

WYOMING COUNTY

SBA Needs Project Evaluation Summary

Project Request:

Wyoming County requests up to \$15,711,654 in SBA funding for a New Mullens PK-8 School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local bond share of \$8,753,193 for a total project cost of \$24,464,847.

Project Facts:

- In approved CEFP: Yes.
- Number of Students affected: 300
- Annual Savings: \$1,430,391
- Cost Avoidance: \$8,006,476
- 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: 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 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 proposes to meet 80-85% utilization factor.

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 10/18/23 with Deidre Cline, Superintendent, Kara Halsey-Mitchell, John Henry, and Stephen Fortner of Wyoming County Schools, and Mark Miller of the SBA Staff.
- On behalf of Wyoming County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by McKinley Architects and Engineers.

Project Comments by the SBA Staff:

- The existing Mullens Elementary School, built in 1951, and Mullens Middle School, built in 1923, are both showing significant signs of deterioration and have become inadequate for providing a safe and modern learning environment. Both buildings are facing structural issues, and the aging infrastructure of each is posing safety concerns for students and staff.
- Wyoming County proposes to construct a new Mullens PK-8 School to replace the two aging, underutilized facilities. The proposed school would not only integrate both schools into a new safer facility, but also provide much needed space for PK classrooms, eliminating the need to bus area students to other locations. The county has selected a site for the proposed school within the town of Mullens. It is located outside of the floodplain, owned by the Board of Education, and offers accessibility to all necessary utilities and roads.
- In May of 2022, the citizens of Wyoming County passed a bond of \$20,175,000 in support of projects totaling over \$33,000,000 for educational facilities. Proceeds from the bond would be used in conjunction with SBA funds for this project, the #1 priority in the county's CEFP.

Existing Building Evaluation Report

Mullens Elementary School

- Year of Original Construction: 1951
- Number and Year of Major Additions: 0
- Grade Configuration: K-4
- Number of Classrooms: 16
- 2nd Month Enrollment (22-23 School Year): 165
- Building Program Capacity 476
- Building Program Utilization: 35%
- Building Total Square Footage 31,046 sq. ft.
- Site Size: 5.75 acres
- Site Adequacy: Inadequate
- Site Access: Limited
- Parking Adequacy: Limited
- Flood Plain: No
- HVAC System Type: Electric
- HVAC System Overall Condition: Fair
- Restroom Facilities: Inadequate
- Food Service Facilities: Inadequate
- On-site Review Conducted:
 - Fire Safety Deficiencies 1
 - Sanitation Reports 0
 - State Board of Risk/Insurance 2
- Overall Condition of the Building: Poor

Existing Building Evaluation Report

Mullens Middle School

- Year of Original Construction: 1928
- Number and Year of Major Additions: 0
- Grade Configuration: 5-8
- Number of Classrooms: 17
- 2nd Month Enrollment (22-23 School Year): 135
- Building Program Capacity 486
- Building Program Utilization: 28%
- Building Total Square Footage 58,656 sq. ft.
- Site Size: 3.22 acres
- Site Adequacy: Inadequate
- Site Access: Limited
- Parking Adequacy: Limited
- Flood Plain: No
- HVAC System Type: Electric
- HVAC System Overall Condition: Poor
- Restroom Facilities: Inadequate
- Food Service Facilities: Inadequate
- On-site Review Conducted:
 - Fire Safety Deficiencies 0
 - Sanitation Reports 0
 - State Board of Risk/Insurance 4
- Overall Condition of the Building: Poor

Project Finance Report

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County's Proposed Finance Plan for this Project:

Funding Sources	County Proposal	Percent
SBA Funds:	\$15,711,654	64%
Local Funds:	\$ 0	0%
Other Funds: Bond	\$ 8,753,193	36%
Total Funds:	\$24,464,847	100%

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2022:

Total County Budget: \$40,684,508

State Rank: 25th

Distressed County: No

Bonding and Levy Capacities:

Bonding Capacity: \$37,513,503

Available Bonding Capacity: \$37,513,503

Excess Levy Capacity: \$6,407,052

Available Levy Capacity: \$0

History of SBA Funding:

- Net: \$ 2,810,064.83
- NEEDS: \$36,757,589.20
- MIP: \$ 1,338,123.98
- Emergency: \$ 4,726,880.00
- SAS: \$ 464,444.06
- **Total: \$46,097,102.07**

List of Needs Projects Funded:

New Huff Consolidated ES/MS
New Pineville ES
New Wyoming East HS
New Wyoming West HS
Wyoming East HS HVAC/Roof

Ongoing SBA Project(s): None