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Governor Lee, Commissioner McWhorter Announce 78 Communities to Receive Community Development Block Grants

- *Grants will assist with local infrastructure, safety and other community improvements*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee and Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Stuart C. McWhorter recently approved \$36.6 million in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), which will assist communities with infrastructure improvements, housing rehabilitations and health and safety initiatives.

“Congratulations to the 78 communities receiving funding through the latest round of Community Development Block Grants,” said Lee. “What happens in rural Tennessee matters to all Tennesseans, and these infrastructure improvements will be key in preparing communities for future economic development opportunities and continued growth.

The allocation of CDBG funds is based on priorities set through the public meeting process at the local community level. The CDBG program is funded through HUD and administered in Tennessee by the Department of Economic and Community Development. Funds are available for water and sewer improvements, housing rehabilitation, health and safety projects and other improvements to enhance the quality of life in Tennessee’s rural communities.

In addition to traditional community improvement and safety projects, funding was also made available for community development projects, such as sidewalk and walking trail improvements, street paving and community centers.

“Recruiting companies to Tennessee and supporting our state’s existing business is a small part of our role at TNECD. Before we can land a new project, celebrate an expansion or provide support to small businesses, we have to ensure that our communities have the infrastructure and quality of life to support and attract these economic development opportunities,” said McWhorter. “The latest round of Community Development Block Grants is assisting 78 of Tennessee’s communities with needed updates that will boost their quality of life for years to come.”

Below is a list of the 78 Community Development Block Grants:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Award Amount</u>
Ardmore	Storm Shelter	\$400,000

Baileyton	Park Improvements	\$308,594
Bell Buckle	Sewer Rehabilitation	\$630,000
Brownsville	Hatchie Street Safety Improvements	\$630,000
Cannon County	Fire Protection	\$420,000
Caryville	All Inclusive Park & Amphitheater	\$627,005
Centerville	Sewer System Rehabilitation	\$525,000
Coalmont	Fire Station Project	\$537,590
Collinwood	Street Improvements	\$270,000
Copperhill	Sewer System Improvements-Phase II	\$630,000
Cornersville	Sidewalk Improvements	\$208,826
Crab Orchard	Street Improvements	\$200,000
Crossville	ADA Greenway Trail	\$630,000
DeKalb County	Ambulance Service	\$352,497
Dover	Road Infrastructure Improvement	\$313,171
Dunlap	Harris Park Improvements-Phase II	\$630,000
Dyer	City Park ADA Improvements	\$399,535
Elizabethton	Community Pool Renovation	\$630,000
Estill Springs	Street Improvements	\$456,261
Ethridge	Fire Protection	\$420,000
Etowah	Fire Station Project	\$630,000
Fayette County	Emergency Management Complex/Fire Station	\$630,000
Franklin County	Fire Protection	\$398,400
Gainesboro	Sewer System Improvements	\$630,000
Gallaway	Sewer System Improvements	\$300,000
Greeneville	Sidewalk Improvements	\$630,000
Hamblen County	Fire Service Improvements	\$420,000
Hawkins County	Highway Department Improvements	\$630,000
Haywood County	Ambulance Authority Renovation Project	\$630,000
Henderson	Fire Improvement Project	\$419,995
Henning	Water System Improvements	\$286,700
Hollow Rock	Local Park Improvements	\$630,000
Jasper	City Park Improvements-Phase I	\$630,000
Kimball	Fire Protection	\$420,000
Lake County	Ambulance Service	\$378,820
Lexington	Communication System Improvements	\$580,803
Linden	Sewer System Rehabilitation	\$329,000
Livingston	Wastewater Treatment Plant Renovation	\$450,000
Lobelville	Street Improvements	\$332,833
Lynnville	Street Improvements	\$110,565
Macon County	Fire Protection	\$364,465
Madison County	Emergency Services Facility	\$630,000

Madisonville	Sewer System Improvements	\$534,640
Martin	Recreation Facility Improvements	\$630,000
Maury City	Sewer System Improvements	\$274,085
Maury County	Sewer System Rehabilitation	\$560,000
Maynardville	Park Development Project	\$587,572
McMinn County	Bicentennial Park Improvements-Phase II	\$630,000
McMinnville	Sewer System Enhancements	\$630,000
Minor Hill	City Park Lighting Improvements	\$243,000
Monteagle	Fire Protection	\$294,411
Monterey	Sewer System Improvements	\$315,000
Moore County	Street Improvements	\$200,000
Mountain City	Ralph Stout Park Improvements	\$630,000
Mt. Pleasant	Water System Improvements	\$630,000
New Market	Community Center Rehabilitation	\$337,725
Overton County	Fairgrounds Revitalization	\$545,330
Pickett County	EMS Improvements	\$357,280
Polk County	Copper Basin Boys and Girls Club Development	\$630,000
Rhea County	Multipurpose Community Outreach Center	\$630,000
Rives	Fire Protection	\$281,600
Roane County	Fire Service Improvements	\$420,000
Rogersville	City Park Improvements	\$630,000
Sequatchie County	Valley Fest Site Improvements Project-Phase II	\$630,000
Sharon	City Park Improvements	\$373,532
Shelbyville	Sidewalk Improvements	\$550,000
Spencer	Water System Rehabilitation	\$630,000
St. Joseph	Street Improvements	\$182,390
Tiptonville	Street Improvements	\$630,000
Trenton	Sewer System Improvements	\$630,000
Trezevant	Sewer System Improvements	\$232,115
Unicoi	Street Improvements	\$630,000
Vonore	Park Improvements	\$497,416
Wartrace	Sewer System Improvements	\$450,000
Waynesboro	Street Improvements	\$505,000
Westmoreland	Fire Service Improvements	\$256,366
White Bluff	Pedestrian Connector Project	\$300,000
White County	EMS Improvements	\$423,086

Each application was supported by the community's senator and representatives in the Tennessee General Assembly.

About the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development

The Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development's mission is to develop strategies that help make Tennessee the No. 1 location in the Southeast for high quality jobs. To grow and strengthen Tennessee, the department seeks to attract new corporate investment to the state and works with Tennessee companies to facilitate expansion and economic growth. Find us on the web: tnecd.com. Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#): @tnecd. Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/tnecd.

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