



## T-Mobile Hometown Grant Recipients Quote Sheet

### Springville, Alabama

“The City of Springville, Alabama is so excited to announce that the Springville Parks & Recreation department is a recipient of a grant from the T-Mobile Hometown Grants program. Receiving this grant is going to help us completely revitalize a common area in our downtown district and bring an official farmer's market to our community! Not only will it help us beautify the area for our citizens, but we will be a part of the Alabama certified Farmers Market program focused on supporting our local and surrounding farmers, providing them a beautiful spot to sell their goods. Having the area to host and be a part of the certified Farmers Market program also allows us to participate in the FMNP/ Senior FMNP (Farmer's Market Nutrition Program) which will provide an incredible resource to our nutritionally at-risk citizens. Receiving this grant is creating a ripple effect that is going to benefit so many different aspects of our community! We are extremely grateful to T-Mobile and their commitment to investing in small communities like ours.”

- **Nikki Posey, President, Springville Area Chamber of Commerce**

“Springville is appreciative of T-Mobile’s partnership through its Hometown Grant program, as we enhance our community Farmers Market. We all appreciate improving our quality of life and, with T-Mobile’s help, we’re doing just that. Thank you, T-Mobile.”

- **Dave Thomas, Mayor, City of Springville**

“The City of Springville will benefit greatly from the T-Mobile Hometown Grant for our Farmer’s Market Venue. The farmers market will be at the heart of our City on Main Street to be enjoyed by residents for many years to come. T-Mobile’s generous grant has made this possible.”

- **Beth Wingate, Chairman, Springville Parks and Recreation Board**

### Kingsburg, California

“We’re honored and thankful to T-Mobile for selecting Kingsburg as a Hometown Grant recipient. These new improvements are part of the next phase of our investment into Athwal Park. We’re excited to provide new amenities that the entire community will benefit from.”

- **Vince Palomar, Mayor, City of Kingsburg**

### Calhoun, Georgia

“The T-Mobile technology donation is an impactful gift that will be a positive move forward for the Gordon County Club. We are thankful for the investment in the community and how it will impact the youth that we serve daily. The access to technology and resources will enable our Club to benefit from new programming, enhance the Club experience, and provide a safer place to serve our youth.”

- **Robbie Slocumb, Chief Executive Officer, Boys & Girls Clubs, Chattooga, Gordon, Murray, and Whitfield Counties**

### Colfax, Iowa

“In light of the many improvements we’ve seen to our downtown, which include among others Fareway Grocery, Spring City Pharmacy, a new Sheep Gate coffee shop, an award-winning City Hall, streetscape improvements include



naming the river bridge for medal of honor winner Pete Briles, over 60 downtown street trees, flowers, improved crosswalks, and other speed control devices including permanent speed feedback signs coming this fall. Now, the city is excited to 'put the Magenta cherry on top' by City Hall. With the help of T-Mobile, the City will be developing a pocket park to the east of City Hall. Complete with tables, chairs, gliders, artwork, and a potential fireplace feature. This park will provide a nice place to linger in our historic downtown that is becoming increasingly more walkable and lingerable with each passing year. A landscape architect will be consulted to ensure the park has a great 'sense of place.'

- **David Mast, Mayor, City of Colfax**

#### **Rantoul, Illinois**

"Downtown Rantoul is the heart of this community and the investments we are making there are all about creating a unique place that draws not just Rantoul residents in, but also visitors from all over. The placemaking elements that we will be adding in the Downtown area thanks to the T-Mobile Hometown Grant funds will ensure we are celebrating our past while making Downtown Rantoul a destination for everyone."

- **Charles Smith, Mayor, City of Rantoul**

#### **Highland, Illinois**

"Everyone needs nature and play and this playground will enlighten guests to the benefits of play, nature, and imagination."

- **Mark Rosen, CPRP, Director, Parks and Recreation, City of Highland**

#### **Hagerstown, Maryland**

"At Children's Village, we have an important mission to provide life-safety education to all second-grade students in Washington County. We are very grateful to T-Mobile for this grant which will enable us to perform some much-needed building maintenance and replace a few of our older mini-cars. This will allow us to continue providing high quality safety education for the students."

