

# UPSHUR COUNTY

## SBA Needs Project Evaluation Summary

### **Project Request:**

Upshur County requests up to \$3,996,078 in SBA funding for renovations and additions to Tennerton Elementary School. The county is not able to commit local funds to this project.

### **Project Facts:**

- In approved CERP: Yes.
- Number of Students affected: 337
- Annual Savings: \$175,000
- Cost Avoidance: \$400,000
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

### **Evaluation Criteria in WV Code §18-9D-16:**

#### I. Student Health & Safety

This project addresses critical student and teacher health and safety needs.

#### II. Economies of Scale

This project meets economies of scale: 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 to offer advanced and diversified curricular improvements.

#### VI. Innovations in Education

This project includes some innovative curriculum and/or breakout STEM education.

#### VII. Adequate Space for Projected Student Enrollments

This project will address a school with a high utilization factor by eliminating overcrowding.

#### 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 10/17/24 with Tim Derico, Director of Facilities of Upshur County Schools, along with Mark Miller of the SBA Staff.
- On behalf of Upshur County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by Williamson Shriver Architects.

**Project Comments by the SBA Staff:**

- Currently, Kindergarten students of Tennerton Elementary must leave the main building to walk to a 44-year-old modular classroom structure. This outdoor travel occurs multiple times daily. In addition, Pre-K students are attending off-site community day-care centers rather than receiving instruction at the school. This school has had three major additions since 1958 and does not have a fire suppression sprinkler system. It currently does not meet the full intent of the WV State Fire Code. Lastly, the building lacks a safe school entrance, compromising the safety of the students and staff.
- Upshur County proposes to add a two-classroom addition to house Pre-K and Kindergarten students. This will eliminate the need for the modular building that currently houses the kindergarten classroom. The project would also provide critical upgrades to safety with a new fire sprinkler system and safe schools' entry.
- Upshur County was previously awarded this project through MIP funding in 2022. The county experienced unforeseen financial complications and was unable to proceed with the project. Having addressed internal issues, Upshur County has re-evaluated the potential cost and resubmitted the project for funding consideration.

## Existing Building Evaluation Report

### Tennerton Elementary School

- Year of Original Construction: 1958
- Number and Year of Major Additions: 3 – 1968, 1980, 1988
- Grade Configuration: K-5
- Number of Classrooms: 15
- 2nd Month Enrollment (23-24 School Year): 303
- Building Program Capacity 331
- Building Program Utilization: 92%
- Building Total Square Footage 21,715 sq. ft.
- Site Size: 18 acres
- Site Adequacy: Adequate
- Site Access: Adequate
- Parking Adequacy: Adequate
- Flood Plain: No
- HVAC System Type: Gas
- HVAC System Overall Condition: Good
- Restroom Facilities: Adequate
- Food Service Facilities: Adequate
- On-site Review Conducted:
  - Fire Safety Deficiencies 0
  - Sanitation Reports 0
  - State Board of Risk/Insurance 11
- Overall Condition of the Building: Good

Project Finance Report

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

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>County Proposal</b>	<b>Percent</b>
SBA Funds:	\$3,996,078	100%
Local Funds:	\$0	0%
Other Funds: _____	\$0	0%
<b>Total Funds:</b>	<b>\$3,996,078</b>	<b>100%</b>

**County Budget Information as of June 30, 2023:**

Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$4,671,993      State Rank: 37<sup>th</sup>      Distressed County: No

**Bonding and Levy Capacities:**

Bonding Capacity:      \$60,624,698      Available Bonding Capacity:      \$60,624,698  
Excess Levy Capacity:      \$8,632,484      Available Levy Capacity:      \$4,934,997

**History of SBA Funding:**

- Net:      \$ 1,743,084.41
- NEEDS:      \$13,657,231.55
- MIP:      \$ 4,712,227.00
- Emergency:      \$            0
- SAS:      \$ 430,502.38
- **Total:**      **\$20,543,045.34**

**List of Needs Projects Funded:**

Electric/Light Upgrades 7 schools  
HVAC Upgrades at 3 schools  
Buckhannon Upshur A/R  
Academy ES/BU Int. Renovations  
Tennerton ES Roof/Ext. Renovations

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