

NORTH CAROLINA

WAYNE COUNTY

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 11:02 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th floor of the Wayne County Courthouse Annex, 224 E. Walnut Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and take necessary action on an application to increase the prior grant award from the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund for Fremont Elementary School and to Receive an update on the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Emergency Temporary Standard regarding COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing in the workplace and take any necessary action on a Wayne County COVID-19 Vaccination, Testing, and Face Covering Policy..

Members present: Joe Daughtery, Chairman; George Wayne Aycock, Jr., Vice-Chairman; Freeman Hardison, Jr.; Barbara Aycock; Bevan Foster; Chris Gurley (via remote access); and Antonio Williams.

Members absent: None

Others present: County Manager Craig Honeycutt; Assistant County Manager Chip Crumpler; County Attorney E. B. Borden Parker; Staff Attorney Andrew Neal; Board of Education Chairman Chris West; Board of Education Members Craig Foucht; Wade Leatham; Tommy Sanders; Wayne County Public Schools Assistant Superintendent Dr. Timmy Harrell; Wayne County staff; and Clerk to the Board Carol Bowden.

Call to Order

Chairman Joe Daughtery called the meeting to order.

Motion to Allow Commissioner Chris Gurley to attend the meeting remotely

Upon motion of Commissioner Freeman Hardison, Jr., the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved Commissioner Chris Gurley attending the meeting via remote access.

Invocation

Commissioner Antonio Williams gave the invocation.

11:04 A.M. Commissioner Bevan Foster Joined the Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Freeman Hardison, Jr. led the Board of Commissioners in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Discussion of the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund Grant

Chairman Joe Daughtery asked County Manager Craig Honeycutt to explain the reason for a second grant application for Fremont Elementary School. Mr. Honeycutt read the following:

On January 19, 2021, Wayne County approved of the application for the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund grant from the North Carolina Education Lottery Commission. The original grant was approved, with a maximum of \$15 million awarded and a local match of \$5 million. Part of this grant award included that the County would not receive its lottery funding for a period of five years. The grant was awarded in April of 2021.

On September 21, 2021 we modified our agreement with Wayne County Public Schools to state that the Guaranteed Maximum Price be at or below \$23 million. This meant that Wayne County committed for the Fremont Elementary School construction project \$8 million

towards construction, plus the loss lottery funds of approximately \$6 million over the next five years.

New provisions in the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund grant in the approved State budget now allows a maximum of \$30 million award, with a 5% local match of \$1.5 million as long as construction has not begun on the project. In working with our legislative delegation and Wayne County School Board, we would like to reapply for this grant under the new funding guidelines, as no construction has begun on the project. This would not change the scope of the original Fremont Elementary School project, but allow us to lower our matching funds for the project and to save our lottery funds over the next five years.

By reapplying, we are in no danger of losing our current grant award, only supplementing. Wayne County Public Schools Board of Education approved of this new application at their meeting on Monday, January 10, 2022, and we would ask that you approve this as well.

Vice-Chairman George Wayne Aycock, Jr. thanked those involved for working to save the County monies.

Commissioner Antonio Williams stated he was excited the County would get back the lottery funding.

Chairman Joe Daughtery stated due diligence was done and thanked the Board of Education for finding the provision. He thanked the N.C. Legislators who reversed the loss of lottery funding to the County and asked Mr. Honeycutt to clarify the reinstatement of lottery funds already lost for the current year.

Commissioner Barbara Aycock thanked the Board of Education and stated she hoped the working partnership between the Boards would continue.

Upon motion of Commissioner Barbara Aycock, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved reapplying for the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund grant for Fremont Elementary School, to lower the matching funds for the project and save the County's lottery funds for the next five years, attached hereto as Attachment A.

Dr. Tim Harrell thanked the Board and gave an update on Rosewood Middle School. He said discussion is ongoing and the RFQ process has begun. He stated the Wayne County Public Schools Facilities Committee would continue the progress at their January meeting, and said the building additions from the year 2000 at the middle school would be kept. He added, the school Board and staff are planning to have a working group like one created for Fremont Elementary.

Update on the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS)

Staff Attorney Andrew Neal stated no decision had been made and the matter was removed from the agenda.

Adjournment

At 11:14 a.m., Chairman Joe Daughtery adjourned the special meeting of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.


