



T-Mobile Hometown Grant Recipients Quote Sheet

Atmore, Alabama

"We are very humbled and thankful to be selected for the T-Mobile Hometown Grant. Your generous contribution will be used to move forward our vision of creating a beautiful multipurpose area that supports the growth and development of our community's downtown area. Without the support and backing of our community, projects such as our Pollinator Garden and Farmer's Market would not be possible. Key community leaders and business owners have been instrumental in creating the concept and vision that are soon to become a reality. Thank you for believing in our project and our community."

- **Dave Graham, Commander, American Legion Post 90 (AL)**

"Billy Glenn Rushing Post 90 is honored and privileged to be considered for the Hometown Grant – much less to be awarded! FANTASTIC! We are very thankful for the award and the opportunity it creates to bring our community project much closer to completion. Phase two, which includes local artwork – a butterfly chair used as part of a water feature/fountain, a pergola, fencing, and lighting to enhance versatility will complete our vision. We believe the Pollinator Garden and Farmer's Market will help bring visitors to our growing community and believe our project will ultimately blend into a downtown walking path and will contribute to future downtown events. Thank you for your support."

- **Paul Chason, Adjutant, American Legion Post 90 (AL)**

Farmersville, California

"The City of Farmersville is excited to be a recipient of this T-Mobile Hometown Grant in the amount of \$50,000 in order to replace the bleachers at Veteran's Park thus making a much-needed improvement for families and friends to come together to enjoy the community's youth sports programs."

- **Jennifer Gomez, City Manager, City of Farmersville (CA)**

Strasburg, Colorado

"This is the largest project in the 50-year history of the rec district. We look forward to connecting the rec district, the schools, and the senior living center...a town square if you will."

- **Cindy Fahey, Board President, Strasburg (CO) Metro Parks & Recreation District**

"The opportunity to completely change a community does not happen often. This project will create a safe, accessible gathering space for our entire community. We are so grateful to T-Mobile for helping to make this dream a reality."

- **Angela Graf, District Manager, Strasburg (CO) Metro Parks & Recreation District**

Fort Pierce, Florida

"We're eager to be a part of the renaissance happening in the City of Fort Pierce, Florida and we are deeply honored and appreciative to have been selected as a T-Mobile Hometown Grant recipient; T-Mobile's contribution will support the completion of an exciting new space in the Lincoln Park Community!"

- **Rooted in Change, Inc. (FL)**

"Collaboration is essential to building stronger and healthier communities. The founding members of Lincoln Park Young Professionals are extremely excited that Rooted In Change, Inc., are the recipients of the T-Mobile Hometown Grant that will help further our vision of fostering a community that is culturally aware, economically savvy, and politically engaged!"

- **Rooted in Change, Inc. (FL)**

Lake Placid, Florida

"Imagine a vacant, abandoned lot that was a magnet for trash, debris, and feral animals being transformed into a beautiful, fruitful, community garden. Our neighborhood no longer has a grocery store and limited access to organic, fresh, healthy, nutritious food. The Community Teaching & Demonstration Garden will be an oasis of health, tranquility, education, opportunity and pride for our neighborhood. Thanks to the T-Mobile Hometown grant, the dream of a place



to educate our residents on how to raise their own food for consumption, reduce food bills, teach how to use agriculture as a basis to start small cottage industries, and a place to host health fairs will soon become a reality. The Highway Park Neighborhood Council is thrilled and very grateful to T-Mobile for its support of small communities and organizations like ours to thrive and prosper.

- **Evelyn Colon, Executive Director, Highway Park (FL) Neighborhood Council**

Cedartown, Georgia

“We are so appreciative to have been selected for the T-Mobile Hometown Grant. The skate park that will be built as a direct result of this grant will be an amazing addition to our community. We could not have achieved this without the assistance of the T-Mobile Hometown Grant. A skate park has been on our wish list for years, and we are so thankful to see it come to fruition. Incorporating this awesome recreational outlet for our youth at Goodyear Park will be an exciting addition to the existing soccer fields, as well as to the new fields and lighting that will soon be added in Phase II Park development. Thank you again to T-Mobile for your assistance in allowing the City of Cedartown to see this dream turn into a reality.”

- **Andre Carter, Cedartown (GA) City Commission Chair**

Storm Lake, Iowa

“The Harmony Garden project is a great opportunity to develop a public gathering spot in Storm Lake’s downtown area. It will be a lot of fun for people of all ages and backgrounds. The musical instruments will make it a very sensory, interactive experience. This is a great way to kick off our Downtown Master Plan and Storm Lake’s 2023 Sesquicentennial year celebration.”

- **Mike Porsch, Mayor, Storm Lake (IA)**

Kendallville, Indiana

“We are beyond thrilled for the grant opportunity provided by T-Mobile and are excited to see the entrepreneur incubator come to life thanks to their support!”

- **Kristen Johnson, Main Street Manager, Historic Downtown Kendallville (IN)**

Absarokee, Montana

“On behalf of the Absarokee Lending Library’s board members and volunteers, hats off to T-Mobile and staff for their dedication and generosity in helping to grow our small town Library for the enhancement of Southern Stillwater County residents.”

- **Bill Pelton, Board Chair, Absarokee (MT) Lending Library**

Elizabethtown, North Carolina

“The Town of Elizabethtown is honored to receive a T-Mobile Hometown Grant. This project will refresh the Cape Fear Farmers Market to expand its offering of community events and create more of a gathering hub for both residents and visitors. It comes at a perfect time as we prepared to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of Elizabethtown throughout 2023. We are excited about how this will help to enhance our beautiful downtown and support our local businesses.”

