



T-Mobile Hometown Grant Recipients Quote Sheet

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Selma, Alabama

"Private/public partnerships always benefit the community. This partnership is no exception. On behalf of the City of Selma and her citizens, we appreciate T-Mobile granting resources that will be used to improve the quality of life within Selma."

James Perkins, JR., Mayor, Selma (AL)

King City, California

"We are extremely excited and appreciative to T-Mobile for this grant making it possible to complete our King City Visitor and History Center project, which has been in the planning stages for several years. It will be instrumental in helping to revitalize our downtown, creating pride and a stronger sense of community among our residents, attracting visitors that will support local businesses and job creation, and assist many who are disadvantaged in our community."

Mike LeBarre, Mayor, King City (CA)

"The King City Chamber of Commerce is pleased to partner with the City of King on the Visitor and History Center project and is extremely thankful to T-Mobile for this grant to help make the project possible. The project will build community pride and be part of an important economic development effort designed to support existing, and stimulate new, local businesses. Helping small businesses is particularly important now due to the impacts of the pandemic and is a critical goal in King City to create job growth to help those in need in our community."

Janet Bessemer, Chamber Manager, King City (CA)

Lake Wales, Florida

"It's great to be selected by T-Mobile as a place to jumpstart our revitalization project and create a signature public gathering space."

Michael Manning, Assistant to the City Manager, Lakes Wales (FL)

"T-Mobile's Hometown Grant is giving us the ability to transform our Downtown Linear Park. City staff is honored to be selected out the 400 hundred applicants this quarter."

James Salton, City Manager, Lake Wales (FL)

Kunia Village, Hawaii

"I'm so excited that T-Mobile has selected the Kunia Village Development Corporation (KVDC) as a recipient for this grant. The 70-year-old gymnasium facility is the only community gathering place for the Kunia Village residents. This grant will allow the KVDC to make the necessary electrical upgrades to this aging facility and allow this structure to continue to be a place of social interaction, physical activity and connection for years to come."

Augie Tulba, Councilmember, Honolulu (HI) City Council District 9

"I was happy to learn of Hawaii Agriculture Research Center being awarded a grant from T-Mobile providing funding to the Kunia Village Development Corporation (KVDC) to upgrade its 70-year-old gymnasium and electrical system. The gymnasium is critical as a community gathering place located in a former pineapple plantation camp and isolated from other communities. We are especially grateful to T-Mobile that this



worthy project was selected in the national competition. Some agricultural workers have lived in this community their entire lives and although many serve as volunteers for the service and maintenance of community facilities, projects such as the electrical system are beyond their capabilities so they were especially thankful for the funding. Mahalo to T-Mobile.”

State Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Hawaii Senate District 22

Rexburg, Idaho

“Like T-Mobile, our goal is to help people connect. The T-Mobile Hometown Grant will help our community connect in a very visible, meaningful way; allowing us to create a lively gathering space where people can engage with each other and the arts. The outdoor stage at the Center Street Plaza will energize our downtown and will be a focal point in Rexburg for years to come. Thank you for supporting our vision, and our hometown.”

Jed Platt, Rexburg (ID) Cultural Arts Director

DeKalb, Illinois

“The City of DeKalb would like to thank T-Mobile for its support of America’s hometowns with this grant opportunity. The projects that will be made possible with this generous funding will go a long way toward bolstering DeKalb’s community spirit and arts scene.”

Cohen, Barnes, Mayor, Dekalb (IL)

Rock Island, Illinois

“Douglas Park has such a significant sports history, and this gift will help complete the park’s renovations to ensure it is a welcoming space for our community to enjoy superior recreational and sports opportunities for years to come.”

Mike Thoms, Mayor, Rock Island (IL)

Fairfield, Iowa

“On behalf of everyone involved with the Greater Fairfield Area Habitat for Humanity, we are *ecstatic* and incredibly grateful to T-Mobile and their Hometown Grant Program for selecting us as a recipient of this grant. The funds will be used for our next three foundations and absolutely solidify our financial stability to complete at least three more homes with hopes of many more. Thank you, T-Mobile!”

