

CABELL COUNTY

SBA Needs Project Evaluation Summary

Project Request:

Cabell County requests up to \$16,910,069 in SBA funding for a new Ona Elementary School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$2,000,000 for a total project cost of \$18,910,069.

Project Facts:

- In approved CEFP: Yes.
- Number of Students affected: 270
- Annual Savings: \$55,000
- Cost Avoidance: \$2,176,417
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No.

Evaluation Criteria in W.Va. Code §18-9D-16:

I. Student Health & Safety

This project addresses critical student and teacher health and safety needs.

II. Economies of Scale

This project meets economies of scale: No. (If no) Waiver request submitted: Yes.

III. Reasonable Travel Time

This project meets requirements in WV Code for maximum student travel time.

IV. Multi-County and Regional Planning

This project is a single-county project.

V. Curriculum Improvement and Diversification, including Technology and Distance Learning

This project has limited or indirect changes or improvements to curriculum delivery.

VI. Innovations in Education

This project includes some innovative curriculum and/or breakout STEM education.

VII. Adequate Space for Projected Student Enrollments

This project proposes to meet 80-85% utilization factor.

VIII. History of Efforts taken by the County Board to Propose or Adopt Bond Issues of Special Levies

The County proposes bond issues and/or special levies regularly.

IX. Regularly Scheduled Preventative Maintenance

This project increases maintenance required; however, the county has a PM plan in place.

Project Status:

Listed below are projected activities that have been completed to date.

- After reviewing the submitted documents and information, an on-site review was performed on 9/25/23 with Ryan Saxe, Superintendent, Justin Boggs, and John McMillian of Cabell County Schools; Dave Ferguson of ZMM Architects and Engineers, and Tommy Young of the SBA Staff.
- On behalf of Cabell County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by ZMM Architects and Engineers.

Project Comments by the SBA Staff:

- The existing Ona Elementary School was built in 1938 and has exceeded its life expectancy. The 2020-2030 CEFP cites this school as inadequate in many areas of building functionality, and while the county maintains the school very well, the ten-year plan calls for the facility to be replaced. The HVAC, electrical, and plumbing systems are outdated, inefficient and costly to maintain. There is no fire suppression (sprinkler) system in the facility. Many spaces are undersized and lack the proper functionality of modern classroom spaces.
- The county proposes the construction of a new facility to efficiently house the 270 students, and will have modern classrooms, updated technology, and more space for students to learn and grow. The new school will be designed with safety in mind, with features such as fire alarms, sprinkler systems, and security cameras. These factors will lead to improved academic achievement, as well as a more positive and productive learning environment.
- The citizens of Cabell County recently passed a \$87.5 million capital improvement bond in August 2020 to construct three new school facilities and provide renovations at five schools. This project represents the highest priority need in the county's 2020-2030 CEFP.

Existing Building Evaluation Report

Ona Elementary School

- Year of Original Construction: 1938
- Number and Year of Major Additions: 2
- Grade Configuration: PK-5
- Number of Classrooms: 19
- 2nd Month Enrollment (22-23 School Year): 267
- Building Program Capacity: 550
- Building Program Utilization: 49%
- Building Total Square Footage: 27,700 sq. ft.
- Site Size: 2 acres
- Site Adequacy: Inadequate
- Site Access: Limited
- Parking Adequacy: Limited
- Flood Plain: No
- HVAC System Type: Gas
- HVAC System Overall Condition: Poor
- Restroom Facilities: Inadequate
- Food Service Facilities: Inadequate
- On-site Review Conducted:
 - Fire Safety Deficiencies: 0
 - Sanitation Reports: 0
 - State Board of Risk/Insurance: 0
- Overall Condition of the Building: Fair

Project Finance Report

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County's Proposed Finance Plan for this Project:

Funding Sources	County Proposal	Percent
SBA Funds:	\$16,910,069	89%
Local Funds:	\$ 2,000,000	11%
Other Funds: _____	\$ 0	0%
Total Funds:	\$18,910,069	100%

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2022:

Total County Budget: \$139,003,791 State Rank: 4th Distressed County: No

Bonding and Levy Capacities:

Bonding Capacity: \$201,447,263 Available Bonding Capacity: \$118,797,263
Excess Levy Capacity: \$29,575,761 Available Levy Capacity: \$0

History of SBA Funding:

- Net: \$ 5,832,871.13
- NEEDS: \$ 63,725,843.84
- MIP: \$ 5,406,610.00
- Emergency: \$ 0
- SAS Funds: \$ 1,390,242.36
- **TOTAL:** **\$76,355,567.33**

List of Needs Projects Funded:

- New Central City ES
- New Guyandotte ES
- New Village of Barboursville ES
- New Martha ES
- Beverly Hills MS Renovations
- Culloden ES A/R
- New Huntington East MS
- New Highlawn ES
- New Meadows ES

Ongoing SBA Project(s): Meadows ES (Needs 2022); Altizer ES A/R (MIP 2022)