

School Building Authority of West Virginia
MAJOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT COMMENTS BY SBA STAFF
June 23, 2026

The staff of the SBA has performed an evaluation and prepared a report for each county that submitted a request for Major Improvement Project (MIP) grant funding. After reviewing the documents submitted, on-site reviews were performed by the SBA staff for each project to review the information and to verify the severity of need for the proposed projects. The staff was able to verify the existing condition of each facility based on reports from visits within the past year, and with information that was communicated by the County and/or their Architect / Engineer. All affected facilities were reviewed by the SBA staff and the interior and exterior conditions of each facility were examined to the fullest extent possible.

Since March, the SBA Staff has worked in many counties to gain an understanding of the severity of need in each proposed project. When asked by the county superintendent, the SBA Staff has assisted in project development to ensure the specific project proposals meet the goals of the evaluation criteria for SBA-funded projects as outlined in [WV Code §18-9D-16](#). The objective criteria for the evaluation of projects shall include, but are not limited to, how the current facilities do not meet and how the plan and any project under the plan meets the following:

- I. Student health and safety including, but not limited to, critical health and safety needs;
- II. Economies of scale, including compatibility with similar schools that have achieved the most economical organization, facility use and pupil-teacher ratios.
- III. Reasonable travel time and practical means of addressing other demographic considerations.
Multi-County and regional planning to achieve the most effective and efficient instructional delivery system.
- IV. Curriculum improvement and diversification, including the use of instructional technology, distance learning and access to advanced courses in science, mathematics, language arts and social studies.
- V. Innovations in education.
- VI. Adequate space for projected student enrollments.
- VII. The history of efforts taken by the county board to propose or adopt local school bond issues or special levies to the extent Constitutionally permissible; and
- VIII. Regularly scheduled preventive maintenance; and
- IX. How the project will assure the prudent and resourceful expenditure of state funds and achieve the purposes of this article for constructing, expanding, renovating, or otherwise improving and maintaining school facilities for a thorough and efficient education.

The information provided in the following summaries represent the SBA Staff's full and thorough evaluation of each county's proposed project. The Staff has made calculated funding recommendations as noted in each of the county's project description pages.

MINERAL COUNTY

Project as proposed by Mineral County:

Mineral County requests up to \$750,000 in SBA funding for Phase I of sanitary sewage line replacement at Keyser Middle School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$162,000 for a total project cost of \$912,000.

STAFF COMMENTS

- This school has experienced numerous issues with its sanitary sewer piping throughout the facility. Some pipes have collapsed or broken, eroding the surrounding soil and creating voids. Other clogs have shut down restrooms. Pipes running under the gym floor create a logistical nightmare.
- A phased approach is necessary to maintain school operations during repairs. Phase 1 includes mapping the entire system via camera inspections and replacing the most compromised sections. Mapping is critical as the facility has three exit points. Priority replacement on the east end will restore unusable restrooms by confirming exit capacity to the nearest manhole. Additionally, engineers are investigating gravity-fed redirection, which involves trenching through hallways and the exterior to bypass lines under the gym.
- This project meets the goals and objectives of the MIP program. It is recommended that it be funded at the level requested.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$750,000	\$750,000
Local Funds	\$162,000	\$162,000
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$912,000	\$912,000

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/26/26 by Joyce VanGilder of the SBA staff, along with John Droppleman, Director of Support Services of Mineral County Schools.
- On behalf of Mineral County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by ZMM Architects & Engineers.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2025:

Financially Distressed County: **No**
Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$9,751,308 State Rank: 26^h

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Keyser High School - Partial HVAC upgrades

RANDOLPH COUNTY

Project as proposed by Randolph County:

Randolph County requests up to \$597,993 in SBA funding for a safe school entrance and classroom enclosure at Elkins Middle School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$400,000 for a total project cost of \$997,993.

STAFF COMMENTS

- At present, two classrooms at Elkins Middle School are only accessible from the outside of the building, which led staff to designate the rooms as non-instructional space. In addition, visitors who enter the building have direct access to hallways and classrooms without direct office oversight. Randolph County Schools has recognized the urgent need for improved school security at the facility.
- Randolph County proposes to enclose the two classrooms with a new corridor and reconfigure the adjacent side entrance into a new safe school entry for the building. By enclosing these classrooms and redesigning the entrance, the school will gain both additional instructional space and a designated, secure access point for visitors.
- This project meets the goals and objectives of the MIP program. It is recommended that it be funded at the level requested.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$597,993	\$507,993
Local Funds	\$400,000	\$400,000
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$997,993	\$997,993

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/28/26 by Mark Miller of the SBA staff, along with Terry George, Superintendent, and Nick Alfred, Director of Facilities of Randolph County Schools.
- On behalf of Randolph County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by McKinley Architecture & Engineering.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2025:

Financially Distressed County: **No**
 Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$5,788,707 State Rank: 35th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Randolph County Technical Center Entrance and Sprinklers (2024 MIP); Elkins Middle School Roof Replacement (2023 Needs)

