

POCAHONTAS COUNTY

SBA Needs Project Evaluation Summary

Project Request:

Pocahontas County requests up to \$2,377,050 in SBA funding for HVAC renovations at Pocahontas County High School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$450,000 for a total project cost of \$2,827,050.

Project Facts:

- In approved CEFPP: Yes
- Number of Students affected: 276
- Annual Savings: \$100,000
- Cost Avoidance: \$0
- 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 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 10/7/25 with Dr. Leatha Willams, Superintendent, and Duane Gibson, Director of Facilities of Pocahontas County Schools, along with Mark Miller of the SBA Staff.
- On behalf of Pocahontas County Schools, a preliminary budget and scope of work was established by Energy Systems Group (ESG).

Project Comments by the SBA Staff:

- The HVAC system at Pocahontas County High School is over 20 years old and has reached the end of its useful life. The equipment no longer operates efficiently, replacement parts are becoming increasingly difficult to find, and consistent efforts by maintenance staff are required to maintain operation.
- Pocahontas County proposes the total replacement of the geothermal water source heat pump equipment at Pocahontas County High School.

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 (24-25 School Year): 276
- Building Program Capacity 755
- Building Program Utilization: 37%
- 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: Electric
- 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 16
- 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:	\$2,377,050	84%
Local Funds:	\$ 450,000	16%
Total Funds:	\$2,827,050	100%

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2024:

Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$5,962,660 State Rank: 35th Distressed County: No

Bonding and Levy Capacities:

Bonding Capacity: \$48,224,476 Available Bonding Capacity: \$48,224,476
Excess Levy Capacity: \$7,093,382 Available Levy Capacity: \$7,093,382

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)