



DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE & BUDGET
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners
VIA: Julian M. Willis, County Administrator
VIA: Sharon Strand, Director
FROM: Veronica Atkinson, Capital Projects Analyst
DATE: November 23, 2021
SUBJECT: Interagency Commission on School Construction (IAC) – Local Funding Support Letter

Background:

The Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) establishes the criteria for the calculation of the formula for the States participation in the eligible costs associated with public school construction. Each fiscal year a request is made by the Board of Education (BOE) through Finance & Budget to review the upcoming fiscal years' capital construction program requests and sign the Interagency Commission on School Construction (IAC) letter of support.

Discussion:

The Department of Finance & Budget received the FY23 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) requests from the BOE, as well as the request of local support for construction projects. The BOE identified the below projects for State and Local funding. The BOE listed priority 1 as the final funding request of the Beach Elementary School replacement. The 2nd and 3rd requests; Calvert Elementary HVAC & Partial Roof and Plum Point Middle HVAC, Phase 1, had been requested in the previous years (FY21) CIP, however they were deferred by the IAC due to funding constraints. The projects that the BOE has listed as priorities 4 and 5 consist of state funding through the Healthy School Facility Fund (HSFF), with the allocated (local) county share as broken out below.

Below are the projects that the BOE is requesting the Board's approval for State support:

Priority	Project	State	Local	Total
1	Beach Elementary School Replacement	\$ 4,189,000	\$ 4,147,250	\$ 8,336,250
2	Calvert Elementary HVAC & Partial Roof	1,269,180	-	1,269,180
3	Plum Point Middle HVAC, Phase 1	1,895,920	375,000	2,270,920
4	Career Technology Academy - Partial Rood (HSFF)	854,000	731,000	1,585,000
5	Sunderland Elementary Partial HVAC (HSFF)	316,400	246,600	563,000
		<u>\$ 8,524,500</u>	<u>\$ 5,499,850</u>	<u>\$ 14,024,350</u>

Fiscal Impact:

The FY23 CIP Staff Recommended budget will increase by \$14,024,350 which is about a \$3m increase from what was requested in the FY22 6-year CIP. The local/county share is request is \$5,499,850 and the requested state share is \$8,524,500. The BOE's CIP budget always includes both local and state financial support. The local support is funded by pay-go, debt and excise tax and the state support is listed under grants/other.

Conclusion/Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Board sign the IAC letter of support for the BOE's FY23 Capital Construction Program.

Coordination: Office of the County Attorney