HANCOCK COUNTY

Project as proposed by Hancock County:

Hancock County requests up to \$999,994 in SBA funding for HVAC chiller system replacements at Oak Glen High School, Oak Glen Middle School, Weir High School, and Weir Middle School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$600,000 for a total project cost of \$1,599,994.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Hancock County has experienced ongoing mechanical and electrical problems with the HVAC systems at their 2 Middle/High School campuses (Oak Glen & Weir). Each of the sole chillers were installed in 2010 (16 years old). Hancock county has replaced control boards, motors, pumps, fans, etc. The systems are now in a reactive maintenance cycle, have limited redundancy, and are showing signs of wear, deterioration, and inefficiency.
- This project proposes to replace each of the HVAC chillers at the 4 schools.
- Current conditions of existing facilities warrant improvements of the school environment; however, the SBA staff recommends partial funding for Oak Glen High School and Oak Glen Middle School facilities at the amount of \$499,997 with a local share amount of \$300,000.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$999,994	\$499,997
Local Funds	\$600,000	\$300,000
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$1,599,994	\$799,997

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/21/26 by Patrick Elliott of the SBA staff, along with Walter Saunders, Superintendent, and Kasey Arnott, Director of Maintenance of Hancock County Schools.
- On behalf of Hancock County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by McKinley Architecture & Engineering.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2025:

Financially Distressed County: **No**
 Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: No Funding Unavailable State Rank: 52nd

Ongoing SBA Project(s): None

MCDOWELL COUNTY

Project as proposed by McDowell County:

McDowell County requests up to \$780,973 in SBA funding for HVAC upgrades at Mount View High School, including replacing seven (7) ACU's and one (1) AHU. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$137,819 for a total project cost of \$918,792.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Mount View High School's HVAC system has multiple units (7 ACU's and 1 AHU) that are at the end of their service lives (approximately 26 years old), and replacement parts are difficult to find (if even available). These units are experiencing numerous breakdowns and exhibit declining performance. In some classrooms, students have been displaced during warmer temperatures due to inadequate temperature control.
- This project proposes to replace the aging ACUs and AHU, thereby significantly reducing unplanned maintenance, and minimizing system failures that disrupt normal school operations.
- This project meets the goals and objectives of the MIP program. It is recommended that it be funded at the level requested.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$780,973	\$780,973
Local Funds	\$137,819	\$137,819
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$918,792	\$918,792

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/29/26 by Patrick Elliott of the SBA staff, along with William Chapman, Facilities Director of McDowell County Schools.
- On behalf of McDowell County, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by The Thrasher Group.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2025:

Financially Distressed County: **No**
Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: No Funding Unavailable State Rank: 53rd

Ongoing SBA Project(s): None

PENDLETON COUNTY

Project as proposed by Pendleton County:

Pendleton County requests up to \$1,000,000 in SBA funding for HVAC and roof replacement at Brandywine Elementary School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$446,504 for a total project cost of \$1,446,504.

STAFF COMMENTS

- The existing HVAC system at Brandywine Elementary School has reached the end of its operational life and is rapidly approaching a point where repairs will no longer be feasible. The control systems that manage the HVAC are now obsolete – no longer supported by the manufacturer, with no available upgrades or replacement parts. Additionally, the roofing membrane over the classroom wing is beyond its warranty, with leaks beginning to occur in several locations.
- Pendleton County proposes to replace the HVAC system and universal controls at Brandywine Elementary, as well as replacement of the EPDM roofs over the classroom wing of the school.
- This project meets the goals and objectives of the MIP program. It is recommended that it be funded at the level requested.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Local Funds	\$446,504	\$446,504
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$1,446,504	\$1,446,504

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/29/26 by Mark Miller of the SBA staff, along with Nicole Hevener, Superintendent, and Travis Heavner, Director of Curriculum of Pendleton County Schools.
- On behalf of Pendleton County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by The Thrasher Group.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2025:

Financially Distressed County: **No**
 Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$1,752,262 State Rank: 46th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): None

POCAHONTAS COUNTY

Project as proposed by Pocahontas County:

Pocahontas County requests up to \$918,086 in SBA funding for roof replacement at Marlinton Middle School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$350,000 for a total project cost of \$1,268,086.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Marlinton Middle School was constructed in 1987, and the aging roofing systems original to the facility have reached the end of their serviceable lives. Standing seam metal roofing covers most of the facility but shows signs of wear and diminished effectiveness in protecting the structure beneath. The rubber membrane roofing system over the gymnasium is showing significant signs of deterioration, including leaking and surface degradation.
- Pocahontas County proposes to replace the roofing systems at Marlinton Middle School. County maintenance staff have made considerable efforts to extend the lifespan of both roofing systems through various repairs and upkeep. However, the problems have become more frequent and severe, making it clear that a comprehensive replacement is necessary.
- This project meets the goals and objectives of the MIP program. It is recommended that it be funded at the level requested.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$918,086	\$918,086
Local Funds	\$350,000	\$350,000
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$1,268,086	\$1,268,086

