



T-Mobile Hometown Grant Recipients Quote Sheet

Montevallo, Alabama

"In Shelby County, we appreciate partnerships, and we are excited about T-Mobile's Hometown Grant Program partnering with the University of Montevallo's Grainger Community Counseling and Wellness Clinic to provide improvements, including outdoor sensory playground materials and accessible parking improvements. We are thankful to see T-Mobile come along side us and assist with improving our community."

– Chad Scroggins, Manager, Shelby County

"The City of Montevallo, through its Montevallo Development Cooperative District (MDCD), is proud to be a partner of the Grainger Community Counseling and Wellness Clinic alongside the University of Montevallo, Shelby County, and Michael J. and Donna H. Grainger and the entire Grainger family. T-Mobile's Hometown Grant Program funding for the clinic's leveling, fencing, outdoor sensory playground materials and accessible parking is perfect for Montevallo because the project touches on many of our focus areas, including health care, education and community development."

– Rusty Nix, Mayor, City of Montevallo

"The Grainger Community Counseling and Wellness Clinic has been an invaluable resource to the families we serve. We're so excited to know that with this funding they'll be able to serve clients with special needs even better. This project is providing such a positive impact on the families and individuals in our community."

– Brooke McKinley, Executive Director, Shelby Emergency Assistance

Hoopeston, Illinois

"The Lorraine Foundation was formed by a group of citizens simply wanting to preserve our local landmark, the Lorraine Theatre. After 12+ years of fundraising and renovations, this gift from T-Mobile's Hometown Grant allows us to cross the finished line. The much anticipated return of "First Run" movie screenings will be an experience worthy of the Lorraine's reputation for sound and picture quality. Mixing its historic atmosphere and today's latest technology, the Lorraine Theatre will once again be *The Best Place for Movies.*"

- Alex Houmes, President, Lorraine Foundation

Junction City, Kansas

"Receiving this grant is a pivotal moment for our downtown revitalization. It empowers us to reimagine and rejuvenate a space that normally gets left behind. Thank you for believing in the power of creativity to make this project possible."

- Jordan McCann, Executive Director, Junction City Main Street

Berea, Kentucky

"We are very grateful for this generous grant from T-Mobile. One of the needs identified in our Parks Master Plan was the addition of shade structures in our city park system for athletic events, shared use trails, and seating areas. Citizens and visitors of all ages utilize our parks, and this grant will make the park system more accessible, more comfortable, and will certainly be a significant improvement. This investment by T-Mobile is truly an investment in the quality of life of our citizens and visitors."



- **Bruce Fraley, Mayor, City of Berea**

Pittsfield, Maine

"I am so thankful that your organization has recognized the importance of this project to our community to reduce waste and keep our senior citizens visible in the community."

- **Don Chute, Recycling Coordinator**

"As an integral program in our region and for our seniors - people ask every day when the Reuse Building will be open – and thanks to T-Mobile's Hometown Grant, our Building will be repaired and re-opened!"

- **Kathryn Ruth, Grant Administrator and former Manager, Town of Pittsfield**

Granite Falls, Minnesota

"DoPT and The YES! House are a wonderful asset that our local businesses can point to when working to attract professionals to our area. By providing not just art and cultural activities to our area, but a community space for collaboration and creativity, DoPT is providing significant value to our small community."

- **Kyle Haugen, Executive Director, Granite Falls Economic Development Authority**

Clarksdale, Mississippi

"We are honored to embark on the transformation of the Brickyard community in Clarksdale. This project is not just about addressing needs but celebrating the brilliance of its people. The Brickyard is an incubator for phenomenal men and women doing great things in the world. This initiative is a testament to the power of community and the importance of providing a platform to amplify that brilliance. We are excited to create a space where the community can connect, discover, belong, and shine."

- **Rebekah Pleasant-Patterson, Executive Director of Griot Arts Inc.**

"We are thrilled to partner with J's Grocery in transforming this cornerstone of the Brickyard neighborhood. With 27 years of history, J's Grocery stands as a beacon in our community. This transformation will be a testament to the power of collaboration and the impact we can achieve together."

- **Tyler Yarbrough, Manager, Mississippi Delta Programs, Partnership for a Healthier America**

Henderson, North Carolina

"We're thrilled to receive this grant from T-Mobile, which allows our mission to be far-reaching and deliver more HTI Chromebooks to individuals who need them for their careers or education. This new cargo van will be a game-changer, enabling us to connect even more people with the technology they need to succeed. We are grateful for T-Mobile's support in helping us bridge the digital divide and empower our communities across North Carolina."

- **Matt Raydo, Executive Director, HUBZone Technology Initiative**

"As the Associate Director of HTI, I am thrilled and deeply grateful to T-Mobile for their generous grant. Our mission is vital, and we can't achieve it without the support of dedicated partners. Seeing a major corporation like T-Mobile step up with tangible support is truly inspiring. This commitment to reaching back into the communities and making a real difference is exactly what we need to continue our work. Thank you, T-Mobile, for believing in our mission and helping us close the digital divide!"

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- **Mark Williams, Associate Director, HUBZone Technology Initiative**

Goffstown, New Hampshire

"Goffstown Junior Baseball has a long and storied history of being competitive within our district, while still holding true to our values of honesty, loyalty, courage, and teaching our athletes good sportsmanship (on and off the field). Our work is critical to our neighbors and friends. Goffstown Junior Baseball is fortunate to have many generous sponsors who allow us to operate our day-to-day activities, however given the small cost/ revenue margins we work with, larger capital improvements at our facilities often feel out of reach. With the receipt of the T-Mobile Hometown Grant, our league can finally do what many of us have only dreamed of for years- permanent, ADA compliant, flushable toilets onsite. While it might not be the most glamorous improvement, it is one that we can all agree will be a total game changer for our visitor's next season!"

