

School Building Authority of West Virginia
MAJOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT COMMENTS BY SBA STAFF
June 23, 2025

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.
- IV. Multi-County and regional planning to achieve the most effective and efficient instructional delivery system.
- V. 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.
- VI. Innovations in education.
- VII. Adequate space for projected student enrollments.
- VIII. 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
- IX. Regularly scheduled preventive maintenance; and
- X. 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.

GRANT COUNTY

Project as proposed by Grant County:

Grant County requests up to \$1,000,000 in SBA funding for HVAC upgrades and sprinkler system at Maysville School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$257,040 for a total project cost of \$1,257,040.

STAFF COMMENTS

- The current systems at Mayesville Elementary are approximately 25 years old, have reached their life expectancy, and are no longer operating efficiently. The building is conditioned by a Variable Refrigerant flow (VRF) system, and a fuel oil boiler supplementing heat. The school currently does not have a sprinkler system and one is required by code due to the construction of a two-class addition which was awarded at last year's MIP funding cycle.
- This project proposes to replace all HVAC systems, except the VRF system. Upgrades include a new rooftop unit for the gymnasium, two dedicated outdoor air system (DOAS) units, a new hot water heating system (boilers, pumps, and piping), and a modern HVAC controls system. The new sprinkler system will meet the requirements of the State Fire Code and provide a safer facility for the students and staff.
- This project meets the goals and objectives of the MIP program.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Local Funds	\$ 257,040	\$ 257,040
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$1,257,040	\$1,257,040

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/30/25 with Superintendent Mitch Webster and Brent Nelson of Grant County Schools. along with Joyce VanGilder of the SBA staff.
- On behalf of Grant 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, 2024:

Financially Distressed County: **No**

Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$2,287,417

State Rank: 48th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Maysville ES Addition (MIP 2025); Petersburg HS Safe Entrance/Reno. (Needs 2024); Petersburg ES Addition (Needs 2024)

GREENBRIER COUNTY

Project as proposed by Greenbrier County:

Greenbrier County requests up to \$850,000 in SBA funding for electrical upgrades at Greenbrier East High School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$356,653 for a total project cost of \$1,206,653.

STAFF COMMENTS

- The existing electrical switchgear and downstream electrical distribution equipment at Greenbrier East High School is original to the facility, dating back to 1967. It is well beyond its rated life, and the system presents inherent risks to maintenance staff and any contractor who would perform work on the equipment. The outdated and unmaintainable system cannot be repaired should a failure occur. Such an event would result in a loss of power to a major portion of the school, and subsequently, the displacement of students and staff for an undetermined period.
- Greenbrier County proposes to replace the electrical switchgear and downstream electrical distribution equipment at Greenbrier East High School. All panelboards will be provided with new panel directories of existing circuits, including circuits added to the system over the years. Additionally, upgrading the electrical system will equip the school with the necessary infrastructure to support an overdue HVAC renovation to the building in the future.
- This project meets the goals and objectives of the MIP program.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$ 850,000	\$ 850,000
Local Funds	\$ 356,653	\$ 356,653
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$1,206,653	\$1,206,653

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 5/2/25 with Superintendent Jeff Bryant, Curtis Webb, Lee Helvey, and George Brooks of Greenbrier County Schools, along with Mark Miller of the SBA staff.
- On behalf of Greenbrier County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by CMTA.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2024:

Financially Distressed County: **No**

Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$2,629,204

State Rank: 47th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): White Sulphur Springs ES A/R (Needs 2025); Frankford ES A/R (Needs 2024); Greenbrier East HS Roof (MIP 2024)

LINCOLN COUNTY

Project as proposed by Lincoln County:

Lincoln County requests up to \$873,385 in SBA funding for a chiller replacement at Lincoln County High School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$154,127 for a total project cost of \$1,027,512.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Lincoln County High School was constructed in 2006. The 217,000 ft. facility's cooling system consists of two chillers, one of which is at the end of its operation life-span. This unit is designed to run off of three compressors, however, only two are operational, stressing the overall system. Replacement parts are not readily available, requiring the maintenance staff to work tirelessly to keep this chiller functioning, including searching for parts on Ebay.
- The project proposes to replace the outdated chiller.
- This project meets the goals and objectives of the MIP Program.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$ 873,385	\$ 873,385
Local Funds	\$ 154,127	\$ 154,127
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$1,027,512	\$1,027,512

