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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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