- **Wayne Rummel, President, Children's Village of Washington County**

"Children's Village of Washington County has positively impacted the lives of our students and families by providing safety education to all of our second-grade students. Our students are always excited to attend and have the ability to engage in learning about many topics including traffic, bike, water, and fire safety. The donation will continue to allow Children's Village to teach critical safety skills to students and families in Washington County!"

- **Jana Palmer, Ed.D., Executive Director of Elementary Education, Washington County Public Schools**

#### **Skowhegan, Maine**

"When we were approached by Patric Moore regarding the plans for a shared kitchen and food hall in Skowhegan, we jumped with joy. Fork Food Lab is thrilled to be supporting Main Street Skowhegan/Center for Entrepreneurship in their development of what we already know will be an asset to the central Maine community."

- **Corinne Tompkins, Deputy Executive Director, Fork Food Lab**

"Through my work as Main Street Skowhegan's Business Relations Manager, I quickly came to learn how strong Skowhegan's local food economy truly is, with niche local food producers and farmers in the area that are creating

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unique quality products, but there is still more work to be done, especially in supporting those who are interested in beginning their journey within the food industry, which can be volatile and highly risky. We believe that providing access to a shared-use commercial kitchen along with ongoing business development and support services will aid in significantly reducing the upfront startup costs and risk associated with starting a food business and look forward to strengthening both the local, regional, and state food economies.”

- **Patric Moore, Business Relations Manager, Main Street Skowhegan**

"We couldn't be more grateful to receive such resounding support from T-Mobile for our shared kitchen and food hall project. "Their commitment to small town revitalization mirrors our passion for the Skowhegan community, and we are so thrilled to move this project forward with the help of these funds."

- **Kristina Cannon, President and Chief Executive Officer, Main Street Skowhegan**

## **Marshall, Minnesota**

“Workforce development is a critical need in the Marshall community which includes not only providing the necessary technical skills for our students but also exposure to what career opportunities are available in Southwest Minnesota. The addition of the Career and Technical Institute will help achieve both factors, preparing our students for the workforce and helping them find their passion and strengths while still in high school. This generous grant will allow the school district to offer industry-relevant course work and the tools necessary to provide the best educational experience for our students.”

- **Lauren Deutz, Economic Development Director, City of Marshall**

## **Village of Gold Hill, North Carolina**

“Improving accessibility for our disabled and elderly citizens and visitors is an important project that will continue the tradition of honoring our Nation’s Veterans in Rowan County.”

- **Greg Edds, Chairman, Rowan County Board of Commissioners**

“Gold Hill is a treasure in our state and is especially valued by our older citizens who can truly appreciate its historical and cultural significance. We are pleased to support the Gold Hill Historic Preservation Society and partners in their endeavor to make Gold Hill more accessible to our older and disabled adults in Rowan and surrounding counties.”

- **Linda Miller, Director, Centralina Area Agency on Aging**

“Gold Hill is a unique step back in time that our residents and visitors enjoy throughout the seasons. Increasing access to the village and park so that more can enjoy this one-of-a-kind experience will be a huge benefit to the village merchants.”

- **Jeff Mong, President, Gold Hill Merchants Association**

"Wooden boardwalks were first built in this gold mining village, to keep patrons out of the dirt and mud. Rebuilding these walkways to bring back the historic look and provide assistance to those with mobility challenges is key to the success of Gold Hill. Thank you, T-Mobile."

- **Darius Hedrick, Director, Gold Hill Historic Preservation Society**

## **Franklin, North Carolina**



“Funding from the T-Mobile Hometown Grant will help establish healthcare and wrap around social support for people most in need. Our region is strained by high rates of poverty and low rates of medical professionals and clinics.”

- **Marianne Rupp Martínez, MPA, Executive Director, Vecinos, Inc.**

### Lovington, New Mexico

“The City of Lovington would like to express its gratitude for the generous grant given to Lovington Main Street Corporation to assist in the renovation and re-opening of the Lea Theatre. Due to these strong partnerships with businesses like T-Mobile, small communities like the City of Lovington can keep thriving, growing, and moving forward.”