- **Vanessa Hayes, League President, Goffstown Junior Baseball**

Allentown, New Jersey

"As a member of the Governing Body of Allentown New Jersey, we are overjoyed that the Unity Kitchen at the Union AME Church in Allentown was granted the \$49,950 grant to rejuvenate and update their kitchen to bring health and wellness to Senior Citizen of our community and surrounding communities. The impact of this grant has a far larger reach than many understand. Serving our Senior community is a passion and mission of the Unity Kitchen—this grant brings the vision to full fruition. As a member of Allentown Council, I am thankful for the contributions of T-Mobile to improve and provide better services to our Senior residents. I speak on behalf of the Governing Body as I thank T-Mobile for this opportunity and for granting our community with continued health and wellness by selecting Unity Kitchen with this generous grant. "

- **Nikki A. Darling, Councilwoman, City of Allentown**

"On behalf of the Allentown, NJ community, I want to express our heartfelt gratitude for selecting us as a recipient of the T-Mobile Hometown Grant. We are thrilled and honored to receive \$49,950 to launch Unity Kitchen, which supports our efforts to promote good health and foster community engagement."

- **Reverend Crystal E. James, Executive Pastor, Union AME Church**

Stanhope, New Jersey

"Lenape Valley feels truly blessed to have such a generous and progressive partner in T-Mobile. Our auditorium is a centerpiece of our school and activity hub for all stakeholders. The grant will enable us to make critically important improvements".

- **Dr. Mike Rossi, Superintendent, Lenape Valley Regional High School**

Bath, New York

"Being awarded the T-Mobile grant will allow the village to make more upgrades to Pultney Park, the center of our Historic District. I can't thank T-Mobile and all of those responsible for making this happen enough!"

- **Michael H. Sweet, Mayor, City of Bath**

Columbiana, Ohio

"On behalf of the City of Columbiana, we extend our sincere appreciation for T-Mobile's commitment to not only Columbiana, but small towns across the entire country. The Columbiana High School Creative Entrepreneurship

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Class has done a fantastic job at placemaking on our Historic Main Street, and the Garden of Eatin' will be a catalyst for economic growth and a landmark in our community for generations to come."

- **Rick Noel, Mayor, City of Columbiana**

Wooster, Ohio

"We are thrilled to receive this T-Mobile Hometown Grant to support accessibility features in the renovated Lyric Theater. We want the theater to be a destination for everyone in our community and T-Mobile is helping us make that hope a reality."

- **Dr. Greg Shaya, Board President, Lyric Theater**

Madras, Oregon

"We are honored to receive the T-Mobile Hometown Grant for the Madras community schoolyard project. This grant will empower us to help create a vibrant, safe, and inclusive space where children and families can connect with nature, stay active, and build a stronger sense of belonging. At Trust for Public Land, we believe every child deserves access to quality outdoor spaces, and this grant brings us one step closer to making that vision a reality for the Madras community."

- **Kristin Kovalik, Oregon Program Director, Trust for Public Land**

Brownsville, Tennessee

"Applying for this grant is an exciting opportunity for Main Street to showcase the vibrancy of our downtown district. Through the Downtown Art in The Alley initiative, we will celebrate our rich musical and cultural heritage with stunning murals that not only beautify our community but also attract visitors and create inviting public spaces for everyone to enjoy."

- **William Rawls, Mayor, City of Brownsville**

Shelbyville, Tennessee

"This project isn't just about transforming an outdoor space—it's about revitalizing our community. We're creating a space where local connections can grow and where families feel welcome and engaged."

- **Denise Hobbs, Founder, The Center for Family Development**

"This project is about creating a space where Shelbyville's community spirit can shine. From farmers markets to family gatherings, our Courtyard will be a place where everyone feels at home. We're excited to breathe new life into an unused space in Shelbyville's town square, turning it into a hub for community events, farmers markets, and recreational activities that everyone can enjoy."

- **Aaron White, Community Engagement/Social Media Manager, The Center for Family Development**

Hurricane, Utah

"Our Veterans have demonstrated unwavering sacrifice and complete dedication to serving our great nation. It has not been for not and gone unnoticed. We cherish our freedoms and are excited to celebrate them at our new Veterans Memorial Park."



- **Nanette Billings, Mayor, City of Hurricane**

Vernal, Utah

"We welcome and celebrate partnerships as we revitalize our beloved downtown. Thanks to T-Mobile Hometown Grant for the confidence and vision to boost small towns like Vernal!"

- **Doug Hammond, Mayor, City of Vernal**

Stanwood, Washington

"The new outdoor learning space at the Community Resource Center will create more outdoor play opportunities for early learners, help limit screen time in our local youth and provide a small amphitheater under their willow tree for small community performances, gatherings and CRC programs and events. The more outdoor learning and resilience building opportunities we can provide for our youth, the better!"

- **Jessica McCready, Executive Director, Camano Island Chamber of Commerce**

Osceola, Wisconsin

"After 15 years, a dream is realized. From collecting cans to a concrete paradise, the Osceola Skate Park has been a true grassroots community effort, with support from local businesses, organizations, and residents. We're so grateful for their partnership in making this dream a reality. This project is a testament to the dedication of our community and now they have an amazing Skate Park for generations to enjoy."

- **Wyatt Yager, Director, Osceola Area Chamber and Main Street**