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/29/26 by Mark Miller of the SBA staff, along with Duane Gibson, Director of Maintenance of Pocahontas County Schools.
- On behalf of Pocahontas County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by Williamson Shriver Architects.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2025:

Financially Distressed County: **No**
 Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$6,531,128 State Rank: 31st

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Phase 3 - Electrical Renovations at Pocahontas County High School (2024 MIP); Phase 1-2 - Electrical Renovations and Gym Floor at Pocahontas County High School (2023 MIP)

HARDY COUNTY

Project as proposed by Hardy County:

Hardy County requests up to \$83,408 in SBA funding for bleacher replacement at East Hardy Elementary School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$10,000 for a total project cost of \$93,408.

STAFF COMMENTS

- The existing wooden bleacher system at East Hardy Elementary, original to the facility's 1980s construction, has reached the conclusion of its serviceable life and is no longer fit for purpose. These antiquated stands present a genuine safety concern for elementary-aged children, as the large gaps between seating tiers and an oversized initial entry step pose significant falling risks. Furthermore, due to equipment fatigue and mechanical failure, the bleachers can no longer be fully extended, rendering a substantial portion of the gymnasium floor unusable.
- To address these safety and operational concerns, the proposed solution involves installing a modern, automated telescoping bleacher system to replace the manual wooden stands. This upgrade will not only ensure the safety of the student body but also restore the gymnasium's full functionality. By implementing this system, the school will once again have a dedicated assembly space for community gatherings, hosting visitors, and providing a secure environment for student programs and performances.
- This project meets the goals and objectives of the MIP program. It is recommended that it be funded at the level requested.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$83,408	\$83,408
Local Funds	\$10,000	\$10,000
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$93,408	\$93,408

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/29/26 by Joyce VanGilder of the SBA staff, along with Josh See, Director of Facilities of Hardy County Schools.
- On behalf of Hardy County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by Pricing by RM Huffman.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2025:

Financially Distressed County: **No**
Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$2,985,764 State Rank: 41st

Ongoing SBA Project(s): East Hardy Elementary School and Moorefield Middle School Security Upgrades (FY2025 Needs); Moorefield Middle School Roof and HVAC Replacement (FY2024 Needs); East Hardy Elevator and Moorefield Elementary School Multi-Purpose Flooring (FY2026 Needs)

JACKSON COUNTY

Project as proposed by Jackson County:

Jackson County requests up to \$447,424 in SBA funding for exterior and interior renovations at Evans Elementary School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$75,000 for a total project cost of \$522,424.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Evans Elementary School was constructed in 1960. Door sidelights of eight classrooms are a safety concern. Unobstructed views of the entirety of the classrooms are visible from their respective sidelights. Original exterior windows (1960) do not meet modern energy efficiency standards.
- Jackson County proposes to modify the door frames and infill the sidelights with masonry walls, along with replacing the original exterior windows with newer, energy efficient models. This project was previously submitted in 2024 as a Needs Grant Request. It was reduced in scope, as compared to the prior one, and submitted as an MIP Grant Request in 2025.
- Current conditions of existing facilities warrant improvements of the school environment; however, other projects may be more meritorious.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$447,424	\$447,424
Local Funds	\$75,000	\$75,000
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$522,424	\$522,424

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/23/25 by Patrick Elliott of the SBA staff, along with William Hosaflook, Superintendent, and Tim Brown, Assistant Superintendent of Jackson County Schools.
- On behalf of Jackson County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by Williamson Shriver Architects.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2025:

Financially Distressed County: **No**
Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$17,879,353 State Rank: 18th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Ripley Middle School Additions/Renovations

TAYLOR COUNTY

Project as proposed by Taylor County:

Taylor County requests up to \$826,351 in SBA funding for boiler room equipment replacement/upgrade at Grafton High School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$826,351 for a total project cost of \$1,652,702.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Grafton High School currently uses a traditional 2-Pipe System, and persistent failures have occurred during efforts to maintain the outdated HVAC equipment. The facility is restricted to a single operational mode—either heating or cooling—utilizing one supply and one return line. This design fails to adapt to rapid outdoor temperature shifts, such as cold mornings followed by warm afternoons, resulting in inconsistent indoor temperatures.
- Taylor County intends to upgrade to a 4-pipe system to provide simultaneous heating and cooling for improved comfort and efficiency. Phase I targets the boiler room, the facility's "heart," to create a foundation for future upgrades. The project includes replacing primary sources over 20 years old and installing a new Building Automation System (BAS) to act as the facility's "brain," facilitating digital monitoring and energy-saving schedules.
- Current conditions of existing facilities warrant improvements of the school environment; however, other projects may be more meritorious.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$826,351	\$826,351
Local Funds	\$826,351	\$826,351
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$1,652,702	\$1,652,702

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/14/26 by Joyce VanGilder of the SBA Staff, along with JoDee Decker, Assistant Superintendent, and Lori Shumaker, Supervisor of Facilities of Taylor County Schools.
- On behalf of Taylor County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by Williamson Shriver Architects.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2025:

Financially Distressed County: **No**
 Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$2,037,649 State Rank: 45th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Flemington Elementary School HVAC Replacement (MIP 2026); New Anna Jarvis Elementary School (Needs 2024); Flemington Elementary School Roof/Building; Envelope Improvements (MIP 2025).