- **Robbie Roberts, Mayor, City of Lovington**

“Revitalizing communities like ours takes the collective responsibility of everyone. Entities, government, and private together can make a difference. Hometowns are made up of people who work hard and are passionate. We Love Lovington and are beyond grateful to restore the historic Lea Theatre in the heart of downtown.”

- **Chuck Johnson, Board President, Lovington MainStreet**

### Pahrump, Nevada

“The Town of Pahrump is so excited and honored to have been chosen to receive this award from T-Mobile. The Hometown Grant is helping to create an opportunity for all residents of Pahrump to gather and enjoy a cooling element in this desert area. Through the implementation of this splash pad, we are improving mental and physical health by creating free outdoor recreational activities to share with each other and our families. I believe this will be another way to bring our community together, improve our park and contribute to a family-friendly activity in town. Thank you again for seeing the value of the Town of Pahrump and awarding us this T-Mobile Hometown Grant!”

- **Jessica McCutcheon, Grants Administrator, Nye County**

“One of my commitments to my neighbors, constituents, and friends of Nye County has been to help enhance the quality of life for our residents. Splash pads are a fantastic addition to any community, providing a safe and enjoyable recreational space for people of all ages to cool off and have fun. Not only will it offer a refreshing experience, but it also encourages outdoor activity and social interaction among residents. We contribute to our community's overall well-being and happiness by completing projects like a splash pad. I applaud our team's efforts in championing this project and am excitedly awaiting its implementation. I'm confident Nye County residents will appreciate and enjoy this splash pad for years to come. I'm proud of my role on this team in helping to bring a splash pad and securing the funding for it to the residents of Nye County.”

- **Ron Boskovich, Commissioner, District 4, Nye County**

### Anadarko, Oklahoma

“On behalf of the citizens of Anadarko, I would like to extend my gratitude and appreciation to T-Mobile for their support of our community. By awarding us this grant we will be able to continue re-building our downtown area of the Miller Theater amphitheater. It will benefit Anadarko's cultural tourism as well as the citizens of Anadarko and Caddo County. Thank you for supporting small town America!”

- **Kelley McGlothlin, Mayor, City of Anadarko**

“On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, I would like to thank T-Mobile for investing in the Anadarko Community. We are excited about the potential opportunities created by the Miller Theater event park.”



- **Matt Tselee, Councilman, Vice Chairman of the Apache Tribe, and President of the Anadarko Chamber of Commerce**

#### **Guthrie, Oklahoma**

“On behalf of the city of Guthrie, Oklahoma and our citizens, thank you T-Mobile for your very generous grant given to the Neighborhood Hope House of Guthrie. This organization provides a wonderful service to the homeless population of our community and region. It has made a considerable impact on the lives of men, women and children who are directly and indirectly impacted by homelessness and the multiple factors contributing to that unfortunate circumstance. The Hope House has become a significant partner in this community and your grant will enable the enhancement of their facilities and programs in caring, feeding and housing those who are in need. T Mobile, through this grant, you are making a positive effect on our community. Thank you!”

- **Steve Gentling, Mayor, City of Guthrie**

#### **McMinnville, Oregon**

“We're proud of our collective and collaborative work. This project is a community connector between organizations and the influence goes way beyond the work, together we are actively undertaking positive impact projects to connect our community and visitors alike. Thank you, T-Mobile, for helping bring our vision to life with The McMinnville Community Art Alley.”

- **Remy Drabkin, Mayor, McMinnville**

#### **DuBois, Pennsylvania**

"Fostering connections. Building a sense of community in meaningful and innovative ways. A common vision shared by the DuBois Area School District and the First-Class Children's Foundation made possible through the support of T-Mobile's Hometown Grant Program. Some may view Esports as simply gaming. But if you're willing to dig a little deeper and talk with our youth, you will see that it's far beyond a game. Esports fosters connections and builds a sense of community by providing a safe environment for students to share a common passion. And through that passion, friendships and twenty-first century learning skills evolve. Students learn social skills, teamwork, problem solving, strategic thinking, decision making, and leadership develops in our school community. After following the success of our High School Esports Program, hearing firsthand from the high school students about how the program has positively impacted them and watching the program grow in popularity in its first year in operation; we are overjoyed to be able to provide a Esports program to our students at the Middle School! Through the support and collaborative partnership between the First-Class Children's Foundation and T-Mobile's Hometown Grant Program, we are one step closer to the exemplifying the mission of the DuBois Area School District: Teaching today's learners to be tomorrow's leaders. Thank you, T-Mobile, for your support of the development of our future leaders. We are honored to be the recipient of the Hometown Grant and are committed to upholding T-Mobile's values of building community through this program."