Carol Bowden, Clerk to the Board
Wayne County Board of Commissioners

Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund

2021 Grant Application Public School Capital Fund

2021 Grant Application

Application Deadline: March 15, 2022

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NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND**2021 GRANT APPLICATION****PROGRAM CRITERIA**Date: January 7, 2022**BACKGROUND**

The Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund was established to assist counties with their critical public school building capital needs. Grants from the NBPSCF are funded with revenue from the NC Education Lottery. Grant funds are available to eligible counties for construction of new school buildings and additions, repairs, and renovations of existing school facilities.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

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| • Guidance Issued | December 17, 2021 |
| • Application Deadline | March 15, 2022 |
| • Award Announcements | April 12, 2022 (anticipated) |

ELIGIBILITY

Counties with an adjusted market value of taxable real property of less than \$40 billion are eligible to apply for a grant under the NBPSCF program. The list of eligible counties is published by DPI annually prior to the NBPSCF application period. The list of eligible counties for FY2021-22 is available here:

<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/school-planning/capital-funding>

Grant funds must be used only for construction of new school buildings and additions, repairs, and renovations. Grant funds cannot be used for real property acquisition or for capital improvements to administrative buildings.

PROGRAM FUNDING

Funding available for the NBPSCF grant awards totals \$395 million for FY2021-22.

MATCHING FUNDS

Counties receiving a grant are required to provide local matching funds from county funds, other non-state funds, or a combination of these sources, in accordance with G.S. 115C-546.11. Local matching fund requirements range from 0% to 35% of the grant amount, and are published by DPI annually prior to the NBPSCF application period. The local match requirement applicable to the project is the published local match requirement in effect at the time of the grant award. Local matching requirements for FY2021-22 grant applicants are available here: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/school-planning/capital-funding>

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MAXIMUM AWARD

Grant award maximums are as follows:

- Up to \$30 million for an Elementary School
- Up to \$40 million for a Middle School
- Up to \$50 million for a High School

Applications will be reviewed in the context of projected enrollment to evaluate the reasonableness of project size and scope.

REPORTING

Grant recipients are required to submit a report by April 1 of each year, with each grant funds distribution request, and upon completion of the project, detailing: the use of grant funds, progress on the project, and impact of the project on the county's school capital plan.

Grant funds will be disbursed in a series of payments based on the progress of the project. To receive a distribution, the grant recipient must submit a request for distribution, along with documentation of the expenditures for which the distribution is requested, and evidence that the matching requirement has been met. DPI will provide grant recipients with Reporting and Distribution Request forms following announcement of awards.

AGREEMENT

A county receiving Needs-Based grant funds is required to enter into an agreement with the Department of Public Instruction detailing the use of grant funds, in accordance with G.S. 115C-546.12. DPI will provide grant recipients with Agreement Forms following announcement of awards. Signed Agreements are due within 60 days of award announcement.

NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND**2021 GRANT APPLICATION****PROGRAM CRITERIA**Date: January 7, 2022**EVALUATION**

Applications are evaluated on critical needs, budget detail, and the following criteria per G.S. 115C-546.10:

Prioritization	Definition/Calculation/Data Source
Prior Recipient	Counties previously awarded grant funds from the NBPSCF that have not yet started construction of the project may apply to increase the grant award. [SL 2021-180, 4.4.(b)]
Tier Designation	Counties designated as development tier one areas.
Ability to Generate Tax Revenue	Total revenue generated by a one-cent per \$100 valuation increase in the county property tax rate. (NC State Treasurer, Analysis of Debt of North Carolina Counties 6-30-2020)
Ratio of Debt to Tax Revenue	<u>Debt</u> : Sum of County Debt from [General Obligation Bonds, Installment Purchase Debt, Special Obligation Bonds, QZABs and QSCBs, Certificates of Participation] (NC State Treasurer, Analysis of Debt of North Carolina Counties 6-30-2020) <u>Revenue</u> : Sum of County Revenues from Property Taxes, Other Taxes, and Sales Tax, FY 2019-20 (NC Department of Revenue, Statistical Abstract of North Carolina Taxes 2020)
Critical Deficiency	The extent to which a project will address critical deficiencies in adequately serving the current and future student population.
Facility Construction	Projects with new construction or complete renovation of existing facilities.
Facility Replacement	Projects that will consolidate two or more schools into one new facility.
Applicant Status	Counties that have not received a grant in the previous three years.