Amber Stump McDowell, President, Greater Fairfield (IA) Area Habitat for Humanity

“Fairfield is a resilient city as evident by the people who continue to see Fairfield as next in line to becoming a major catalyst in the economic development of Western Jefferson County. This grant award for \$50k is an example of an older city moving in a new direction and the teamwork demonstrated by the current mayor and council.”

Robert Averhart, Councilmember, Fairfield (IA)

“The citizens of Fairfield would like to see the community center provide recreational activities that will enhance the quality of life in our city. The revitalization of the swimming pool will benefit all our citizens and the city appreciate the help from T-Mobile.”

Eddie Penny, Mayor, Fairfield (IA)

Cambridge, Maryland

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“We are so grateful to T-Mobile, a national entity, for their commitment to a rural community such as ours. This state-of-the-art computer lab will provide opportunities for community members including children, aging persons, and individuals with disabilities to acquire skills that will help them thrive. These computers along with qualified instruction will also provide much needed access to services and support in an area with few options to do so.”

Santo Grande, President and CEO, Delmarva Community Services

Owatonna, Minnesota

“Due to the generous support from T-Mobile through this grant, the library’s new Makerspace and renovated teen space will provide unique, free opportunities for the community as well as our important next generation of workers to explore their talents and become lifelong library users.”

Thomas Kuntz, Mayor, Owatonna (MN)

Taos, New Mexico

"We are thrilled to receive the T-Mobile Hometown Grant. This funding allows us to create a vibrant outdoor gathering space accessible to all community members."

Trisha Fong, Taos Center for the Arts (TCA) Board President

"This support for The Stables Courtyard will not only make the area around The Stables Gallery and historic buildings more accessible for all people who visit downtown Taos and TCA, it will also transform the space into an obvious place for gathering. TCA looks forward to this!"

Chelsea Ridley, incoming Taos Center for the Arts (TCA) Executive Director

Village of Potsdam, New York

“With the generous support of T-Mobile's Hometown Grant, the Village of Potsdam will construct an open-air pavilion adjacent to Ives Park and the beautiful Raquette River, to be used for a wide range of community activities. We whole-heartedly thank T-Mobile for the opportunity to make this dream a reality.”

Reinhold J. Tischler, Mayor, Village of Potsdam (NY)

Town of Poughkeepsie, New York

“The Town of Poughkeepsie is grateful to receive this grant from T-Mobile. This will play an important role in the upgrade to this park and future plans for the town park infrastructure. Thank you for awarding this to the Town of Poughkeepsie.”

Jon Jay Baisley, Town Supervisor, Poughkeepsie (NY)

Kings Mountain, North Carolina

“Mauney Memorial Library and the City of Kings Mountain are excited to receive the Hometown Grant from T-Mobile. The grant will assist in providing an enhanced City service of a community garden that will be accessible for all citizens. The Kings Mountain Community Garden will be an educational, teaching/learning opportunity with fun programs and events at the new garden pavilion, provided for by the Hometown Grant.”

Christina Martin, Director, City of Kings Mountain (NC), Mauney Memorial Library

Ponca City, Oklahoma

“Ponca City is a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family, and the synthetic ice-skating rink will provide another great family-friendly entertainment opportunity locally and regionally. I’m proud of Ponca City Main



Street for working diligently to bring this opportunity to our community, and thankful to T-Mobile for selecting Ponca City for this generous grant.”

State Senator Bill Coleman, Oklahoma Senate District 10

Borough of Hatboro, Pennsylvania

“These funds will allow us to improve the center of our Main Street. The plaza will provide both aesthetic and environmental improvements that will vastly improve our Main Street area.”