CLAY COUNTY

Project as proposed by Clay County:

Clay County requests up to \$229,522 in SBA funding for a secure entrance at Big Otter Elementary School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$50,000 for a total project cost of \$279,522.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Big Otter Elementary was built in 2006 and does not have a secure entrance with a mantrap that meets current Safe School Guidelines. Visitors have access to common areas upon entry to the building.
- This project proposes to install a mantrap at Big Otter Elementary to enhance security and ensure the safety of students and staff. The mantrap will consist of a secure entryway with two interlocking doors that cannot be opened simultaneously, preventing unauthorized access to the building. This project was submitted as part of a MIP Grant Request in 2025, but was not funded.
- Current conditions of existing facilities warrant improvements of the school environment; however, other projects may be more meritorious.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$229,522	\$229,522
Local Funds	\$50,000	\$50,000
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$279,522	\$279,522

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 5/1/26 by Patrick Elliott of the SBA staff, along with Phil Dobbins, Superintendent of Clay County Schools.
- On behalf of Clay County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by McKinley Architecture & Engineering.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2025:

Financially Distressed County: **No**
Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$5,196,123 State Rank: 37th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Clay County High School 7th & 8th grade additions; safe school entrance at Clay Elementary School

GILMER COUNTY

Project as proposed by Gilmer County:

Gilmer County requests up to \$957,031 in SBA funding for plumbing renovations at Gilmer County Middle High School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$319,010 for a total project cost of \$1,276,041.

STAFF COMMENTS

- The domestic hot water system at Gilmer County Middle High School has reached the end of its serviceable life and now requires replacement. The existing hot water tank, which serves the main building restrooms, locker rooms, and support spaces is over thirty years old and is showing signs of extreme deterioration. The domestic hot water piping, installed in 1958, is original to the building and is riddled with leaks.
- Gilmer County proposes to replace the existing domestic hot water system at Gilmer County Middle High School, including the hot water tank and boiler, as well as new copper piping throughout the building. This project includes installing new water supply and sanitary piping to support dedicated middle school science spaces in the central section of the building.
- Current conditions of existing facilities warrant improvements of the school environment; however, other projects may be more meritorious.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$957,031	\$957,031
Local Funds	\$319,010	\$319,010
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$1,276,041	\$1,276,041

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/14/26 by Mark Miller of the SBA staff, along with Dr. Tony Minney, Superintendent of Gilmer County Schools.
- On behalf of Gilmer County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by Williamson Shriver Architects.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2025:

Financially Distressed County: **No**
Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$3,958,624 State Rank: 39th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): None

MASON COUNTY

Project as proposed by Mason County:

Mason County requests up to \$836,616 in SBA funding for construction of safe school entrances at Point Pleasant Primary School, Leon Elementary School, and Mason County Career and Technical Center. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$278,872 for a total project cost of \$1,115,488.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Mason County Schools’ main priority is the safety and well-being of students and staff. Several facilities within the county lack a secure main entrance and require enhancement of access control. This includes Point Pleasant Primary, Leon Elementary, and Mason County Career and Technical Center.
- This project proposes to construct secure entrances at Point Pleasant Primary, Leon Elementary, and Mason County Career and Technical Center to better control access to the buildings and further enhance the safety of students. Point Pleasant Primary was included in Mason County’s FY2026 MIP Grant Submission for a safe-school entrance, but was not funded.
- Current conditions of existing facilities warrant improvements of the school environment; however, other projects may be more meritorious.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$836,616	\$836,616
Local Funds	\$278,872	\$278,872
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$1,115,488	\$1,115,488

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/17/26 by Patrick Elliott of the SBA staff, along with Melissa Farmer, Superintendent of Mason County Schools.
- On behalf of Mason County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by McKinley Architecture & Engineering.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2025:

Financially Distressed County: **No**
 Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$18,671,034 State Rank: 17th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Roosevelt Elementary School Upgrades, Point Pleasant Jr./Sr. High School Safe School Entrance and Point Pleasant Intermediate School

WAYNE COUNTY

Project as proposed by Wayne County:

Wayne County requests up to \$534,269 in SBA funding for safe school entrances at two schools. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$20,000 for a total project cost of \$554,269.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Wayne County Schools are committed to ensuring the safety and security of students and staff. Spring Valley High School and Tolsia High School do not have safe-school entrances. Currently, these schools' entry doors open directly to commons areas or provide direct access to the main hallways.
- This project proposes to modify existing entrances by having visitor entries added (including man-traps) to the main offices at both schools.
- This project was previously submitted in 2025 as an MIP Grant Request, only being modified to remove two schools from the prior submission.
- Current conditions of existing facilities warrant improvements of the school environment; however, other projects may be more meritorious.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$534,269	\$534,269
Local Funds	\$20,000	\$20,000
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$554,269	\$554,269