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2021 GRANT APPLICATION

CONTACT INFORMATION

Date: January 7, 2022

SUBMIT ONE APPLICATION PER SCHOOL CAMPUS – A PROJECT MAY INCLUDE MULTIPLE BUILDINGS

County: Wayne
Primary Contact: Allison Speight
Title: Finance Officer, County of Wayne
Address: 224-226 E. Walnut St., Goldsboro, NC 27533
Phone: 919-731-1437
email: allison.speight@waynegov.com

School Unit: Wayne County Public Schools
Primary Contact: Dr. Tim Harrell
Title: Assistant Superintendent, Wayne County Public Schools
Address: P.O. Drawer 1797, Goldsboro, NC 27533
Phone: 919-731-5900
email: timmyharrell@wcps.org

APPLICATION SUBMITTAL

Submit completed applications and supporting materials by Tuesday, March 15, 2022 via email to:

Nathan Maune | School Planning Section Chief | 984-236-2919 | nathan.maune@dpi.nc.gov

SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST – SUBMIT ALL FILES IN PDF FORMAT

- Contact Information
- Application Form
- Project Narrative
- Budget Estimate
- Additional Documentation (as appropriate)
- Signed Assurance Page

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2021 GRANT APPLICATION

PROJECT INFORMATION

Date: January 7, 2022

Project Title:

Replacement and Expansion of Fremont Elementary School

Location:

Fremont, NC

Type of Facility:

Elementary School

Short Description of Proposed School Construction Project:

This project is intended to replace a small, outdated elementary school with a larger and more modern facility.

The current facility dates back to 1923 and has a core capacity of 402 students. By replacing this school with a larger, more modern facility in the same general area of the county, we will not only provide a better learning environment for existing students, but we will also be able to ease overcrowding in two neighboring zones.

Describe the critical need this project addresses and the impact on student outcomes:

The original building at Fremont Elementary School dates back to 1923 and is still in use. Additions were built in 1955 and 1991. The school cannot be effectively modernized and expansion on the current site is not feasible due to the limitations of its core capacity spaces and the size of the parcel on which the school sits.

Two of the elementary schools whose boundaries border Fremont are well over capacity. Northeast Elementary currently operates at 118% capacity and Northwest Elementary currently operates at 108% capacity; this includes their use of a combined nineteen (19) mobile unit classrooms to serve students. These capacity issues cause students to attend school in cramped conditions, often using storage rooms, alcoves, and other small spaces for instructional purposes. Further, the smaller core capacity in these overcrowded facilities leads to students being served lunch as early as 10:05 a.m., and reduced access to the schools' media centers, computer labs, and other shared spaces. These capacity issues have been made worse with the implementation of the K-3 class size restrictions enacted in recent years.

Wayne County Public Schools has purchased land less than half of one mile from the existing school in Fremont. The district seeks to replace the outdated facility in Fremont with a larger and more modern school that is conducive to 21st Century teaching and learning. The district recently opened Meadow Lane Elementary School, a technology-rich facility designed to provide students with a safe and inviting learning environment. By replicating this facility in Fremont, the district can adjust attendance boundaries along the east and west sides of Fremont to bring students out of mobile units at overcrowded schools and into a modern school building that promotes student success.

(please attach additional information as necessary)

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Has this project received a previous NBPSCF grant?

☒ YES ☐ NOIf YES, provide date and dollar amount of previous award(s): \$15,000,000.00 was awarded in the 2020-2021 application cycle (official notification was dated October 14, 2020).

Was this project identified in the 5-year plan in the 2020-21 Facility Needs Survey?

☒ YES ☐ NO

If not, provide explanation and attach equivalent information:

Will this project replace any existing facilities?

☒ YES ☐ NOIf YES, which school(s): Fremont Elementary SchoolHow many students will be served by this project? Approximately 750

Has Advanced Planning been done for this project?

☒ YES ☐ NO

Land has been purchased, a design for the school has been selected, and a Construction Manager At Risk has been identified.

Have Construction Documents been completed for this project?