George Bollendorf, Jr., Council President, Borough of Hatboro (PA)

Kutztown, Pennsylvania

“We are proud and excited that Keith Haring’s hometown of Kutztown was one of 10 nationally chosen sites for the Keith Haring Outdoor Fitness Court. We have an amazing opportunity to transform one of Kutztown’s highly visible locations into an iconic destination point. With the assistance of the T-Mobile Hometown Grant, Kutztown University and Kutztown Community Partnership will be able to accelerate the timeline for this project. We are thrilled and excited that T-Mobile recognized our commitment to helping our area citizens and college students stay active at every age and stage of life. We believe this fitness court will provide a unique opportunity for the local community to have more access to achieve that goal.”

Sandy Green, Community Liaison, Kutztown University and Kutztown (PA) Community Partnership (KCP)

Hearne, Texas

“This library transformation is a huge event for the city of Hearne! So many people of all ages and backgrounds will be able to benefit from the new spaces and updated areas in our public library. We are so appreciative to be recipients of the T-Mobile Hometown Grant that helped make this possible.”

Ruben Gomez, Mayor, Hearne (TX)

Los Fresnos, Texas

“The Hometown Grant from T-Mobile is truly a blessing for the Los Fresnos Rodeo. The grant will allow us to make improvements to the grounds that will help us reduce expenses and allow us to have more events during the year that bring families together in our area. The T-Mobile grant will also help us with our scholarship program for students in Cameron County. We are especially grateful to T-Mobile for awarding the Los Fresnos Rodeo with its Hometown Grant.”

Larry Cantu, Los Fresnos (TX) Rodeo Chairman

“I join the community of Los Fresnos and the members of the Rodeo in announcing that the Los Fresnos Rodeo in Cameron County was 1 of 25 towns selected nationwide to be recipients of the T-Mobile Hometown Grant. This grant will assist with the building of a new and permanent stage where more performances, concerts, events and fun activities will take place and be enjoyed by our children, families and all the communities in Cameron County and South Texas. We’re very excited to hear about this awarded grant in Los Fresnos - a small town with a big pride - in bringing a great rodeo year after year. Thanks T-Mobile, and congratulations to our Rodeo!”

Eddie Treviño, Jr., Cameron County (TX) Judge

“The local Rodeo committee has worked diligently every year to make the annual rodeo a memorable experience. I am pleased that the \$50,000 Hometown Grant offered by T-Mobile will enable a permanent performance stage as well as other upgrades which will result in more great events to take place in the city of Los Fresnos.”

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Alejandro Flores, Mayor, Los Fresnos (TX)

Robstown, Texas

"The City of Robstown is honored to have been selected for T-Mobile's Hometown Grant! It has been a goal of ours to revitalize the southside area of town and provide our citizens with the first lighted walking trail. This walking trail will provide an easily accessible, healthy outdoor activity for kids and adults in the Casa Blanca neighborhood."

Gilbert Gomez, Mayor, Robstown (TX)

Kingwood, West Virginia

"On behalf of the Preston County Commission, I just want to say how excited we are to have such a wonderful park as a part of the trail system. The investment by T-Mobile's Hometown Grant award is going to be the final step to bring this project to completion. Preston County Parks and Recreation continues to strive to reach every goal they set, and we are so lucky to have a team of professionals invested in, not only making Preston County a better place to live, but also providing activities to help and engaging our residents and visitors alike to live a healthy lifestyle. Thank you, T-Mobile, for the infusion of hope for a better tomorrow."

Samantha Stone, Preston County (WV) Commissioner

Village of Kimberly, Wisconsin

"The T-Mobile Hometown Grant is instrumental in our community effort to fulfill a portion of our vision of consistency in beautification of our bustling business district. This grant will benefit businesses with improved curb appeal and serve as a natural draw to residents as they walk, bike and drive in our downtown corridor. The Village is appreciative that business partners like T-Mobile share our vision in creating and maintaining vibrancy in our community. This grant adds to keeping and improving the Village of Kimberly as a great place to live, learn, work and play."

Chuck Kuen, President, Village of Kimberly (WI)

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