	Percent
SBA Funds:	\$3,267,201	87%
Local Funds:	\$ 500,000	13%
Total Funds:	\$3,767,201	100%

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2024:

Total Budget Expenditures: \$13,434,148 State Rank: 19th Distressed County: No

Bonding and Levy Capacities:

Bonding Capacity: \$45,794,984 Available Bonding Capacity: \$45,794,984
Excess Levy Capacity: \$7,637,069 Available Levy Capacity: \$0

History of SBA Funding:

- Net: \$ 3,284,731.24
- NEEDs: \$58,515,192.18
- MIP: \$ 2,999,226.00
- Emergency: \$ 64,031.00
- SAS: \$ 515,858.49
- **Total:** **\$65,379,038.91**

List of Needs Projects Funded:

Gilbert MS/HS A/R
New Kermit K-8
New Lenore K-8
Riverside ES A/R
Burch MS A/R
New Mingo Central HS
Gilbert PK-8 Phase II Renovations

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Tug Valley HS Safe Entrance (NEEDS 2024)