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/15/25 with Jerry Cremeans, Director of Maintenance of Lincoln County Schools, along with Patrick Elliott of the SBA staff.
- 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, 2024:

Financially Distressed County: No

Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$6,211,448

State Rank: 31st

Ongoing SBA Project(s): New Duval Area PK-8 (Needs 2022)

CABELL COUNTY

Project as proposed by Cabell County:

Cabell County requests up to \$1,000,000 in SBA funding for Cabell Midland High School administrative wing demolition and addition along with structural stabilization of the existing foundation. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$47,418 for a total project cost of \$1,047,418.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Originally built in 1994, Cabell Midland High School is currently home to over 1,700 students. Due to excessive drought conditions during the summer/fall of 2024, there has been substantial footing/slab settlement. This settlement has led to the formation of cracks in the load-bearing walls in several portions of the building. Several of the administrative offices have been vacated over concerns of staff safety.
- This project proposes to stabilize the existing building foundations in three areas (office, music, courtyard) by means of 70 hydraulic push piers. This project would also include demolition of 1,200 square feet of affected administrative office space, and building back 750 square feet into a more practical layout.
- This project meets the goals and objectives of the MIP Program.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Local Funds	\$ 47,418	\$ 47,418
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$1,047,418	\$1,047,418

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/14/25 with Superintendent Tim Hardesty, Justin Boggs, and Chip McMillian of Cabell County Schools, along with Patrick Elliott of the SBA staff.
- On behalf of Cabell County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by ZMM Architects and Engineers.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2024:

Financially Distressed County: No

Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$44,835,200 State Rank: 3rd

Ongoing SBA Project(s): New Ona ES (Needs 2024); Cabell Midland HS STEM Classroom/Cafeteria Expansion (Needs 2024); New Meadows ES (Needs 2022);

MARION COUNTY

Project as proposed by Marion County:

Marion County requests up to \$1,000,000 in SBA funding for a roof replacement at East Fairmont High School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$1,905,670 for a total project cost of \$2,905,670.

STAFF COMMENTS

- East Fairmont High School was constructed in 1993. The original roof system is an ethylene propylene diene monomer (EPDM) system and has exceeded its life expectancy. It is a low slope ballasted roof with evidence of ponding and leaking in several areas. Maintenance personnel have spent extensive time and labor conducting inspections and repairing leaks.
- This project proposes to remove the ballast and replace the existing 125,620 sq. ft. roof with a warranted roof system.
- This project warrants funding consideration, especially when compared to other roof project submissions.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Local Funds	\$1,905,670	\$1,905,670
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$2,905,670	\$2,905,670

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/28/25 with Dr. Donna Heston, Superintendent, Andy Price, and L. D. Skarzinski of Marion County Schools, along with Andy Neptune, Executive Director, and Dana Womack of the SBA staff.
- On behalf of Marion County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by McKinley Architecture and Engineering.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2024:

Financially Distressed County: No

Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$22,539,517 State Rank: 12th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Safe School Entrances at 9 schools (Needs 2025)

BRAXTON COUNTY

Project as proposed by Braxton County:

Braxton County requests up to \$418,840 in SBA funding for replacement of the domestic water system at Braxton County Middle School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$50,000 for a total project cost of \$468,840.

STAFF COMMENTS

- The domestic water system at Braxton County Middle School is original to the building, and conditions have deteriorated faster than anticipated. The pipes are corroded, have frequent leaks, and often require upkeep and repairs from maintenance staff.
- Braxton County proposes to replace the domestic water system at Braxton County Middle School, including corroded pipes, valves, and fittings.
- This project meets the goals and objectives of the MIP program.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$418,840	\$418,840
Local Funds	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$468,840	\$468,840

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/16/25 with Tim Via and Mark Rose of Braxton County Schools, along with Mark Miller of the SBA staff.
- On behalf of Braxton County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by McKinley Architecture and Engineering.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2024:

Financially Distressed County: No

Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$0

State Rank: 54th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): None

LEWIS COUNTY

Project as proposed by Lewis County:

Lewis County requests up to \$950,000 in SBA funding for HVAC replacement at Jane Lew Elementary School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$125,000 for a total project cost of \$1,075,000.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Jane Lew Elementary School is conditioned by multiple packaged rooftop units of varying capacity and vintage. Multiple units are beyond their typical lifespan, and the occurrence of equipment failures has become significant. The classrooms served by these units are unable to reach the desired temperature levels.
- Lewis County proposes to replace all units serving classroom spaces with new packaged rooftop units and controls. Classrooms will be provided with space, temperature, humidity, and carbon dioxide sensors. Lastly, duct cleaning is recommended within this scope of work to improve indoor air quality.
- This project meets the goals and objectives of the MIP program.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$ 950,000	\$ 950,000
Local Funds	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$1,075,000	\$1,075,000

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/24/25 with Dr. Melinda Stewart, Superintendent, and Ryan Dumont of Lewis County Schools, along with Mark Miller of the SBA staff.
- On behalf of Lewis County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by McKinley Architecture and Engineering.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2024:

Financially Distressed County: No

Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$1,236,309

State Rank: 50th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Safe School Entrances at Roanoke ES & Peterson Central ES (MIP 2024); Lewis Co. HS HVAC Replacement/Interior Upgrades (Needs 2024); Roanoke ES Skylight Replacement (Needs 2024); Peterson-Central ES Partial HVAC (MIP 2024)

RALEIGH COUNTY

Project as proposed by Raleigh County:

Raleigh County requests up to \$1,000,000 in SBA funding for HVAC replacement at the Academy of Careers and Technology. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$3,525,000 for a total project cost of \$4,525,000.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Multiple types of heating and/or cooling units are utilized at the Academy of Careers and Technology. The systems have deteriorated with age, and replacement parts have become unavailable. The existing equipment is at or beyond the end of its service life.
- Raleigh County proposes to replace the existing HVAC systems at the Academy of Careers and Technology due to obsolescence. This project will increase overall comfort and improve indoor air quality, including providing proper ventilation to several shop areas that currently lack a dedicated ventilation system.
- Due to funding limitations, the SBA staff recommends funding this project at an SBA request of \$500,000 with a local contribution of \$4,025,000.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$1,000,000	\$ 500,000
Local Funds	\$3,525,000	\$4,025,000
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$4,525,000	\$4,525,000

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 5/1/25 with Dr. Serena Starcher, Superintendent, Eric Dillon, Gary Daniel, and Chris Sisson of Raleigh County Schools, along with Mark Miller of the SBA staff.
- On behalf of Raleigh County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by ZDS.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2024:

Financially Distressed County: No

Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$42,769,920

State Rank: 4th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Park MS A/R (MIP 2022); Woodrow Wilson HS & ACT Water Line Replacement (Needs 2024)

MONROE COUNTY

Project as proposed by Monroe County:

Monroe County requests up to \$794,000 in SBA funding for a partial HVAC replacement and associated components at James Monroe High School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$200,769 for a total project cost of \$994,769.

STAFF COMMENTS

- The HVAC System at James Monroe High School was installed when the facility was constructed in 1994. It has outlived its life expectancy, and the county has worked to maintain the system as much as possible. The cooling tower is currently not operational, even after replacing a major pump. Several classrooms utilize space heaters or fans to help regulate temperatures, and the control system is unable to adjust individual classroom spaces.
- Monroe County proposes to replace the HVAC system at James Monroe High School, including refurbishing the cooling tower and upgrading the building controls. The county has begun the replacement process, spending \$1,530,462 of county funds thus far. Even with additional local funds, Monroe County needs funding assistance to finish the project.
- This project meets the goals and objectives of the MIP program.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$794,000	\$794,000
Local Funds	\$200,769	\$200,769
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$994,769	\$994,769

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 5/1/25 with Dr. Joetta Basile, Superintendent, and Johnathan McPherson of Monroe County Schools, along with Mark Miller of the SBA staff.
- On behalf of Monroe County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by McKinley Architecture and Engineering.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2024:

Financially Distressed County: No

Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$5,655,733 State Rank: 37th

Ongoing SBA Projects: James Monroe HS Roof (MIP 2023); Mountain View PK-8 Cafeteria Exp. & Safe Entrance (MIP 2022); James Monroe HS Tech Center A/R (Needs 2025)

TAYLOR COUNTY

Project as proposed by Taylor County:

Taylor County requests up to \$542,862 in SBA funding for a HVAC replacement at Flemington Elementary School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$292,310 for a total project cost of \$835,172.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Flemington Elementary School was constructed in 1939. The aging HVAC rooftop units have far exceeded their operational lifespan. These units are outdated, inefficient, lead to higher utility costs and also need frequent repairs that disrupt the educational experience for students and staff.
- This project proposes the replacement of six roof top units and four exhaust fans with a new, building control automation system. This upgrade is essential for establishing an effective climate control system and a better educational atmosphere for everyone at this facility.
- Taylor County is undertaking the replacement of the failing 26-ton HVAC unit that services the multi-purpose dining room starting the summer of 2025.
- This project meets the goals and objectives of the MIP Program.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$542,862	\$542,862
Local Funds	\$292,310	\$292,310
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$835,172	\$835,172

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 5/6/25 with Dr. John Stallings, Superintendent, and JoDee Decker and John Potts of Taylor County Schools, along with Joyce VanGilder of the SBA staff.
- 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, 2024:

Financially Distressed County: No

Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$5,750,031

State Rank: 35th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): New Anna Jarvis ES (Needs 2024); Flemington ES Roof/Building Envelope (Needs 2024)

TUCKER COUNTY

Project as proposed by Tucker County:

Tucker County requests up to \$565,674 in SBA funding for fire alarm upgrades and sprinkler system installation at Davis Thomas Elementary/Middle School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$50,000 for a total project cost of \$615,674.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Tucker County Schools is addressing aging infrastructure concerns at Davis Thomas Elementary/Middle School which was constructed in 1978. With the lack of a sprinkler system and aging fire alarm systems, there are critical concerns at this facility. Research of current egress codes shows the school's lack of sprinklers limits evacuation by corridor doors.
- This project proposes the installation of a new sprinkler system, and electrical and fire panel upgrades. These improvements will enhance overall safety and maintenance to ensure the facility remains operational in years to come. This submission is part of a previous SBA Needs application.
- This project meets the goals and objectives of the MIP Program.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$565,674	\$565,674
Local Funds	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$615,674	\$615,674

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 5/12/25 with Jonathan Hicks, Facility Director of Tucker County Schools, along with Joyce VanGilder of the SBA staff.
- 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, 2024:

Financially Distressed County: No

Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$7,658,377

State Rank: 29th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Tucker Co. HS Partial Roof/HVAC (Needs 2024); Tucker County HS WWTP (Needs 2024); Davis-Thomas ES/MS & Tucker Co. HS Exterior Door Replacement (MIP 2023)

MASON COUNTY

Project as proposed by Mason County:

Mason County requests up to \$887,819 in SBA funding for safe school entrances at Point Pleasant Primary, Point Pleasant Intermediate, and Point Pleasant Jr./Sr. High School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$125,000 for a total project cost of \$1,012,819.

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, Point Pleasant Intermediate, and Point Pleasant Jr./Sr. High School.
- This project proposes to construct secure entrances at Point Pleasant Primary, Point Pleasant Intermediate, and Point Pleasant Jr./Sr. High School. This will create a more safe and secure environment for students and staff by addressing issues of trespassing on the campuses due to their proximity to high foot traffic areas, including town streets, a new campground, and a new housing development.
- Due to funding limitations, the SBA recommends funding two of the three schools submitted by Mason County, Point Pleasant HS and Point Pleasant Intermediate, at an SBA request of \$506,808 with a local contribution of \$41,667.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$ 887,819	\$506,808
Local Funds	\$ 125,000	\$ 41,667
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$1,012,819	\$548,475

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/23/25, with Danny Chapman, Safety Director, of Mason County Schools, along with Patrick Elliott of the SBA staff.
- On behalf of Mason County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by McKinley Architecture and Engineering.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2024:

Financially Distressed County: No

Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$20,313,771 State Rank: 14th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Roosevelt ES Upgrades (Needs 2024); Safe Entrances at 4 Schools (MIP 2023)

WAYNE COUNTY

Project as proposed by Wayne County:

Wayne County requests up to \$885,105 in SBA funding for safe school entrances at four (4) schools. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$28,000 for a total project cost of \$913,105.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Wayne County Schools are committed to ensuring the safety and security of students and staff. Spring Valley HS, Tolsia HS, Vinson MS and Kellogg ES do not have safe school entrances. Currently, these schools' entry doors open directly to common areas or provide direct access to the main hallways.
- This proposed project proposes to modify existing entrances by having visitor entries added, including man-traps, to the main offices at all four schools.
- Due to limited funding, the SBA staff recommends awarding Wayne County's priority #1, to install a safe school entrance at Vinson Middle School, at a SBA request of \$150,588 with a local contribution of \$7,000.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$885,105	\$150,588
Local Funds	\$ 28,000	\$ 7,000
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$913,105	\$157,588

