Benjamin School District 25
Business Services

Action Item

FY27 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE PROJECT GRANT

Background:

The Illinois State Board of Education has made approximately $48.4 million available for the FY 2027 School Maintenance Project Grant (SMPG) program. The SMPG is a dollar-for-dollar state matching grant program that will provide awards of up to $50,000 to school districts for the maintenance or upkeep of buildings or structures for educational purposes.

There is no limit on the cost of a project; however, grant awards shall not exceed $50,000 per grant, and applicants shall provide a match from local funds equal to the requested grant amount. Additionally, the Board must formally approve the application prior to submission. However, applying does not guarantee that a grant will be approved or awarded.

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The District has applied for and received this Grant for the past three fiscal years:

FY24: District-Wide Re-Roof Project
FY25: BMS Locker Replacement Project
FY26: BMS Casework Refresh

This year, the District has identified the need to increase airflow and improve heating and cooling in the Benjamin Main Office suite. This area did not receive new units as part of the 2024 project, as the renovation of this space was unknown at the time. The project will provide for the Installation of Heating and Cooling rooftop units. The project is currently estimated to cost $120,000.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the application for the FY27 School Maintenance Project Grant for submission to the Illinois State Board of Education.