

**PLEASANTS COUNTY**  
**SBA Needs Project Evaluation Summary**

**Project Request:**

Pleasants County requests up to \$1,499,590 in SBA funding for interior renovations at Pleasants County Middle School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$264,634 for a total project cost of \$1,764,224.

**Project Facts:**

- In approved CEFP: Yes
- Number of Students affected: 270
- Annual Savings: 35% savings on electric
- Cost Avoidance: \$5,000-\$6,000
- 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 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 10/15/2024 with Mike Wells, Superintendent, and Tim Shultz, Director of Facilities of Pleasants County Schools, along with Patrick Elliott of the SBA Staff.
- On behalf of Pleasants County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by The Thrasher Group.

**Project Comments by the SBA Staff:**

- The electrical/lighting system dates back to the school's construction in 1975. Replacement parts are hard to come by and have become increasingly more expensive. This older type of system has a larger power consumption/cost compared with current LED lighting systems. The current placement of control switches, which was designed for an open classroom configuration, is inconvenient to the staff.
- The fire sprinkler system also dates back to 1975. The fire marshal has verbally recommended that the sprinkler heads and two main water valves be replaced. An inspection of the system in 2022 by Brewer & Company of WV, Inc. also recommended replacement of the sprinkler heads and valves, along with installation of a back-flow preventer. The fire control panel frequently sends false alarms/codes up to thirty times per day.
- This project proposes to replace/update the fire sprinkler system, replace wiring and upgrade lighting to LED, move the light switch/controls from the corridors to the classrooms, replace selected ceilings, and replace the wainscot tile in corridors.

**Existing Building Evaluation Report**  
**Pleasants Middle School**

- Year of Original Construction: 1975
- Number and Year of Major Additions: 0
- Grade Configuration: 5-8
- Number of Classrooms: 29
- 2nd Month Enrollment (23-24 School Year): 270
- Building Program Capacity: 460
- Building Program Utilization: 59%
- Building Total Square Footage: 60,000 sq. ft.
- Site Size: 4 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: 1
  - Sanitation Reports: 0
  - State Board of Risk/Insurance: 0
- Overall Condition of the Building: Good

## Project Finance Report

### Pleasants County

#### County's Proposed Finance Plan for this Project:

Funding Sources	County Proposal	Percent
SBA Funds:	\$1,499,590	85%
Local Funds:	\$ 264,634	15%
Other Funds: _____	\$ 0	0%
<b>Total Funds:</b>	<b>\$1,764,224</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### County Budget Information as June 30, 2023:

Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$7,449,751      State Rank: 28<sup>th</sup>      Distressed County: No

#### Bonding and Levy Capacities:

Bonding Capacity:      \$33,976,291      Available Bonding Capacity:      \$29,826,291  
Excess Levy Capacity: \$5,416,538      Available Levy Capacity:      \$918,098

#### History of SBA Funding:

- Net:      \$ 592,257.00
- NEEDS:      \$19,188,268.93
- MIP:      \$ 1,623,372.39
- Emergency:      \$ 0
- SAS:      \$ 150,013.97
- **Total:**      **\$21,405,650.90**

#### List of Needs Projects Funded:

Pleasants Co. MS - HVAC  
St. Marys ES - Renovations  
Pleasants Co. MS - Roof  
Belmont ES Renovation  
New St. Marys HS  
Pleasant Co. MS Restroom Reno.  
St. Marys ES Roof/HVAC  
Belmont ES Partial HVAC

**Ongoing SBA Project(s): None**