- **Terri Dennison, Director of Communications and Marketing, Town of Elizabethtown (NC)**

Claremont, New Hampshire

“The Claremont Creative Center is in the heart of our city. This multi-disciplinary creative arts center is poised to become the pinnacle of rehearsal and art studios for education in the Upper Valley Region. The synergy generated by our Center will be palpable as state-of-the-art performances are enjoyed. On behalf of The City of Claremont we would like to thank T-Mobile for their Hometown Grant.”

- **Dale Girard, Mayor, City of Claremont (NH)**

Bound Brook, New Jersey

“This soccer field will help children in the Bound Brook and South Bound Brook communities learn the benefits of teamwork, competition, and physical activity, helping them lead healthier lives. In addition, we will provide off the field



education in nutrition, wellness and sports performance with our partner, Players Development Academy (PDA), and the local recreation departments.”

- **Tony Cava, President and CEO, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in Somerset (NJ)**

Burlington, New Jersey

“At the heart of our community is unity. It's people helping people, taking care of each other. Villages Community Marketplace is only going to serve to fortify that heart and soul. It's only going to empower us to be stronger in our ability to help one another and make a community of healthy, happy, stronger people that can help ourselves.”

- **Nicholas Trogon, Burlington (NJ) City Resident**

Española, New Mexico

“The City of Española is excited for the partnership because of the impact of the grant and how it services historic community cores such as our Española Plaza that represents the multicultural heritage of our Valley. Funds will be utilized for the restoration of our fountains at our Plaza that we can utilize to restore them to their former glory.”

- **John Roman Vigil, Mayor, City of Española (NM)**

“Restoring the fountains and water features on the plaza in Española is only possible due to the hard work of so many community members, partner organizations and T-Mobile. Thank you to everyone who's working to improve our community.”

- **Eric Vasquez, Executive Director, North Rio Grande National Heritage Area (NRGNHA)**

Shawnee, Oklahoma

“The City of Shawnee is excited for this revitalization initiative in the southwest quadrant of our city. The T-Mobile grant will enable South Central to provide a relaxing parklet for not just the South Central Industries clients but for Shawnee's surrounding neighbors. This will be a wonderful opportunity to provide inclusive activities and natural resources to SCI's PEEPS (People Experiencing Exceptional Purpose) program.”

- **Ed Bolt, Mayor, City of Shawnee (OK)**

Easton, Pennsylvania

“The City of Easton is thrilled to be a recipient of the T-Mobile Hometown Grant for 2022. This funding is critical to continuing the revitalization of our historic Downtown neighborhood by supporting the walkability and public safety project soon to be developed on North Sitgreaves Street. This generosity from T-Mobile will simultaneously help to bring attention to the wonderful work of our nonprofits and businesses in the city that have been helping to transform Easton into a tourist destination and a continued great place to live and work.”

- **Salvatore J. Panto Jr., Mayor, City of Easton (PA)**

Florence, South Carolina

“We are thrilled to be selected as a T-Mobile Hometown Grant recipient and to be able to bring our community vision for the North Dargan Street Mural Pocket Park to life. This important project represents a critical catalyst for continued growth and redevelopment in our historic district, especially along the North Dargan Street corridor which acts as a gateway into our district. We are so excited to bring this gathering space to our community, celebrating our cultural resources and inspiring future generations of residents.”

- **Hannah Davis, Development Manager, City of Florence (SC) and Downtown Florence Main Street Program**

“We are grateful to T-Mobile for selecting the North Dargan Street Mural Pocket Park as a Hometown Grant recipient. We are looking forward to this opportunity to complete a new public gathering space along the North Dargan Street corridor, and this grant will allow us to bring our vision to fruition as a complement to the mural in progress at the site.”

- **Clint Moore, Assistant City Manager, City of Florence (SC)**

Pendleton, South Carolina

“On behalf of the Pendleton Community Center, we are elated and honored to be a recipient of this grant. This much needed funding makes our goals very attainable and shortens our timeline in completing this project. T-Mobile's generous contribution will help provide comfortable accommodations for our senior citizens, our tutorial students,



families and routine users of our facility. T-Mobile is truly a “Candle in The Dark,” as funding for rural projects becomes scarcer.”

- **Terence Hassan, Chairman, Pendleton (SC) Community Center, LLC**

“On behalf of the entire Town of Pendleton, we are honored to celebrate this accomplishment with the Pendleton Community Center as they receive much-needed grant funds from T-Mobile. This center is one of the oldest surviving community centers in the Upstate, and it’s a vital cultural link that bridges our past with our present. With the infusion of these funds, we will ensure the center’s mission is carried out well into the future.”

- **Frank Crenshaw, Mayor, Town of Pendleton (SC)**

“Working on this project with my fellow Pendleton Community Center board members has been an honor. Through a collaborative group effort, we were able to utilize needed resources for the center; these resources included Shannon Calloway with GMC, who donated his time to assist with the project scope and estimates. I’m excited to get the project started and look forward to its positive impact on the center and the Pendleton community.”

- **Steve Miller, Town Administrator, Town of Pendleton (SC)**

New Richmond, Wisconsin

“T-Mobile’s Hometown Grant Program recognized the tremendous value the Freedom Park Center will contribute to St. Croix County. Their generous support will help the VFW make a lasting impact on veterans, seniors and youth in the New Richmond area for years to come!”

- **Jim Zajkowski, Mayor and Freedom Park Center Planning Committee Member, New Richmond (WI)**

Charleston, West Virginia

“Establishing the Center for Racial Equity and Inclusion will allow the YWCA to further expand its comprehensive network of programming and services while also providing new opportunities for our community. I look forward to seeing both the economic revitalization, and the positive social impacts this state-of-the-art facility will have on our Capital City.”

- **Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor, Charleston (WV)**

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