Project Facts:

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

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2024:

Financially Distressed County: No

Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$965,638

State Rank: 51st

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Ceredo-Kenova ES A/R (MIP 2024); Buffalo MS A/R to create Buffalo PreK-8 (2024 Needs); Wayne ES Pre-Kindergarten Classroom Addition (MIP 2023)

CLAY COUNTY

Project as proposed by Clay County:

Clay County requests up to \$796,379 in SBA funding for secure entrances at Clay Elementary School and Big Otter Elementary School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$160,000 for a total project cost of \$956,379.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Clay Elementary and Big Otter Elementary are the only two elementary schools in Clay County. Neither school has a secure entrance with a mantrap that meets current Safe School Guidelines. Visitors to each building have access to common areas upon entry to the building.
- Clay County to install mantraps at both Clay Elementary and Big Otter Elementary to enhance security and ensure the safety of students and staff. Each mantrap will consist of a secure entryway with two interlocking doors that cannot be opened simultaneously, preventing unauthorized access to the building.
- Due to funding limitations, the SBA staff recommends funding Clay County's safe school entrance at Clay Elementary, at an SBA request of \$234,141 with a local contribution of \$26,016.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$796,379	\$234,141
Local Funds	\$160,000	\$ 26,016
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$956,379	\$260,157

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/24/25 with Superintendent Phil Dobbins and Jared Fitzwater of Clay County Schools, along with Mark Miller of the SBA staff.
- On behalf of Clay County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by McKinley Architects & Engineers.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2024:

Financially Distressed County: **No**

Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$7,218,737

State Rank: 30th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Clay ES Roof (MIP 2024)

HARRISON COUNTY

Project as proposed by Harrison County:

Harrison County requests up to \$165,000 in SBA funding for a safe school entrance at Bridgeport Middle School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$48,439 for a total project cost of \$213,439.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Harrison County has been proactive in working to keep their schools safe. The county utilizes several elements within its comprehensive security plan to help ensure school safety, including visitor badges, weapon detectors, security cameras, and crisis plans for each facility. However, one key element that the county is still addressing is access control. There are two schools left in the county that lack a secure entrance, including Bridgeport Middle School.
- Harrison County proposes to construct a secure entrance to Bridgeport Middle School to enhance the safety and security of the facility. The county will utilize local funds to add a secure entrance to Bridgeport High School and is requesting funds to create one at Bridgeport Middle School. Once completed, all 22 school facilities would have secure entrances.
- This project meets the goals and objectives of the MIP program.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$165,000	\$165,000
Local Funds	\$ 48,439	\$ 48,439
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$213.439	\$213,439

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/29/25 with Jimmy Lopez and Chad Todd of Harrison County Schools, along with Mark Miller of the SBA staff.
- On behalf of Harrison County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by McKinley Architecture and Engineering.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2024:

Financially Distressed County: **No**

Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$23,132,464

State Rank: 11th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Robert C. Byrd CTC Expansion & Mountaineer MS Cafe Expansion (Needs 2025); Simpson ES & Nutter Fort ES A/R (Needs 2024); Secure Entrances 3 schools (MIP 2024)

NICHOLAS COUNTY

Project as proposed by Nicholas County:

Nicholas County requests up to \$932,980 in SBA funding for safe school entrances at Nicholas County High School, Panther Creek Elementary School, and the Nicholas County Career and Technical Center. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$75,000 for a total project cost of \$1,007, 980.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Nicholas County High School, 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 all three 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.
- Due to funding limitations, the SBA staff recommends funding Nicholas County's safe school entrance at Nicholas County High School, at an SBA request of \$180,000 with a local contribution of \$25,000.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$ 932,980	\$180,000
Local Funds	\$ 75,000	\$ 25,000
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$1,007,980	\$205,000

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/22/25 with Kelli Whytsell and Tom Bayless of Nicholas County Schools, along with Mark Miller of the SBA staff.
- On behalf of Nicholas County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by ZMM Architects and Engineers.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2024:

Financially Distressed County: No

Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$21,938,326 State Rank: 13th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Nicholas Co. HS Utility Line Replacement (MIP 2024); New Richwood MS/HS & New Glade Creek PK8 (FEMA)

BERKELEY COUNTY

Project as proposed by Berkeley County:

Berkeley County requests up to \$533,795 in SBA funding for replacement windows at Berkeley Heights Elementary and Pikeside Learning Center, as well as a partial roof replacement at Martinsburg High School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$533,795 for a total project cost of \$1,067,590.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Pikeside Learning Center (PLC) is an older facility that was constructed in 1925. Some of the single pane, three to four panel, wood mullion glass windows and framing, located in the back portion of the building, are original. Windows in the front have been replaced as needed. Berkeley Heights Elementary (BHE) was built in 1972. It has large floor to ceiling panels of metal/glass/plexiglass that have exceeded their life expectancy. Martinsburg High School (MHS) has portions of the roof that were not replaced during recent upgrades to the facility.
- This project proposes the removal of all the aged steel sash windows and single pane, glass/plexiglass windows at PLC and BHE, and replacing them with an aluminum frame, fixed panel window system with 1" insulated glass. The window replacement project will improve the building aesthetics, as well as reduce heating and cooling costs. The roof replacement at MHS will include 27,500 sq. ft. of new white TPO membrane to match the recently replaced roof, along with replacing the existing drains.
- This project addresses several of the nine criteria used to evaluate projects for funding. The SBA staff feels this project meets the goals and objectives of the MIP program.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$ 533,795	\$ 533,795
Local Funds	\$ 533,795	\$ 533,795
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$1,067,590	\$1,067,590

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/29/25, with Ty Tyson, Facilities Director of Berkeley County Schools, along with Joyce VanGilder of the SBA staff.
- On behalf of Berkeley County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by McKinley Architects and Engineers.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2024:

Financially Distressed County: No

Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$41,316,363

State Rank: 5th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): New Inwood Learning Center (Needs 2025); New Mountain Ridge Primary and New Falling Water K-5 (Needs 2024); Windows at 4 schools (MIP 2024)

MORGAN COUNTY

Project as proposed by Morgan County:

Morgan County requests up to \$975,820 in SBA funding for a roof replacement of Building A at Berkeley Springs High School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$243,955 for a total project cost of \$1,219,775.

STAFF COMMENTS

- The existing roof at Berkeley Springs High School, Building A, has exceeded its life expectancy and is showing signs of water infiltration and poses a threat to the structural integrity of the building, as well as the health and safety of the students and staff. Multiple attempts by the maintenance staff to repair the roof have proven insufficient to combat water infiltration resulting in significant damage.
- This project proposes to remove and replace the existing roof with a fully adhered Ethylene Propylene Diene Monomer (EPDM) rubber system with tapered insulation that meets all current building codes and standards. With this proposed project, the county anticipates cost savings in labor and materials for the continuous preventative maintenance that is spent on the current roof. Based on deterioration, this project is ranked as the county's first priority of need.
- The severity of need could warrant funding consideration if funds are available. This project meets the goals and objectives of the MIP program.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$ 975,820	\$ 975,820
Local Funds	\$ 243,955	\$ 243,955
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$1,219,775	\$1,219,775

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 10/10/24 Superintendent David Banks, and Jeremy Duelle of Morgan County Schools, along with Joyce VanGilder of the SBA staff.
- On behalf of Morgan 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, 2024:

Financially Distressed County: No

Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$10,401,940

State Rank: 24th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Widmyer ES HVAC Replacement (Needs 2024); Berkeley Springs HS HVAC Replacement (Needs 2024)

FAYETTE COUNTY

Project as proposed by Fayette County:

Fayette County requests up to \$1,000,000 in SBA funding for science lab renovations at Midland Trail High School and Oak Hill High School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$250,000 for a total project cost of \$1,250,000.