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/14/25 by Patrick Elliott of the SBA staff, along with Todd Alexander, Superintendent, and Matt Stanley, Director of Facilities of Wayne County Schools.
- On behalf of Wayne County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by McKinley Architecture & Engineering.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2025:

Financially Distressed County: **No**
Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$1,488,447.00 State Rank: 48th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Ceredo Kenova Elementary School Additions/Renovations; Vinson Middle School Safe School Entrance; Buffalo K-8

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

Project as proposed by Hampshire County:

Hampshire County requests up to \$836,399 in SBA funding for Hampshire High School’s partial roof replacement and Romney Middle School’s partial HVAC replacement. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$278,800 for a total project cost of \$1,115,199.

STAFF COMMENTS

- The existing roofing systems at Hampshire High School’s gymnasium and cafeteria have become physically compromised. A critical concern is the presence of fastener back-out, where fasteners are puncturing the membrane from the underside due to deck movement or thermal expansion. At Romney Middle School, the mechanical units installed in 2007 have reached the conclusion of their serviceable 15–20 year lifecycles.
- The proposed solution at Hampshire High School involves the installation of a fully adhered EPDM roofing system, featuring enhanced tapered insulation. This modification is critical for these designated areas, as it establishes the necessary slope to mitigate "ponding" water, a primary driver of the current infiltration issues. This initiative will safeguard athletic assets and prevent further structural degradation. Regarding Romney Middle School, the HVAC modernization strategy adopts a pragmatic, phased approach by prioritizing the replacement of the ten most critically failing units, demonstrating fiscal responsibility. To further optimize the project budget, the county intends to utilize internal maintenance personnel for the installation, leveraging their extensive experience with similar mechanical upgrades.
- Current conditions of existing facilities warrant improvements of the school environment; however, other projects may be more meritorious.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$836,399	\$836,399
Local Funds	\$278,800	\$278,800
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$1,115,199	\$1,115,199

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/29/2026 by Joyce VanGilder of the SBA staff, along with Junior Moreland, Coordinator of Maintenance of Hampshire County Schools.
- On behalf of Hampshire County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by McKinley Architecture & Engineering.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2025:

Financially Distressed County: **No**
 Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$2,845,823 State Rank: 42nd

Ongoing SBA Project(s): None

BARBOUR COUNTY

Project as proposed by Barbour County:

Barbour County requests up to \$369,285 in SBA funding for a new protective wall and secure service window along with better controlled access entry points at Philip Barbour High School. The county is unable to provide funding for this project.

STAFF COMMENTS

- At Philip Barbour High School, transitioning from a standard "buzz-in" entry to a secure vestibule model is a vital enhancement for the safety and security of students. The existing configuration, which allows visitors unrestricted access to the main office and hallways upon entry, creates a vulnerable scenario for staff and provides a direct path for unauthorized individuals to enter the facility.
- This project aims to provide a critical physical defense and facilitate controlled interactions with visitors, the existing open counter will be replaced with a secure service window and protective wall. Access control will be further strengthened by adding badge readers at every entry point, moving the facility from passive security to active monitoring. Clear dialogue is maintained through integrated electronic intercoms that function without compromising the barrier, while a pass-through tray allows for the verification of IDs and issuance of badges while keeping the window closed. These collective modifications significantly enhance the school's overall security posture.
- Current conditions of existing facilities warrant improvements of the school environment; however, other projects may be more meritorious.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$369,285	\$369,285
Local Funds	\$0	\$0
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$369,285	\$369,285

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/14/26, by Joyce VanGilder of the SBA staff, along with Eddie Vincent, Superintendent, and Rick Daughtery, Director of Facilities of Barbour County Schools.
- On behalf of Barbour County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by McKinley Architecture & Engineering.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2025:

Financially Distressed County: **No**
 Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$7,774,032 State Rank: 29th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Philip Barbour High School (6-12) Consolidation Project & Belington Middle School to Elementary School (Needs 2026); Philippi Elementary School Electrical Upgrades (MIP 2025); Philip Barbour Vocational Center Additions & Renovations (MIP 2024)

KANAWHA COUNTY

Project as proposed by Kanawha County:

Kanawha County requests up to \$1,000,000 in SBA funding for additions and renovations to Nitro High School, including constructing new interior spaces within the existing courtyard. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$1,734,039 for a total project cost of \$2,734,039.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Nitro High School’s choral/band program enrollment has continued to increase over the last several years. Currently, there is not enough room in the existing band room, therefore students must travel 500 feet outside the building to the instructional annex (Baker Building) to attend choral and other classes. This leaves the students exposed to inclement weather, limited visibility/supervision, and increased risk from unauthorized individuals accessing the campus perimeter.
- This project proposes to construct a state-of-the-art band room, office for band instructor, storage for band equipment, 2 additional classrooms, and emergency egress compliant corridors, all within the existing building footprint (in the currently unused courtyard).
- Current conditions of existing facilities warrant improvements of the school environment; however, other projects may be more meritorious.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Local Funds	\$1,734,039	\$1,734,039
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$2,734,039	\$2,734,039