- **Wendy Benton, Superintendent, DuBois Area School District**

#### **Derry Township, Lewistown, Pennsylvania**

“Kish Park is a staple of Derry Township. This grant will help ensure Kish Park has up to date equipment and facilities so the park can continue to provide a place of belonging and community for Derry Township and its residents.”

- **Judy Ward, Senator, Pennsylvania's 30 District**

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“The Mifflin County Commissioners would like to offer our sincere thanks to T-Mobile for supporting a great community initiative. This grant will make a significant impact as Derry Township continues to make Kish Park a safe and enjoyable place for families and friends to gather for wholesome recreational activities. T-Mobile’s grant not only provides Derry Township with the financial resources needed to improve and maintain the park’s playground equipment and restrooms, but it also symbolizes T-Mobile’s dedication to the overall quality of life in our area. Again, many thanks to T-Mobile for your generosity and belief in our county’s vision for a better community through the enhancement of great parks like Kish Park. Your support is invaluable to Derry Township and Mifflin County, and we look forward to other potential partnership opportunities in the future.”

- **Kevin Kodish, Commissioner, Mifflin County**

“The Board of Supervisors of Derry Township, Mifflin County, PA wishes to thank T-Mobile for choosing to award Derry Township the T-Mobile Hometown Grant. We are quite honored to accept the \$50,000 grant that will provide much needed family recreational opportunities to our community.”

- **Ronald E Napikoski, Jr., Chairman, Derry Township, Mifflin County PA Board of Supervisors**

“Thank you, T-Mobile for awarding your Hometown Grant to our Derry Township Park. What has always been a popular recreation spot will become even more attractive by adding new amenities and rehabbing establish facilities, thanks to your funding.”

- **Juniata River Valley Visitors Bureau**

## **Mount Carmel, Tennessee**

“The outdoor classroom will allow the Town of Mount Carmel to provide an innovative and creative space to encourage learning, connect children from the elementary school with area homeschooled kids, and allow the library the space it needs to grow its summer reading program. We are honored to receive the T-Mobile Hometown Grant and are excited to make this special addition to our park.”

- **Emily Wood, Town Administrator, CMFO**

## **Dyersburg, Tennessee**

“We are extremely grateful to be selected as one of the T-Mobile Hometown Grant recipients. These funds will be used toward improvements at our Main Street Dyersburg Farmers Market which is quickly becoming the focal point in our downtown community. Thank you to T-Mobile for investing in Dyersburg and helping us in our continuing efforts to improve the quality of life for our residents!”

- **John Holden, Mayor, City of Dyersburg**

“We are deeply grateful to receive the prestigious T-Mobile hometown grant. As our market continues to flourish, we are thrilled to contribute to the celebration of local talent within Dyer County. While our primary focus remains on delivering the finest fresh produce, our market has evolved into a vibrant community hub and much more. It has been an absolute privilege to collaborate with our incredibly talented and dedicated vendors and witness the remarkable growth and accomplishments of our market. Together, we embrace this honor and look forward to further nurturing the success of our cherished community.”

- **Brianna Roser, Director, Main Street Dyersburg Farmers Market**



"We greatly appreciate T-Mobile's assistance through a Hometown Grant to 'Make Our Market Safe!' Their grant will help us address safety hazards at our Farmers Market, making it an even safer, more enjoyable experience for our community. Thank you, T-Mobile, for your support of downtown Dyersburg and the Farmers Market!"

- Slater Barr, Chief Executive Officer, Dyersburg Dyer Co. Chamber of Commerce

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