STAFF COMMENTS

- The current science labs at Midland Trail High School and Oak Hill High School are 48 years old. The maintenance staff often replaces or repairs outdated fixtures and equipment such as sinks, eye wash stations, safety showers, gas valves, plumbing fixtures, and electrical circuits. In addition, the existing science labs are divided into two areas for lecture and lab, requiring students to work in a confined space.
- Fayette County proposes to renovate science labs at Midland Trail High School and Oak Hill High School, including upgrades to plumbing, electrical, HVAC/mechanical, as well as modern furnishings, fixtures, and equipment. Additionally, by eliminating the lecture area and incorporating it into the laboratory setting, students will have more room to work. This renovation will make the space safer, more accessible to all students, and allow for better integration of technology.
- 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	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/22/25 with Tim Payton and Jason Blankenship of Fayette County Schools, along with Mark Miller of the SBA staff.
- On behalf of Fayette County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by McKinley Architecture and Engineering.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2024:

Financially Distressed County: **No**

Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$8,380,133

State Rank: 28th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): New Midland Trail ES (Needs 2024); New Meadow Bridge Regional School (Needs 2020)

POCAHONTAS COUNTY

Project as proposed by Pocahontas County:

Pocahontas County requests up to \$993,086 in SBA funding for a roof replacement at Marlinton Middle School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$275,000 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 comprehensive replacement is necessary.
- 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	\$ 993,086	\$ 993,086
Local Funds	\$ 275,000	\$ 275,000
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$1,268,086	\$1,268,086

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 5/2/25 with Duane Gibson and Jamie Walker of Pocahontas County Schools, along with Mark Miller of the SBA staff.
- 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, 2024:

Financially Distressed County: No

Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$5,962,660

State Rank: 33rd

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Pocahontas Co. HS Electric Wiring/Gym Floor Reno. (Needs 2024); Pocahontas Co. HS Renovations/Upgrades (MIP 2024)

JACKSON COUNTY

Project as proposed by Jackson County:

Jackson County requests up to \$327,906 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 \$402,906.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Evans Elementary 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.
- This project 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.
- 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	\$327,906	\$327,906
Local Funds	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$402,906	\$402,906

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/23/25 with Superintendent Will Hosaflook, and Tim Brown of Jackson County Schools, along with Patrick Elliott of the SBA staff.
- 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, 2024:

Financially Distressed County: **No**

Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$15,928,276 State Rank: 19th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Ripley MS A/R (Needs 2024)

MINERAL COUNTY

Project as proposed by Mineral County:

Mineral County requests up to \$1,000,000 in SBA funding for HVAC upgrades at Keyser High School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$154,120 for a total project cost of \$1,154,120.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Keyser High School is a SBA funded school built in 1998. The existing HVAC system lacks adequate humidity control. The poor air quality has created mold growth on student material, as well as asthma and allergy issues, while also contributing to high carbon dioxide levels.
- This project proposes the full replacement of the HVAC controls system, and the installation of two Dedicated Outdoor Air System (DOAS) units for the two-story portion of this facility. The new units will precondition and dehumidify the ventilation air before it reaches classrooms, helping to maintain proper humidity levels, reduce carbon dioxide concentration, and create a healthier indoor learning environment.
- Current conditions of the existing warrant improvements; however, given the limited funding available for projects this year, other projects may be more meritorious. Consideration may need to be given to funding this project in a future funding cycle.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Local Funds	\$ 154,120	\$ 154,120
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$1,154,120	\$1,154,120

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/29/25, with John Dropplemann and Jay Harris of Mineral County Schools, and Allegra Enochs of ZMM Architects and Engineers, along with Dana Womack of the SBA staff.
- On behalf of Mineral County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by ZMM Architects and Engineers.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2024:

Financially Distressed County: No

Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$20,313,771 State Rank: 14th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): None

MINGO COUNTY

Project as proposed by Mingo County:

Mingo County requests up to \$494,756 in SBA funding for renovations to Gilbert PK-8 School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$335,000 for a total project cost of \$829,756.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Gilbert PK-8 was originally constructed in 1982 as Gilbert HS, and was ultimately renovated in 2018 to accommodate the merger of Gilbert ES and Gilbert MS, and now serves just over 400 students. An assessment of the aging infrastructure has revealed deterioration of exterior doors and hardware; outdated HVAC louvers (from non-operational PTAC units) which allow infiltration of water, birds, bees and snakes; and a lack of protective canopies at corridor exits.
- This project proposes to replace the existing exterior doors and hardware, sealing exterior vulnerabilities with CMUs and installing canopies.
- 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	\$494,756	\$494,756
Local Funds	\$335,000	\$335,000
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$829,756	\$829,756

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/15/25 with William Hensley, Facilities Director of Mingo County Schools, along with Patrick Elliott of the SBA staff.
- On behalf of Mingo County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by Williamson Shriver Architects.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: Yes. (If Yes) Active Flood Insurance: Yes

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2024:

Financially Distressed County: No

Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$13,434,148 State Rank: 22nd

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Tug Valley HS Safe Entrance (Needs 2024)

PENDLETON COUNTY

Project as proposed byPendleton County:

Pendleton County requests up to \$886,320 in SBA funding for HVAC equipment and control system upgrades at Franklin Elementary School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$100,000 for a total project cost of \$986,320.

