



## T-Mobile Hometown Grant Recipients Quote Sheet June 22, 2022

### South Lake Tahoe, California

“The park will create much needed recreation access in our community. It will help more people in the Ski Run neighborhood to enjoy the beauty of Lake Tahoe that we all love.”

- Devin Middlebrook, Mayor, City of South Lake Tahoe (CA)

“This project has been a dream for the neighborhood for nearly ten years. To see the park become reality with the support of community partners is so exciting.”

- Chris McNamara, Friends of Ski Run

### Adel, Iowa

“The City of Adel is excited to see this creative and engaging project come to life, as it will connect residents and visitors in meaningful ways. With an enhanced gathering space, musical ‘flower’ instruments for all ages, and the overall beautification of this corridor, Rotary Plaza will strengthen and revitalize our hometown going forward.”

- James F. Peters, Mayor, City of Adel (IA)

### Lansing, Iowa

“The Main Street Plaza has a great location in the heart of downtown Lansing, and we look forward to using these grant funds to reinvigorate the space into a welcoming spot for groups and families to gather while they enjoy our community!”

- Andy Kelleher, Executive Director, Main Street Lansing

### Marshalltown, Iowa

“We are delighted as a City recovering from a tornado and a derecho to have an investment from T-Mobile in making Downtown Marshalltown beautiful again!”

- Joel Greer, Mayor, City of Marshalltown (IA)

### Hutchinson, Kansas

“As a child who grew up coming to the Hutchinson Zoo with my grandparents, I am thrilled to see the Nature Play Expansion enter its final phase! This project is at the heartbeat of who the Hutchinson community is - collaborative partners that truly believe we can make a greater impact together. Though the dream of the Nature Play Expansion and Splash River were born out of a match from a Federal grant, the Friends of the Zoo have had many partners help make it a reality for the children of Hutchinson. Receiving a T-Mobile Hometown Grant is a true honor. Children will have opportunities not experienced anywhere else, and the best part is it’s inclusive to all. Through self and social play, children of all physical accessibilities will get to explore and investigate the creek bed.”

- Carissa Iseman, President, Hutchinson Friends of the Zoo Board

### Columbia, Kentucky

“We are extremely excited for the prospect of development that this grant from T-Mobile brings to the local Adair County Fair Association.”

- Pam Hoots, Mayor, City of Columbia (KY)

### West Point, Kentucky

“This project will create a better experience for our tourist as well as a substantial lift in civic pride.”

- Richard A. Ciresi, Councilman, West Point (KY)

### Chelsea, Michigan

“The responsibility of the Township is to ensure the health, wellbeing, and safety of its residents. There is no doubt that having the incredible resources of the library more readily available to residents will be an asset in addressing each of these domains. Of particular interest will be the library resources that address digital inclusion. Having access to and learning effective use of information and communication technologies will be essential in helping our residents to help



themselves. In this realm, the library can provide digital literacy training, quality technical support, and online content designed to enable and encourage self-sufficiency and encourage participation and collaboration.”

- Pam Byrnes, Lyndon Township Supervisor

#### **Oxford, Michigan**

“On behalf of the Oxford Community, we are so grateful for T-Mobile and the Hometown Grant team. This Grant will help Oxford create a thoughtfully designed and functional community space with seating, lighting, shade/ weather coverage, updated concrete, decorative elements and points of interest. The design is classic and timeless; enhancing and complimentary to the beauty and charm of Oxford’s historic district. Additionally, we would like to thank the team that helped create the vision for this space: Les Thomas, building owner, helping fund the project; Nicolette Shagena, designer and owner of Caveman Pip; The Oxford DDA Board of Directors; The Village of Oxford; and, Ashley Ross, DDA Board Member/Village Council Member for her help in the application process.”

- Kelly Westbrook, Executive Director, Oxford DDA

#### **Nixa, Missouri**

“The John Thomas School of Discovery (JTSd) has always been innovative in their approach to education, and this grant will help the district continue that legacy and provide our students with additional hands-on learning, while also providing them with a way to impact their community.”

- Linda Daugherty, Board of Education President

#### **Poplar Bluff, Missouri**

“I am very excited that T-Mobile chose Poplar Bluff as its recipient of their hometown grant award. Although T-Mobile has only been part of our community for a short time, they have been excellent community partners. The money we receive from this grant will have an enormous impact on our citizens and visitors from all over the country.”

- Steve Davis, Mayor, City of Poplar Bluff (MO)

#### **Minden, Nevada**

“On behalf of the Carson Valley Arts Council, I just want to say how excited we are to receive this grant which will help us in our mission to transform the Copeland Building. The investment by T-Mobile’s Hometown Grant award is going to help us be one step closer to bringing this project to completion.”

