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Governor Lee, Commissioner Rolfe Award ThreeStar Grants to 54 Tennessee Counties

- *54 grants total \$2.4 million*
- *Funds support local workforce training, health and economic development initiatives*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee and Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bob Rolfe announced today that 54 counties 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.

“I congratulate these 54 counties that are receiving ThreeStar grants and thank them for strengthening the quality of life and enhancing workforce development in their communities,” Lee said. “This will help local communities to make Tennessee an even better place to live.”

The funding will be used for a variety of local community development initiatives including education, workforce development, health, tourism, small business, entrepreneurship, and economic development programs, among others that were prioritized through a strategic planning process. ThreeStar promotes economic and community prosperity through collaboration to positively impact every Tennessean.

“The ThreeStar grant program is a valuable tool that assists counties focused on making strides in key areas,” Rolfe said. “TNECD is proud to assist these 54 counties as they develop asset-based strategic plans and invest responsibly in their communities.”

Ninety-four counties have completed the requirements to be certified ThreeStar counties. To be eligible for ThreeStar grants, each county must meet all certification requirements, develop an asset-based strategic plan and design a program to implement a goal from its strategic plan.

“The ThreeStar Grants provide communities with resources to make strategic improvements and support their priority initiatives,” said Jody Sliger, TNECD community development director. “I congratulate these 54 recipients on their efforts to build their economies today with tomorrow in mind.”

The grants have been awarded to the following counties:

Anderson	\$50,000	Macon	\$50,000
Bradley	\$50,000	Maury	\$50,000
Campbell	\$25,000	McMinn	\$21,000
Cannon	\$38,000	McNairy	\$50,000
Carter	\$50,000	Meigs	\$25,000
Clay	\$50,000	Monroe	\$50,000
Cocke	\$50,000	Morgan	\$50,000
Crockett	\$50,000	Overton	\$50,000
Cumberland	\$50,000	Perry	\$35,000
Decatur	\$50,000	Pickett	\$25,000
DeKalb	\$50,000	Polk	\$50,000
Dickson	\$50,000	Putnam	\$20,100
Fentress	\$21,000	Rhea	\$50,000
Giles	\$50,000	Roane	\$50,000
Grundy	\$50,000	Robertson	\$50,000
Hancock	\$50,000	Scott	\$50,000
Haywood	\$50,000	Sequatchie	\$50,000
Henry	\$10,000	Sevier	\$50,000
Hickman	\$50,000	Smith	\$50,000
Houston	\$50,000	Stewart	\$50,000
Humphreys	\$50,000	Sullivan	\$50,000
Jackson	\$50,000	Sumner	\$50,000
Johnson	\$50,000	Trousdale	\$47,500
Lauderdale	\$35,000	Warren	\$25,000
Lewis	\$50,000	Washington*	\$50,000
Lincoln	\$37,000	Wayne	\$50,000
Loudon	\$50,000	White	\$50,000

*Washington County grant is a regional project impacting Carter and Unicoi counties.

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