

WOOD COUNTY

SBA Needs Project Evaluation Summary

Project Request:

Wood County requests up to \$790,813 in SBA funding for a bus loop and drop-off improvements at Greenmont Elementary School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local bond share of \$250,000 for a total project cost of \$1,040,813.

Project Facts:

- In approved CEFP: No. (If no) Amendment before WVBE 11/13/24.
- Number of Students affected: 233
- Annual Savings: \$
- Cost Avoidance: \$
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

Evaluation Criteria in W.Va. 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 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 10/15/24 with Christie Willis, Superintendent, Martin Best, Director of Facilities, and Brett Ubbens of Wood County Schools, along with Patrick Elliott of the SBA Staff.
- On behalf of Wood County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by McKinley Architecture and Engineers.

Project Comments by the SBA Staff:

- Greenmont Elementary School is seated in a residential area, and the school's main entrance is fronted by a 2-way street. Residential on-street parking narrows this to 1 ½ lanes. During drop off/pick up, parents stop their vehicles on the street in the front of the school, causing major congestion/backups each morning and afternoon.
- Without a dedicated bus loop, buses currently must turn around at the back of the school in the staff parking lot. There have reportedly been three cars hit by buses while turning.
- This project proposes a new bus loop/drop-off lane, and additional parking spaces (including handicapped accessible spaces) directly in front of the school. In addition, new safety features such as speed bumps, traffic signs, ADA compliant pedestrian walkways, and enhanced lighting will be included.

Existing Building Evaluation Report

Greenmont Elementary School

- Year of Original Construction: 1956
- Number and Year of Major Additions: 4
- Grade Configuration: PK-5
- Number of Classrooms: 16
- 2nd Month Enrollment (23-24 School Year): 233
- Building Program Capacity 310
- Building Program Utilization: 75%
- Building Total Square Footage 35,598 sq. ft.
- Site Size: 6.85 acres
- Site Adequacy: Adequate
- Site Access: Limited
- Parking Adequacy: Limited
- Flood Plain: No
- HVAC System Type: Electric
- 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 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:	\$ 790,813	76%
Local Funds:	\$ 250,000	24%
Other Funds: Bond	\$ 0	0%
Total Funds:	\$1,040,813	100%

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2023:

Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$8,737,899 State Rank: 24th Distressed County: No

Bonding and Levy Capacities:

Bonding Capacity: \$218,579,986 Available Bonding Capacity: \$191,204,986
Excess Levy Capacity: \$29,497,375 Available Levy Capacity: \$5,899,475

History of SBA Funding:

- Net: \$ 5,976,767.06
- NEEDS: \$52,469,243.20
- MIP: \$ 1,338,123.98
- Emergency: \$ 0
- SAS: \$ 1,509,088.67
- **Total: \$69,808,756.07**

List of Needs Projects Funded:

Caperton Technology Center
Parkersburg HS A/R
Parkersburg South HS A/R
Heating Renovations at 4 schools
Parkersburg South HS Elevator
Edison MS A/R
Wood Co Tech Center A/R

Ongoing SBA Project(s): New Primary K-2 ES, New K-5 ES, New Lubeck ES, New North Parkersburg ES (NEEDS 2024)