STAFF COMMENTS

- There are two separate equipment issues at Franklin Elementary School. The school experiences over-pressurization issues that prevent exterior doors from closing properly, creating security vulnerabilities. Additionally, the lighting control system is integrated with the HVAC controls, both of which experience operational failures that have led to systems running continuously, increasing energy costs and complicating maintenance.
- This project proposes the full replacement of the HVAC controls system, the separation of lighting controls from HVAC controls, the replacement of two rooftop units (RTU's) with units that include exhaust fans, and the installation of multiple relief vents to regulate building pressurization. These upgrades will create a safer, more efficient environment for students and staff while significantly reducing long-term operational costs.
- The county is working with the SBA staff to develop other options for a more feasible plan other than changing a system that is only 10 years old. Given the limited availability of SBA funds, the staff recommends a project be submitted for consideration in a future funding cycle.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$886,320	\$886,320
Local Funds	\$100,000	\$100,000
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$986,320	\$986,320

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/27/25 with Superintendent Charles Hedrick, and Travis Heavner of Pendleton County Schools, along with Joyce VanGilder of the SBA staff.
- On behalf of Pendleton County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by ZMM Architects and Engineers.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2024:

Financially Distressed County: No

Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$1,563,993

State Rank: 49th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): None

PRESTON COUNTY

Project as proposed by Preston County:

Preston County requests up to \$700,022 in SBA funding for HVAC renovations at South Preston School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$233,341 for a total project cost of \$933,363.

STAFF COMMENTS

- South Preston is a SBA funded school built in 2014. While the school is only 11 years old, the cost for repairs of the equipment and electric bills are significant for Preston County Schools. The heat recovery wheels within the HVAC system have failed rendering the heat recovery units ineffective. In addition, with rising costs associated with electric heating, the county has re-evaluated this facility's heating source and are wanting to use a more economical heating application.
- This project proposes to replace the heat recovery wheels in the existing HVAC equipment and the current electric boilers. The new boilers will be powered by propane. The county believes these changes will be more efficient and reduce the operational costs at this facility.
- Current conditions of the existing facility warrants improvements of the school environment; however, other projects may be more meritorious.

	County Proposal	<i>Staff Comments</i>
SBA Funds	\$700,022	\$700,022
Local Funds	\$233,341	\$233,341
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$933,363	\$933,363

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 5/1/24 with Superintendent Brad Martin and Matt Murray of Preston County Schools, along with Joyce VanGilder of the SBA staff.
- On behalf of Preston County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by William Shriver Architects.
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2024:

Financially Distressed County: No

Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$14,803,571

State Rank: 20th

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Kingwood ES Safe Entrance (MIP 2024); Preston County HS Secure Entry (MIP 2022)

ROANE COUNTY

Project as proposed by Roane County:

Roane County requests up to \$999,999 in SBA funding for a digital learning center and other improvements at Roane County High School. The county is unable to provide funding for this project.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Roane County High School was established in 1993 through the consolidation of Walton High School and Spencer High School, and currently serves just under 500 students. After completion of a safe school entrance and construction of a new office suite in 2020, using local funds, the former administrative office area remains unused. Select water-source heat pumps are outdated and replacement parts are becoming more difficult to acquire.
- This project proposes to renovate the unused office area to create a digital learning lab that would offer students the opportunity for dual credit/dual enrollment and other remote coursework; and replace 16 outdated, water-source heat pumps with new units to complete the renovation of the HVAC system which began in 2019 using local and ESSER funds.
- 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	\$999,999	\$999,999
Local Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$999,999	\$999,999

Project Facts:

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 4/25/25 with Dr. Richard Duncan, Superintendent of Roane County Schools, along with Patrick Elliot of the SBA staff.
- On behalf of Roane 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, 2024:

Financially Distressed County: No

Net Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$30,067

State Rank: 52nd

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Roane Co. HS and Spencer MS Security Upgrades (Needs 2024)