

WAYNE COUNTY

SBA Needs Project Evaluation Summary

Project Request:

Wayne County requests up to \$20,649,800 in SBA funding for renovations and additions to the Buffalo Middle School facility which will transition to serve as the Buffalo K-8 School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local funding of \$1,000,000 along with \$920,000 of ESSER funding for a total project cost of \$22,569,800. Upon completion of this project, the existing Buffalo Elementary School facility will be demolished.

Project Facts:

- In approved CEFP: Yes
- Number of Students affected: 656
- Annual Savings: \$524,148
- Cost Avoidance: \$3,015,094
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

Evaluation Criteria in W.Va. 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 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 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 9/19/23 with Todd Alexander, Superintendent of Wayne County Schools, and Tommy Young of the SBA Staff.
- On behalf of Wayne County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by McKinley Architects and Engineers.

Project Comments by the SBA Staff:

- The existing Buffalo Elementary School building is an antiquated facility that has many health and safety deficiencies. The existing facility does not meet current indoor air quality standards, ADA accessibility requirements, and utility demands. Water infiltrates the classroom areas and some core spaces due to the poor construction/installation of the metal panel walls. There are stormwater drainage issues on the site that have been mitigated by the county.
- The project proposes to add a 25,000 square foot addition to house K-5 students at this combined facility. The additions include classroom spaces, multi-purpose room, an office suite, and a renovated kitchen and cafeteria that will serve the entire K-8 facility. The project also proposes renovating 38,240 sf of the middle school facility to upgrade HVAC, lighting, windows, lockers, electrical, ADA and address other building infrastructure issues.
- The proposed Buffalo K-8 facility is the optimal location for a pilot program due to its proximity to the Huntington Tri-State Airport and its feeder school status with Spring Valley High School (SVHS). Wayne County Schools plans to implement a pathway for students to enter a STEM Aerospace Program at Buffalo K-8, continue to Spring Valley High School for Career/Technical Aviation Maintenance Technician offerings, concluding with entry into a postsecondary education program hosted by Mountwest/Marshall University.
- This project was submitted for funding consideration in April 2021 and December 2021 Needs Grant cycles. The project was not selected. Since that time, Wayne County has furthered the educational programming of this facility by introducing Aerospace curricula, a robotics competition space, and the expansion of agriculture education.

Existing Building Evaluation Report

Buffalo Elementary School

- Year of Original Construction: 1960
- Number and Year of Major Additions: 0
- Grade Configuration: K-5
- Number of Classrooms: 29
- 2nd Month Enrollment (22-23 School Year): 404
- Building Program Capacity: 525
- Building Program Utilization: 71%
- Building Total Square Footage: 36,100 sq. ft.
- Site Size: 5.29 acres
- Site Adequacy: Adequate
- Site Access: Limited
- Parking Adequacy: Limited
- Flood Plain: No
- HVAC System Type: Gas and Electric
- HVAC System Overall Condition: Excellent
- Restroom Facilities: Inadequate
- Food Service Facilities: Inadequate
- On-site Review Conducted:
 - Fire Safety Deficiencies: 0
 - Sanitation Reports: 0
 - State Board of Risk/Insurance: 0
- Overall Condition of the Building: Poor

Existing Building Evaluation Report

Buffalo Middle School

- Year of Original Construction: 1980
- Number and Year of Major Additions: 1
- Grade Configuration: 6-8
- Number of Classrooms: 23
- 2nd Month Enrollment (22-23 School Year): 252
- Building Program Capacity 474
- Building Program Utilization: 54%
- Building Total Square Footage 37,700 sq. ft.
- Site Size: 6.26acres
- Site Adequacy: Inadequate
- Site Access: Limited
- Parking Adequacy: Limited
- Flood Plain: No
- HVAC System Type: Gas and Electric
- HVAC System Overall Condition: Fair
- Restroom Facilities: Inadequate
- Food Service Facilities: Inadequate
- 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

Wayne County

County's Proposed Finance Plan for this Project:

| Funding Sources | County Proposal | Percent |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| SBA Funds: | \$20,649,800 | 91% |
| Local Funds: | \$ 1,000,000 | 5% |
| Other Funds: ESSERF | \$ 920,000 | 4% |
| Total Funds: | \$22,569,800 | 100% |

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2022:

Total County Budget: \$66,856,516 State Rank: 14th Distressed County: No

Bonding and Levy Capacities:

Bonding Capacity: \$70,528,107 Available Bonding Capacity: \$60,588,107
Excess Levy Capacity: \$10,231,470 Available Levy Capacity: \$0

History of SBA Funding:

- Net: \$ 2,634,734.64
- NEEDS: \$66,398,297.99
- MIP: \$ 2,841,562.90
- Emergency: \$ 2,000,000.00
- SAS: \$ 856,265.68
- **Total:** **\$73,730,861.21**

List of Needs Projects Funded:

- New Fort Gay School
- Kellogg ES Renovations
- New Wayne Elementary
- New Crum Elementary
- Wayne HS Renovations
- New Spring Valley HS
- County-wide Roof Replacements
- Spring Valley HS HVAC/Roof

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Wayne MS Safe Entrance/Renovations (MIP 2022); Wayne ES/Pre-Kindergarten Classroom Addition (MIP 2023)