- Sharon Schlegel, Executive Director, Carson Valley Arts Council

“What a great gift for the Carson Valley Arts Council to receive the T-Mobile Hometown Grant Award. Funds will help in the design and repurposing of a local historic structure into something amazing for our community and downtown corridor.”

- Brian Fitzgerald, President, Carson Valley Arts Council

#### **Salem, Ohio**

“On behalf of the City Salem, we are extremely grateful to T-Mobile Hometown Grants for selecting the McCulloch Park revitalization project as a grant awardee. This grant award will assist Salem Preservation Society in transforming McCulloch Park into a welcoming space for residents and visitors to rest, gather, share fellowship, and experience local arts and culture in beautiful downtown Salem.”

- John C. Berlin, Mayor, City of Salem (OH)

#### **Altus, Oklahoma**

“In Altus, we believe ‘together we rise as one,’ and with that mentality in mind, we’re excited to be awarded T-Mobile’s Hometown Grant for \$50,000 to support our mentor program. With T-Mobile’s support, and the teamwork of the community to help make our vision a reality, we look forward to providing a facility with connectivity resources and opportunities for training for our future leaders.”

- Janet Watson, President, Dream Big Project Management



#### **Oil City, Pennsylvania**

“People in our community have worked so hard on this project because they recognize the importance of revitalizing our region. Receiving such generous support from a large corporate partner like T-Mobile is truly encouraging because it shows that they also recognize the significance of the work being done at 100 Seneca.”

- **Sam Breene, Venango County Commissioner**

#### **Lock Haven, Pennsylvania**

“We are grateful to receive an award from the T-Mobile Hometown Grant program. Partnerships like this help us continue to make big investments in our small town. This project will promote walkability, sustainability, and support our local economy in innovative ways. Thank you to T-Mobile for working with us to make the City of Lock Haven the best it can be!”

- **Joel Long, Mayor, City of Lock Haven (PA)**

#### **Lawrenceburg, Tennessee**

“T-Mobile is making a tremendous impact on quality of life in our community with this gift to the Lawrence County Senior Center. I’m so excited about the new opportunities this will allow us to offer our seniors.”

- **T.R. Williams, Lawrence County Executive**

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- **Chris McNamara, Friends of Ski Run**

#### **Mooresburg, Tennessee**

“This grant will allow the organization to renovate the new site, bring all functions to one location, and focus on providing much needed services that are critical to this unincorporated rapidly growing area of Hawkins County. This non-profit organization has been a leader in the western end of Hawkins County for over 20 years, providing services to older and disabled adults, assistance to families through its food pantry, meals on wheels, medical transportation and many other great programs. The T-Mobile Hometown Grant will make a significant contribution to the improvement of the quality of life and the economic vitality for the residents of Mooresburg. Thank you for making a difference in this community and Hawkins County.”

- **Nancy Barker, Rogersville/Hawkins County Chamber Director & 6th District Commissioner**

#### **Falfurrias, Texas**

“The development of the ‘Quarter’ food truck park will serve as a significant milestone for the City of Falfurrias, allowing us to boast our first operational, city-managed event space in our history. I am confident that this project will not only provide a substantial improvement in the quality of life of our residents but create a sustainable economic impact and beautification opportunity for our city.”

- **Andy Garcia, City Administrator, City of Falfurrias (TX)**

#### **Newport, Washington**

“As a rural community, having the opportunity to bring life to the arts in our area through the Pend Oreille Playhouse is a true asset. The needs for these improvements is vast, and the T-Mobile Hometown Grant will provide access to allow our children and young adults the opportunity to explore their interests and passions. Thank you, T-Mobile!”

- **Keith Campbell, Mayor, City of Newport (WA)**

“The Pend Oreille Playhouse is a staple of the Newport community, providing a space for entertainment and extra curriculars, and the services the Association provides are essential to our small town. The T-Mobile Hometown Grant will go a long way toward some much needed updates to the building and their equipment, maintaining the attractiveness of the Playhouse to the community as well as attracting new participants. We appreciate T-Mobile’s investment in our town!”

- **Jason Totland, President, Greater Newport Area Chamber of Commerce**



**Waupaca, Wisconsin**

“T-Mobile’s Hometown Grant program is making it possible for the City of Waupaca to enhance an iconic greenspace on City Square in the heart of Waupaca’s downtown resulting in a community gathering place where residents will come together for years to come. This will assist efforts the City of Waupaca has recently made through substantial investments in infrastructure, streetscape and a City led downtown business incentive program. The City of Waupaca thanks T-Mobile for their investment in our community.”

- **Brian Smith, Mayor, City of Waupaca (WI)**

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