

POCAHONTAS COUNTY

SBA Needs Project Evaluation Summary

Project Request:

Pocahontas County requests up to \$4,964,144 in SBA funding for HVAC replacement and facility upgrades to Pocahontas County High School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$1,250,000 for a total project cost of \$6,214,144.

Project Facts:

- In approved CEFP:
- Number of Students affected: 291
- Annual Savings: \$15,000
- Cost Avoidance: N/A
- 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 has limited or indirect changes or improvements to curriculum delivery.

VI. Innovations in Education

This project does not propose innovative educational offerings.

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 not proposed a bond issue and/or special levy in the recent past.

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 10/23/24 with Lynne Bostic, Superintendent, and Duane Gibson, Director of Facilities of Pocahontas County Schools, along with Joyce VanGilder of the SBA Staff.
- On behalf of Pocahontas County Schools, a preliminary budget and scope of work was established by Wendel Companies.

Project Comments by the SBA Staff:

- Pocahontas County High School needs major upgrades to maintain this facility which will allow an increase in safety precautions, energy savings and upgrades to accommodate today's technology demands.
- This project proposes the replacement of the geothermal heat pumps in every classroom of the facility, along with the auditorium's air to air heat pumps. Additional items of concern are creating connecting hallways from the main building to the Career and Technical Center annex building. Currently, combination codes are used to open doors and all students and staff share these codes. Phase III of previously funded projects includes the replacement of the 1969 switchgear which completes the electrical upgrades. The county wishes to upgrade the windows and data cabling throughout the facility and restrooms in one area of the facility.

Existing Building Evaluation Report
Pocahontas County High School

- Year of Original Construction: 1969
- Number and Year of Major Additions: 5 – 1975, 1976, 1977, 2000, 2003
- Grade Configuration: 9-12
- Number of Classrooms: 30
- 2nd Month Enrollment (23-24 School Year): 291
- Building Program Capacity: 755
- Building Program Utilization: 39%
- Building Total Square Footage: 94,096 sq. ft.
- Site Size: 80 acres
- Site Adequacy: Adequate
- Site Access: Adequate
- Parking Adequacy: Adequate
- Flood Plain: No
- HVAC System Type: Geothermal with AC
- HVAC System Overall Condition: Poor
- Restroom Facilities: Inadequate
- 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: Fair

Project Finance Report

Pocahontas County

County's Proposed Finance Plan for this Project:

Funding Sources	County Proposal	Percent
SBA Funds:	\$4,964,144	80%
Local Funds:	\$1,250,000	20%
Other Funds:	\$ 0	0%
Total Funds:	\$6,214,144	100%

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2023:

Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$5,800,420

State Rank: 35th

Distressed County: No

Bonding and Levy Capacities:

Bonding Capacity: \$43,576,307

Available Bonding Capacity: \$43,576,307

Excess Levy Capacity: \$6,356,418

Available Levy Capacity: \$6,356,418

History of SBA Funding:

- Net: \$ 619,439.91
- NEEDS: \$10,309,939.36
- MIP: \$ 3,764,193.00
- Emergency: \$ 0
- SAS: \$ 136,426.26
- **Total: \$14,829,998.53**

List of Needs Projects Funded:

- Marlinton MS & Green Bank ES Reno.
- Hillsboro ES A/R
- Green Bank ES/MS Roof and Boiler

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Pocahontas County HS Electric Wiring Upgrades/Gym Floor Reno. (NEEDS 2024); Pocahontas County HS Renovations/Upgrades (MIP 2025); Marlinton ES Roof/Boiler Replacement (MIP 2023)