☒ YES ☐ NOThe district intends to replicate the new Meadow Lane Elementary School, opened in the fall of 2019.
Pre-Construction contracts have been approved.Anticipated or Actual Bid Date: Estimated April 2022Estimated Start Date of Construction: Estimated Summer 2022Estimated Completion Date of Construction: Estimated Fall 2023

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Estimated Project Costs	Local (non-State)	NBPSCF Grant Funds	Total
Planning	\$ <u>93,913.05</u>	\$ <u>1,878,260.86</u>	\$ <u>1,972,173.91</u>
Construction	\$ <u>1,330,434.78</u>	\$ <u>26,608,695.66</u>	\$ <u>27,939,130.44</u>
Other Costs*	\$ <u>75,652.17</u>	\$ <u>1,513,043.48</u>	\$ <u>1,588,695.65</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,500,000.00</u>	\$ <u>30,000,000.00</u>	\$ <u>31,500,000.00</u>

*Project costs normally categorized as 'owner's direct costs' on a construction project – may include items such as site surveys, materials testing, site utilities, geotechnical reports, etc. Land acquisition costs are not eligible.

Source(s) of required Local Matching Funds:

The County plans to use a combination of pay-go and debt financing proceeds to provide the required match for this project.

Have any of the Local Matching Funds been expended at the time of application?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If YES, provide amount expended: _____

If YES, provide description of work: _____

Estimated Project Expenditures by Fiscal Year (show estimated period over which funds will be spent by Fiscal Year)

Total Expenditures	2021-22 or earlier	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25 or later	Total
Local Match (Non-State Funds)	\$ 185,019.00	\$ 980,250.00	\$ 334,731.00	\$	\$ 1,500,000.00
Requested NBPSCF Grant Funds*	\$ 3,700,380.00	\$ 19,605,000.00	\$ 6,694,620.00	\$	\$ 30,000,000.00
	\$ 3,885,399.00	\$ 20,585,250.00	\$ 7,029,351.00	\$	\$ 31,500,000

*Total requested grant funding cannot exceed maximum allowed under G.S. 115C-546.11(c).

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

Date: January 7, 2022

Any project funded with a grant from the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund must follow the same review process as any other LEA capital project.

- A registered Architect and/or registered Engineer shall prepare the drawings and specifications in accordance with G.S. 133-1 through 133-4.1, as applicable.
- School Planning design review is required. Design documents must be submitted at appropriate intervals during design – SD, DD, and CD. Neither the LEA nor the County shall invest any funds in construction of the project until the review process is completed.
- Transmittal of drawings and specifications to School Planning must include the form at:
<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/media/581/download>
- Design of the project should be in compliance with DPI School Planning Guidelines:
<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/school-planning>
- DPI Facility Design Guidelines can be found at:
<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/media/569/download>
- DPI School Science Facility Requirements can be found at:
<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/media/570/download>
<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/media/571/download>
- For projects involving the closing of an existing school, the LEA must follow these procedures:
<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/media/13311/download>
- For projects involving the demolition of an existing school building, the LEA must follow the closing procedure noted above and must submit a Feasibility and Cost Analysis:
<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/media/544/download>

NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND**2021 GRANT APPLICATION****ASSURANCE PAGE**Date: January 7, 2022

By signing below, we assure the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction that we are officials of our respective organizations and we are authorized to submit this application on behalf of these organizations.

We certify the following:

- The information provided in this proposal is correct and complete.
- The project described in the application is within the parameters of the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund as required in Article 38B of G.S. 115C-546, and that all of the required local funding is available and designated as a match for this project.
- All Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund grant proceeds and the required Local Matching funds will be used for the construction project described in the application.
- We will work cooperatively with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in monitoring and evaluating the progress of the project to meet statutory reporting requirements. We will report on project status and State and local funds expended by April 1 of each year, at the time of each distribution request, and within 90 days of project completion.
- Upon receiving a Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund grant award, we will enter into an agreement with the Department of Public Instruction detailing the use of grant funds, in accordance with G.S. 115C-546.12.
- All applicable federal and state laws will be adhered to, including promotion of equal opportunity without regard to race, color, religion, gender, age, disability, political affiliation, or national origin.
- Generally accepted fiscal control and accounting procedures will be followed to ensure proper disbursement and accounting of funds from the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund grant proceeds and required Local Matching funds.


(Signature – Chair, County Commissioners)

1-12-22
(Date)


(Signature – Chair, Board of Education)

1-12-22
(Date)