

HARRISON COUNTY

SBA Needs Project Evaluation Summary

Project Request:

Harrison County requests up to \$5,842,600 in SBA funding for additions and renovations to Nutter Fort Primary School and Simpson Elementary School. These funds will be used in partnership with a local contribution of \$2,000,000 for a total project cost of \$7,842,600.

Project Facts:

- In approved CEFP: No. (If no) Amendment before WVBE 11/8/23.
- Number of Students affected: 1000
- Annual Savings: \$0
- Cost Avoidance: \$10,440,630
- Project in Floodway / Flood Plain: No

Evaluation Criteria in WV Code §18-9D-16:

I. Student Health & Safety

This project has a generally positive effect on student and teacher health and safety.

II. Economies of Scale

This project meets economies of scale: Yes.

III. Reasonable Travel Time

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

IV. Multi-County and Regional Planning

This project is a single-county project.

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

This project 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 will address a school with a high utilization factor by eliminating overcrowding.

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 10/20/23 with Dora Stutler, Superintendent, Jimmy Lopez, Jennifer Oliverio, and Jeovanna Comer of Harrison County Schools, and Mark Miller of the SBA Staff.
- On behalf of Harrison County Schools, a project budget and conceptual plan was established by McKinley Architects and Engineers.

Project Comments by the SBA Staff:

- The emergency closure of Norwood Elementary School led to the relocation of its students to Nutter Fort Primary and Simpson Elementary. Temporary modular classrooms had to be installed at Nutter Fort to house the additional students since the primary school was at 100% utilization. Spaces also had to be reallocated at Simpson Elementary to accommodate the influx of students. Simpson utilized the cafeteria as an activity room, and the increased enrollment has magnified the need for a dedicated physical education space.
- Harrison County proposes to add six (6) classrooms and smaller support spaces to Nutter Fort Primary, along with addition of two classrooms and a multi-purpose activity room to Simpson Elementary to accommodate the influx of students from Norwood Elementary. This project would relieve overcrowded rooms at both schools, relocate PreK students from the modular classroom at Nutter Fort back into the main building, and create proper spaces for special education and support services that have been relegated to inadequate repurposed classrooms.
- The County has successfully transitioned all students from Norwood to Nutter Fort and Simpson in a very short period. The staff have all been placed, and both schools have been very creative and adaptive in trying to accommodate students and staff with limited space.

Existing Building Evaluation Report

Nutter Fort Primary School

- Year of Original Construction: 1993
- Number and Year of Major Additions: 3
- Grade Configuration: PK-2
- Number of Classrooms: 29
- 2nd Month Enrollment (22-23 School Year): 562
- Building Program Capacity: 625
- Building Program Utilization: 95%
- Building Total Square Footage: 121,009 sq. ft.
- Site Size: 40 acres
- Site Adequacy: Adequate
- Site Access: Adequate
- Parking Adequacy: Adequate
- Flood Plain: No
- HVAC System Type: Electric
- HVAC System Overall Condition: Fair
- Restroom Facilities: Adequate
- Food Service Facilities: Adequate
- On-site Review Conducted:
 - Fire Safety Deficiencies: 0
 - Sanitation Reports: 0
 - State Board of Risk/Insurance: 0
- Overall Condition of the Building: Excellent

Existing Building Evaluation Report
Simpson Elementary School

- Year of Original Construction: 1970
- Number and Year of Major Additions: 2
- Grade Configuration: PK-5
- Number of Classrooms: 26
- 2nd Month Enrollment (22-23 School Year): 420
- Building Program Capacity 545
- Building Program Utilization: 98%
- Building Total Square Footage 42,510 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: Excellent
- Restroom Facilities: Adequate
- Food Service Facilities: Adequate
- On-site Review Conducted:
 - Fire Safety Deficiencies 0
 - Sanitation Reports 0
 - State Board of Risk/Insurance 0
- Overall Condition of the Building: Excellent

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County's Proposed Finance Plan for this Project:

Funding Sources	County Proposal	Percent
SBA Funds:	\$ 5,842,600	74%
Local Funds:	\$ 2,000,000	26%
Other Funds: _____	\$ 0	0%
Total Funds:	\$ 7,842,600	100%

County Budget Information as of June 30, 2022:

Total County Budget: \$93,174,883 State Rank: 10th Distressed County: No

Bonding and Levy Capacities:

Bonding Capacity: \$210,228,093 Available Bonding Capacity: \$210,228,093
Excess Levy Capacity: \$31,449,606 Available Levy Capacity: \$3,590,326

History of SBA Funding:

- Net: \$ 4,842,370.94
- NEEDs: \$53,608,878.73
- MIP: \$ 5,071,179.67
- Emergency: \$ 0
- SAS: \$ 1,254,673.11
- **Total:** **\$64,777,102.45**

List of Needs Projects Funded:

- New Big Elm & Nutter Fort ES
- 2 HS Additions/Renovations
- South Harrison MS A/R
- New Salem/Gore MS
- New Lumberport ES
- New Lumberport MS
- New Johnson ES
- United HS Reno. to Gore ES

Ongoing SBA Project(s): None