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Twin Lakes Provides Community Grant Funding to 22 Local Organizations Totaling More Than \$100,000

Gainesboro, TN. – January 2023 – As part of its ongoing commitment to rural communities Twin Lakes, in conjunction with the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), awarded approximately \$102,000 to 22 local organizations to enhance the quality of life for those who live, work and play in the Upper Cumberland region. These organizations range from schools, museums, fire departments, economic development groups and more.

Established in 2020, the Twin Lakes Difference Grant has provided over \$245,000 in funding to more than 40 local organizations seeking technology funds to improve the quality of life within the Twin Lakes serving area. Twin Lakes would like to thank the FRS for their time and efforts in assisting with the verification process of the applications. “By providing annual funding to local organizations in need, the grant supports Twin Lakes’ vision of improving the quality of life in our region by providing our customers access to the best communication and technologies available,” says Jonathan West, General Manager/CEO of Twin Lakes.

The Twin Lakes Difference Grant is offered annually to support local technology efforts to build and sustain our local communities. The awardees listed below aid in the communities we serve, assisting with challenges, such as access to technology, improving education, and supplying first-responder services. If you, or an organization you know, is interested in applying for grant funding, please contact your local Twin Lakes office for more information.

List of Awardees:

Allons Elementary School – Overton County

Awarded \$5,000 to purchase a ViewSonic Board bundle and accessories to provide an interactive experience for their students

Baxter Fire Department – Putnam County

Awarded \$5,000 to purchase a self-contained breathing apparatus

Celina K-8 – Clay County

Awarded \$4,996 to purchase materials for coding and design such as, iPad, LEGO Education packs, Creativity Robot, learning resources, 3D printers and filament

Celina Police Department – Clay County

Awarded \$4,400 to purchase 5 Microsoft Surface Pro tablets and cases to update their current computer system

Cornerstone Elementary School PTO – Putnam County

Awarded \$5,000 to purchase a stage curtain and riser, portable sound system, 6 headset microphones, and 2 handsfree microphones for their theater

East Clay Volunteer Fire Department – Clay County

Awarded \$4,955 to purchase 5 iPads for each fire truck with Active911, ReadyOps, Google Maps and FireNet Internet installed on each

Fentress County Volunteer Fire Department – Fentress County

Awarded \$5,000 to purchase a thermal imaging camera

Granville Fire Department - Jackson County

Awarded \$5,000 to purchase and install a generator to keep internet communications running for emergencies when experiencing a power outage

Granville Museum – Jackson County

Awarded \$5,000 to purchase technology, such as desktops, programs, Synology Disk Station, 2 10TB Western Digital NAS HDD, router, extenders, etc. to digitally store existing photographs and other media in the museum

Heart of the Cumberland – Putnam County

Awarded \$4,800 to fund 2 training videos to be incorporated into facilitator trainings for school group volunteers and a database software to communicate with donors and increase visibility for the organization

Jackson County Chamber of Commerce – Jackson County

Awarded \$4,850 to purchase an interactive TV, iPad, and keyboard case for the Chamber

Jackson County Middle School – Jackson County

Awarded \$5,000 to purchase 5 iPad minis and cases, 5 Kindles and Bluetooth headphones, 5 Spheros, camera set, greenscreen, 2 Elenco Snap Circuits Jrs, 6 Kindle books, and 12 months Adobe Pro for students

Maple Grove Community Center – Clay County

Awarded \$2,655 to purchase 12 months of Twin Lakes broadband service to the facility for homeschooled students to utilize and an updated PA system

Overton County Lions Club - Overton County

Awarded \$5,000 to purchase a Welch Allyn Spot Vision Screener to continue eyesight tests in Overton and surrounding counties

Stephens Center - Overton County

Awarded \$5,000 to purchase 5 laptops and software for virtual visits with families when sick or COVID-19 exposed, training, and data entry for efficiency

Storytellers Theatre – Putnam County

Awarded \$4,507 to purchase 2 Apple iPad Pro tablets and accessories to bring technological innovation to their performing arts company

Taylor's Crossroads Fire Department – Overton County

Awarded \$3,500 to purchase and install lights and siren on brush truck

Timothy Fire Department – Overton County

Awarded \$5,000 to purchase 6 Motorola XPR3500E fire radios and shoulder microphones

Upper Cumberland Child Advocacy Group – Putnam County

Awarded \$3,291 to purchase cameras from Twin Lakes Security and add an additional keypad to the front door

Upper Cumberland FCA – Putnam County

Awarded \$5,000 to purchase 2 MacBooks, an Adobe subscription, and printer services for office staff to better service the community

Upper Cumberland Habitat for Humanity – Putnam County

Awarded \$4,062 to purchase Twin Lakes Security for their new location – system, door sensors, panic button and labor, Repair Ninja – data pulls for phones, camera, and data, CAT 6A Plenum Cable/Keystones and wall plates

York Institute – Fentress County

Awarded \$4,972 to purchase a 3D printer and filament, and accessories for their STEM project for students

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