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/28/26 by Patrick Elliott of the SBA staff, along with Andrew Crawford, Assistant Superintendent, and Brian Barth of Kanawha County Schools.
- On behalf of Kanawha County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by Williamson Shriver Architects.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2025:

Financially Distressed County: **No**
Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$64,181,007 State Rank: 2nd

Ongoing SBA Project(s): New Country Roads Elementary School

LINCOLN COUNTY

Project as proposed by Lincoln County:

Lincoln County requests up to \$174,829 in SBA funding for elevator modernization at Lincoln County High School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$30,852 for a total project cost of \$205,681.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Lincoln County High School was constructed in 2006. The 217,000 ft² facility's sole elevator is original to the school and has been experiencing repeated breakdowns due to reset issues, motor stoppages, reported high oil temperatures, fault overloads, tripped breakers, and numerous error codes. Multiple visits/repair attempts by the elevator repair company have been unsuccessful. Replacement parts are hard to find or are obsolete. There has been one report, in 2023, in which two children became trapped in the elevator and had to be rescued by the local fire department.
- This project proposes to replace the elevator's motor, controllers, pumping unit and doors, and repair/refurbish the rollers, frame and cab enclosure to ensure reliable daily access to the second floor for students and staff and to maintain accessibility for all students, upholding the school's commitment to inclusivity.
- Current conditions of existing facilities warrant improvements of the school environment; however, other projects may be more meritorious.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$174,829	\$174,829
Local Funds	\$30,852	\$30,852
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$205,681	\$205,681

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/15/26 by Patrick Elliott of the SBA staff, with Jerry Cremeans, Director of Maintenance of Lincoln County Schools.
- On behalf of Lincoln County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by Williamson Shriver Architects.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2025:

Financially Distressed County: **No**

Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$6,262,441

State Rank: 33rd

Ongoing SBA Project(s): New Duvall PreK-8; Lincoln County High School Chiller Replacement

NICHOLAS COUNTY

Project as proposed by Nicholas County:

Nicholas County requests up to \$876,600 in SBA funding for safe school entrances at Nicholas County CTC and Panther Creek Elementary School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$50,000 for a total project cost of \$926,600.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Panther Creek Elementary School and the Nicholas County Career and Technical Center have outdated and vulnerable entrance configurations that do not meet West Virginia’s safe school standards. There have been growing concerns from the public, parents, and school staff who have voiced the need for more secure school facilities.
- Nicholas County proposes to construct secure, state-of-the-art entrance upgrades at both facilities. This project would create modern secure vestibules with bullet-resistant glass, controlled-access doors, and integrated security technologies to separate visitors from the general student population.
- Current conditions of existing facilities warrant improvements of the school environment; however, other projects may be more meritorious.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$876,600	\$876,600
Local Funds	\$50,000	\$50,000
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$926,600	\$926,000

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/28/26 by Mark Miller of the SBA staff, along with Scott Cochran, Superintendent of Nicholas County Schools.
- On behalf of Nicholas County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by ZMM Architects & Engineers.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2025:

Financially Distressed County: **No**
Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$25,566,670 State Rank: 11th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): New Glade Creek PK-8 (FEMA)

BERKELEY COUNTY

Project as proposed by Berkeley County:

Berkeley County requests up to \$500,000 in SBA funding for renovation of the current Martinsburg High School library with a highly utilized learning commons. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$250,000 for a total project cost of \$750,000.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Martinsburg High School’s library, situated on the second floor, presents a significant "open-concept" architectural challenge. The existing configuration includes large glass light wells that, while intended to illuminate the first floor, have become "dead zones" that compromise usable square footage.
- The renovation aims to create a centralized innovation hub with acoustic barriers, enabling simultaneous STEM activities and focused study. This learning commons ensures equitable access to advanced tools. Plans feature an activity spine and soundproofed "fishbowl" rooms for group work. Specialized labs for robotics, 3D printing, CAD, and media will require sound isolation and increased power. Moving equipment here eliminates departmental silos and duplication. Additionally, ergonomic carrels provide research areas for long-term projects.
- Current conditions of existing facilities warrant improvements of the school environment; however, other projects may be more meritorious.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$500,000	\$500,000
Local Funds	\$250,000	\$250,000
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$750,000	\$750,000

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/23/26 by Joyce VanGilder of the SBA staff, along with Ty Tyson, Facilities Director, and Justin Schooley, Deputy Superintendent of Berkeley County Schools.
- On behalf of Berkeley County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by McKinley Architecture & Engineering.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2025:

