

PRESTON COUNTY

SBA Needs Project Evaluation Summary

Project Request:

Preston County requests up to \$838,532 in SBA funding for HVAC renovations at South Preston PK-8 School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$209,633 for a total project cost of \$1,048,165.

Project Facts:

- In approved CEEP: Yes
- Number of Students affected: 312
- Annual Savings: \$120,000
- Cost Avoidance: \$400,000
- 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 proposes bond issues and/or special levies regularly.

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 9/24/25 with Mr. Matt Murray, Director of Facilities of Preston County Schools, along with Joyce VanGilder of the SBA Staff.
- On behalf of Preston County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by Williamson Shriver Architects.

Project Comments by the SBA Staff:

- South Preston PK-8 is an SBA funded school built in 2014. While the school is only eleven years old, the cost for repairs of the equipment and electric bills are significant for the county. The heat recovery wheels with the HVAC system have failed rendering the heat recovery units ineffective. In addition, with rising costs associated with electric heating, the county has re-evaluated this facility's heating source and wants to use a more economical heating system.
- This project proposes to replace the heat recovery wheels in the existing HVAC equipment and the current electric boilers. The new boilers will be powered by propane. The county believes these changes will be more cost effective and efficient.

Existing Building Evaluation Report
South Preston PK-8 School

- Year of Original Construction: 2014
- Number and Year of Major Additions: 0
- Grade Configuration: PK-8
- Number of Classrooms: 36
- 2nd Month Enrollment (24-25 School Year): 329
- Building Program Capacity 866
- Building Program Utilization: 38%
- Building Total Square Footage 80,565 sq. ft.
- Site Size: 14 acres
- Site Adequacy: Adequate
- Site Access: Adequate
- Parking Adequacy: Adequate
- Flood Plain: No
- HVAC System Type: Electric Boiler
- HVAC System Overall Condition: Fair
- 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:	\$ 838,532	80%
Local Funds:	\$ 209,633	20%
Total Funds:	\$1,048,165	100%

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2024:

Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$14,803,571 State Rank: 20th Distressed County: No

Bonding and Levy Capacities:

Bonding Capacity: \$89,124,024 Available Bonding Capacity: \$82,236,417
Excess Levy Capacity: \$12,168,652 Available Levy Capacity: \$12,168,652

History of SBA Funding:

- Net: \$ 2,322,493.80
- NEEDs: \$33,971,679.85
- MIP: \$ 2,728,759.88
- Emergency: \$ 1,793,513.14
- SAS: \$ 512,459.88
- **Total: \$41,328,906.55**

List of Needs Projects Funded:

Preston Ed. Center Roof
Preston HS A/R
Valley ES Addition
Rowlesburg ES/MS Roof
New South Area School
West Preston MS Addition
Preston HS Roof
New Central Preston MS
Bruceton PK-8 School A/R
Roof Replacement at 2 Schools

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Kingwood ES Safe Entrance (MIP 2025)