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GOVERNOR LEE, COMMISSIONER ROLFE AWARD THREESTAR GRANTS TO FIFTY-NINE TENNESSEE COUNTIES

- *ThreeStar grant program will provide \$2.4 million to Tennessee communities*
- *Funds support local workforce training, health and economic development initiatives*
- *All 95 Tennessee counties met requirements for ThreeStar certification*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Tennessee Governor Bill Lee and Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bob Rolfe announced today the 59 counties that will receive ThreeStar grants.

In total, TNECD is awarding \$2.4 million in funding to Tennessee communities through this round of the ThreeStar grant program.

The grants will be used for a variety of local community development initiatives, including education, workforce development, health, entrepreneurship and economic development programs, among others that are prioritized by the communities.

“These 59 ThreeStar grants will help counties all across Tennessee invest in vital community development initiatives,” Lee said. “I’m eager to see these programs strengthen the quality of life, access to workforce training programs, and economic opportunities for our residents in rural Tennessee.”

“The ThreeStar grant program has a proven track record of success, and I’m pleased to announce this year’s grant recipients,” Rolfe said. “TNECD is proud to assist communities that are committed to improving their workforce readiness and quality of life with these types of innovative local programs.”

ThreeStar promotes economic and community prosperity through collaboration to positively impact every Tennessean. For the third time in the past four years, all 95 Tennessee counties gained ThreeStar certification.

To be eligible for ThreeStar grants, each county must meet all ThreeStar certification requirements, develop an asset-based strategic plan and design a program to implement a goal from its strategic plan. The 59 counties were selected out of 78 applications.

“TNECD is committed to helping communities in areas that they prioritize on a local level,” Jody Sliger, TNECD’s Community Development Director, said. “We are proud to partner with these 59 communities and support a wide range of community development programs all across our state.”

The grants have been awarded to the following counties:

Anderson: \$20,000
Bedford: 30,000
Benton: \$50,000
Bledsoe: \$50,000
Carroll: \$50,000
Carter: \$50,000
Chester: \$10,000
Claiborne: \$50,000
Clay: \$50,000
Cocke: \$25,000
Crockett: \$50,000
Cumberland: \$50,000
Decatur: \$50,000
DeKalb: \$50,000
Dickson: \$50,000
Fentress: \$5,000
Giles: \$50,000
Greene: \$10,000
Grundy: \$50,000
Hardeman: \$25,000
Hardin: \$50,000
Henderson: \$50,000
Henry: \$50,000
Hickman: \$40,000
Humphreys: \$50,000
Jackson: \$50,000
Johnson: \$50,000
Lauderdale: \$50,000
Lewis: \$20,000
Lincoln: \$24,000
Loudon: \$37,500
Marion: \$25,000
Marshall: \$50,000
McMinn: \$50,000
McNairy: \$50,000
Montgomery: \$25,000

Morgan: \$50,000
Obion: \$40,000
Overton: \$50,000
Perry: \$50,000
Pickett: \$50,000
Polk: \$35,000
Rhea: \$50,000
Roane: \$50,000
Robertson: \$18,500
Scott: \$50,000
Sequatchie: \$32,878
Sevier: \$50,000
Smith: \$50,000
Stewart: \$50,000
Sumner: \$50,000
Tipton: \$50,000
Unicoi: \$50,000
Union: \$50,000
Warren: \$40,000
Washington: \$27,500
Wayne: \$50,000
White: \$50,000
Wilson: \$40,250

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