Financially Distressed County: **No**
 Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$39,974,448 State Rank: 4th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Berkeley Heights Elementary School and Pikeside Elementary School Windows; Martinsburg High School Roof (MIP FY2026); New Inwood Learning Center (Pre-K) (Needs FY2025); Hedgesville High School, Hedgesville Middle School; Opequon Elementary School; Tuscarora Elementary School Windows (MIP FY2025); New Mountain Ridge (K-2) Primary; New Falling Water (K-5) Elementary School (Needs FY2024)

FAYETTE COUNTY

Project as proposed by Fayette County:

Fayette County requests up to \$1,000,000 in SBA funding for roof replacement at Midland Trail High School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$509,587 for a total project cost of \$1,509,587.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Most of the existing roofing at Midland Trail High School is beyond its intended life and needs replacement. The roof was scheduled for replacement for 2021, but available funds were limited due to necessary reallocation to higher priority projects at the time. This has now become the #1 priority in the current CEFP.
- Fayette County proposes to remove most of the roofing at Midland Trail High School to deck, replace the insulation, and reroof with new EPDM roof membrane.
- Current conditions of existing facilities warrant improvements of the school environment; however, other projects may be more meritorious.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Local Funds	\$509,587	\$509,587
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$1,509,587	\$1,509,587

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/21/26 by Mark Miller of the SBA staff, along with Tim Payton, Director of Operations of Fayette County Schools.
- On behalf of Fayette County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by McKinley Architecture & Engineering.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2025:

Financially Distressed County: **No**
Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$9,056,347 State Rank: 27th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): New Midland Trail Elementary School

BRAXTON COUNTY

Project as proposed by Braxton County:

Braxton County requests up to \$768,531 in SBA funding for a partial roof replacement at Braxton County High School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$100,000 for a total project cost of \$868,531.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Much of the roofing at Braxton County High School was replaced last year due to storm damage, with the new roof sections paid for through insurance proceeds and local funds. The remaining older sections have frequent leaks that require repair.
- Braxton County proposes to replace the oldest sections of roofing at Braxton County High School with new 6-inch insulation and EPDM roof membrane.
- Current conditions of existing facilities warrant improvements of the school environment; however, other projects may be more meritorious.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$768,531	\$768,531
Local Funds	\$100,000	\$100,000
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$868,531	\$868,531

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/14/26 by Mark Miller of the SBA staff, along with Mark Rose, Maintenance Supervisor of Braxton County Schools.
- On behalf of Braxton County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by McKinley Architecture & Engineering.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2025:

Financially Distressed County: **No**

Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: No Funding Unavailable

State Rank: 50th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Braxton County Middle School Domestic Water Replacement;
Braxton County Middle School HVAC Replacement

BROOKE COUNTY

Project as proposed by Brooke County:

Brooke County requests up to \$459,592 in SBA funding for a new roof at Jefferson Intermediate School (Brooke Intermediate North). These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$50,000 for a total project cost of \$509,592.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Originally built in 1970, Jefferson Intermediate School (renamed Brooke Intermediate North) is currently home to 168 students. The asphalt roof, which is original to the school's construction, has exceeded its useful life. There are multiple leaks throughout the roof, and staff have moved students around in some classrooms to avoid dripping water. Garbage cans have been used to collect dripping water.
- This project proposes to replace approximately 29,266 ft of asphalt roof with 60 mil thickness EPDM roof membrane.
- Current conditions of existing facilities warrant improvements of the school environment; however, other projects may be more meritorious.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$459,592	\$459,592
Local Funds	\$50,000	\$50,000
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$509,592	\$509,592

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/20/26 by Patrick Elliott of the SBA staff, along with Jeffrey Crook, Superintendent, and Steve Mitchell of Brooke County Schools.
- On behalf of Brooke County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by ZMM Architects & Engineers.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2025:

Financially Distressed County: **No**
Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$14,619,477 State Rank: 22nd

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Brooke County High School Interior Plumbing Renovations

CABELL COUNTY

Project as proposed by Cabell County:

Cabell County requests up to \$778,900 in SBA funding for a partial roof replacement at Central City Elementary School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$200,000 for a total project cost of \$978,900.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Originally Built in 1998, Central City Elementary School is currently home to approximately 387 students. The roof is original to the school’s inception, and has exceeded its useful life. It has experienced membrane shrinkage, seam separation, punctures, and perimeter failure, allowing water infiltration into the building. Staff have relocated desks and shelving to avoid water damage, and garbage cans have been placed to catch dripping water for at least the past 7 years.
- This project proposes to replace approximately 30,000 ft² of roofing across two sections of the existing facility with a new 60-mil EPDM membrane. These specific areas have been identified as the most critically compromised and require immediate remediation prior to the remaining sections.
- Current conditions of existing facilities warrant improvements of the school environment; however, other projects may be more meritorious.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$778,900	\$778,900
Local Funds	\$200,000	\$200,000
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$978,900	\$978,900

