



# Needs Based Public School Building Fund

Franklin County Schools

Board of Education Meeting

1/10/22



Dr. Rhonda Schuhler, Superintendent  
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Services

# Eligibility for Grant



County debt and tax generation must meet criteria.

- \$30,000,000.00 max for Elementary School
- \$40,000,000.00 max for Middle School
- \$50,000,000.00 max for High School

Per DPI, Franklin County Schools is eligible for a 5% (of awarded amount) matching grant

(example \$30,000,000.00 award plus \$1,500,000.00 match (5%) = \$31,500,000.00)

Match “must come from county funds, other non-state funds, or a combination of these sources.” ***More research coming.***

Priority to Tier 1 and Tier 2 counties.

Have not received a grant in the last 3 years.

**Per documentation from DPI, we are eligible to apply for the grant!**

# Criteria for use



- New/replacement school
- School renovation (partial or total) of existing school facility
- Additions to existing school facility
- Repairs to existing school facility

Grant funds may not be used for improvements or construction of an administrative facility. Grant funds may not be used to purchase real property.

# Questions



- Is there a required timeline or requirement for “shovel ready project?”-**No. The grant can span several years according to DPI.**
- Is the FES replacement school a qualifying project for consideration? **Yes, according to DPI.**
- Can our current Feasibility Study proposal be adjusted to build project for \$31,500,000.00? **Yes, this project can be modified according to Davis-Kane.**
- Can we get assistance in planning out timeline and scope of project with no obligation for any future projects? **Yes. Davis-Kane has agreed to assist with these efforts. If we are awarded the project, we would then begin the RFQ process to retain an A/E vendor to complete the project.**
- Would this funding remove or renovate existing facilities? **No. It would likely take the entire award amount to build the new school.**
- Can design costs be included in the grant funding. **Yes according to DPI.**
- Can the match requirement be spread over several years? **Yes according to DPI.**
- Does Franklin County qualify in regards to debt/tax rates? **Yes, according to DPI.**
- What is the total NC amount awarded for 21/22? **Per the chart, \$395,000,000.00. This is a competitive grant process.**

# Funding



Match “must come from county funds, other non-state funds, or a combination of these sources.” ***More research coming.*** It appears that this can be allocated in smaller amounts over the length of the project, thus making it a more attractive option.

Sources may include

- FC BOC funds.
- Any local or “non-state” funds.

**If we choose to replace FES, the maximum required match would be \$1,500,000.00.**

# Dates and Proposed Timeline



- January-Permission from FCS BOE to develop application for consideration at February BOE meeting
- February/late January-Endorsement and commitment from FC BOC
- March 15, 2022-Application due
- April 12, 2022-Awards announced

# Recommended Motion



Motion to approve development of the Needs Based Capital Fund application for a new Franklinton Elementary School facility, including communication and coordination with Franklin County to support these efforts.