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/17/26 by Patrick Elliott of the SBA staff, along with Justin Boggs, Deputy Superintendent, and John Rogers of Cabell County Schools.
- On behalf of Cabell County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by ZMM Architects & Engineers.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2025:

Financially Distressed County: **No**
 Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$38,948,337 State Rank: 5th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): New Ona Elementary School; Cabell-Midland High School STEM & Cafeteria Expansion; New Meadows Elementary School; Cabell-Midland High School Admin. Renovation/Demolition and Stabilization

PRESTON COUNTY

Project as proposed by Preston County:

Preston County requests up to \$864,536 in SBA funding for partial roof replacement at Preston County High School (PCHS). These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$216,134 for a total project cost of \$1,080,670.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Preston County High School (PCHS) is a 212,000 square foot complex with its oldest section built in 1972. PCHS has portions of the roof that were not replaced during recent upgrades to the facility. This project involves a partial roof replacement of four different sections of PCHS.
- The project involves replacing 37,050 sf of roofing across the locker room, small gymnasium, canopies, and CTE areas at PCHS. This new membrane will match existing roof sections and includes new drains. Core and hazardous materials testing has been completed. Due to height limitations at fascia and curbing, adding insulation is restricted. Replacing the roofs with similar products is the standard approach to protect the facility and avoid excessive costs.
- Current conditions of existing facilities warrant improvements of the school environment; however, other projects may be more meritorious.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$864,536	\$864,536
Local Funds	\$216,134	\$216,134
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$1,080,670	\$1,080,670

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/21/26 by Joyce VanGilder of the SBA staff, along with Matt Murray, Maintenance Supervisor of Preston County Schools.
- On behalf of Preston County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by Ghise-Smith Exterior Building Products.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2025:

Financially Distressed County: **No**
 Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$14,584,104 State Rank: 23rd

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Kingwood Elementary School Safe Entry and Doors (MIP FY2025)

WEBSTER COUNTY

Project as proposed by Webster County:

Webster County requests up to \$703,514 in SBA funding for the removal and replacement of deteriorated Exterior Insulation and Finish System (EIFS) at Webster County High School. The county is unable to provide funding for this project.

STAFF COMMENTS

- The existing Exterior Insulation and Finish System (EFIS) at Webster County High School has exceeded its useful life and is experiencing failure due to moisture infiltration and material breakdown, compromising the building envelope.
- Webster County proposes to remove and replace approximately 1,180 square feet of deteriorated EIFS at Webster County High School. The proposed work will restore the integrity of the exterior wall system, eliminate active water intrusion, and improve overall energy performance.
- Current conditions of existing facilities warrant improvements of the school environment; however, other projects may be more meritorious.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$703,514	\$703,514
Local Funds	\$20,000	\$20,000
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$723,514	\$723,514

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/28/26 by Mark Miller of the SBA staff, along with Jeremy Pyle, Director of Maintenance of Webster County Schools.
- On behalf of Webster County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by McKinley Architecture & Engineering.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2025:

Financially Distressed County: **No**
 Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$5,249,618 State Rank: 36th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Sanitary line replacement at Webster County High School (2024 MIP); Secure entrances and interior renovations at Glade Elementary School and Webster Springs Elementary School (2023 Needs)

TUCKER COUNTY

Project as proposed by Tucker County:

Tucker County requests up to \$949,816 in SBA funding for asbestos flooring removal and replacement at David Thomas Elementary Middle School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$50,000 for a total project cost of \$999,816.

STAFF COMMENTS

- The entry floor was abated and replaced in the past, but the flooring is showing age and will need refinished to match other parts of the school. The cafeteria has a concrete painted floor. The halls, classrooms, and kitchen have old VCT, and the mastic (glue) has tested positive for asbestos. The current gym floor is a “managed risk” with asbestos products encapsulated underneath. The abatement phase is the most sensitive part of the timeline due to containment and air monitoring.
- This K-8 project improves school health and safety by replacing old flooring with Solid Vinyl Tile (SVT) in classrooms and corridors, ceramic in restrooms, resinous poured floors at entries, and rubber sport flooring in the gym. Beyond mitigating health risks, these specialized surfaces reduce maintenance costs, improve air quality, and enhance the school environment.
- Current conditions of existing facilities warrant improvements of the school environment; however, other projects may be more meritorious.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$949,816	\$949,816
Local Funds	\$50,000	\$50,000
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$999,816	\$999,816

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/20/26 by Joyce VanGilder of the SBA staff, along with Jonathan Hicks, Director of Support Services of Tucker County Schools.
- On behalf of Tucker County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by Williamson Shriver Architects.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2025:

Financially Distressed County: **No**
 Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$8,375,662 State Rank: 28th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Davis Thomas Elementary School/Middle School - Fire Alarm/Sprinkler Renovation (FY20206 MIP); Davis Thomas Elementary School Sprinkler Pump House (FY2026 Needs); Tucker County High School HVAC and Roof Renovation (FY2024 Needs)