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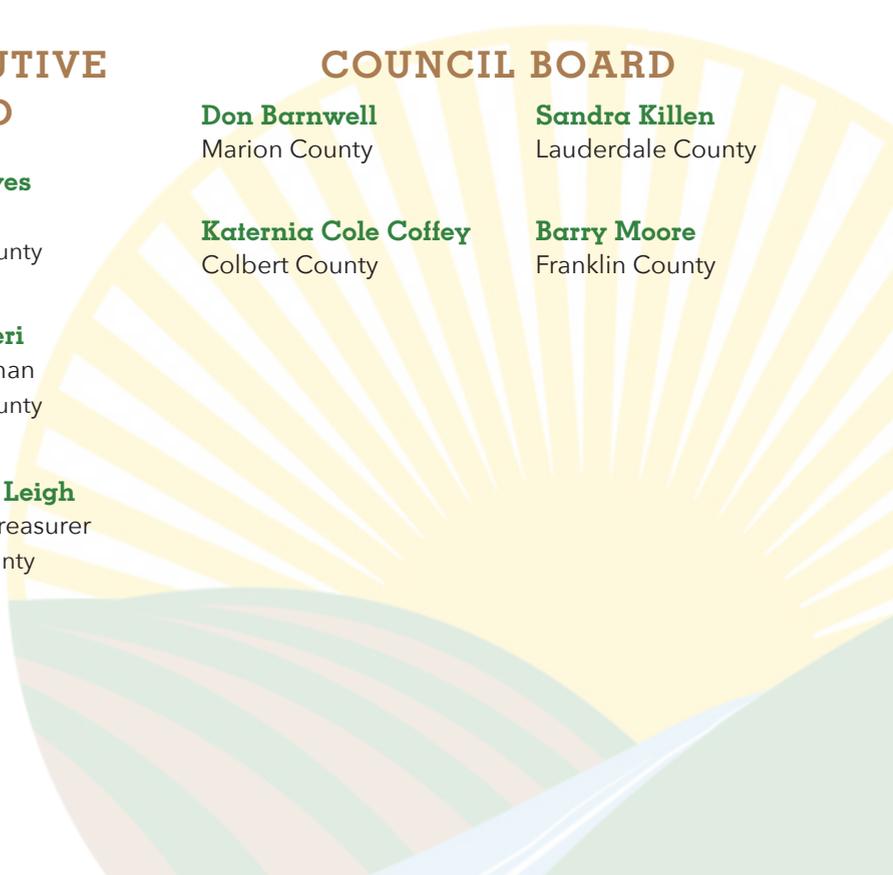
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## GENERAL FUND GRANTS

### AREA WIDE

#### Roxy Theater Sign

This project funded various efforts across five counties to address safety needs, filling an abandoned well, renovating a playground, and updating the Roxy Theater sign and canopy.

#### Area Outreach

This project funded various efforts across five counties, supporting community events, local schools and hospitals, recreation development, and outreach through county Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

## COLBERT COUNTY

#### Cherokee High School Softball Field Update

Cherokee High School was able to add a covered hitting area, pour new concrete sidewalks, install turf, and purchase new field equipment. These upgrades will make a huge difference not only now but for years to come.

#### Defibrillator Project

The Easterseals of Colbert County were able to purchase two Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). The AED Devices were installed in locations that provide easy access to all staff members in the event that a consumer experiences a cardiac related emergency. Staff members have been trained and certified in the use of the equipment.



#### Equipment Building & Warehouse for CCAVFD

Grant funds helped support the Colbert County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments with construction of a new equipment building and warehouse to support 14 volunteer fire departments, a rescue squad, and a K9 search and rescue team; providing meeting and training space while also housing critical response equipment, strengthening emergency services for the entire county.

#### Equipment Trailer

The Colbert County Volunteer Fire Association purchased an enclosed trailer to store and transport fire prevention equipment and materials to the schools and community events across Colbert County. This trailer allows equipment and materials to be stored and transported safely and kept out of weather that would otherwise cause damage to the equipment.

#### Fire Safety Improvements

Littleville Fire Department upgraded the axes on their trucks for fighting structural fires, brush fires, and motor vehicle accidents. The hard suction hoses on the trucks before were busted and had been taped back together for many years. They were in much need of an update and this will allow better suction to more efficiently fight fires.

#### Protect Angels in Blue

The Colbert County Sheriff's Office purchased 23 Ace Link Patrol Vests to equip members of the Reserve Deputy Program. Prior to this funding, many of the Reserve Deputies either had no body armor or were using vests that were outdated and no longer met current safety standards.

#### Riverfront Park

The City of Sheffield, in partnership with the Sheffield Kiwanis, completed upgrades to the Riverfront Park Boundless Playground. These improvements enhanced accessibility and inclusivity, ensuring children of all abilities can safely enjoy the play space.

#### Sheffield Music Mural

Colbert County Tourism completed a large-scale music mural in downtown Sheffield, celebrating the area's global impact on American music. Located near historic studios and landmarks, the 2,000+ square foot mural features iconic artists and scenes from Muscle Shoals' rich music legacy. This project enhances the region's tourism offerings and strengthens its role in the Americana Music Trail and Nashville's Big Back Yard.



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### Weather Radios

Colbert County EMA was able to strategically place weather radios in public buildings across the county—including community centers, senior centers, recreation facilities, libraries, and churches. These radios will provide timely severe weather alerts to residents frequenting these locations, enabling them to take appropriate safety measures. This initiative stands to benefit thousands of citizens throughout the county.

## FRANKLIN COUNTY

### Extrication Safety Gear

The Phil Campbell Rescue Squad has been fully equipped with NFPA-compliant helmets, gloves, and coveralls, providing essential protection for its extrication team. This gear enhances safety during vehicle extrications, natural disasters, and other hazardous situations, ensuring the squad is prepared for current demands and future OSHA requirements.

### Franklin County EMA

Franklin County EMA completed a lighting project that improved visibility and safety in critical areas, enhancing emergency response capabilities and overall preparedness.

### Greenhouse Upgrades

Belgreen High School upgraded its greenhouse to improve functionality and provide enhanced hands-on learning opportunities for students in agriculture and science programs.

### Highway Safety

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office purchased a message board for the county. Everyone driving through Franklin County, depending on the location, will be able to have real time information provided by community leaders by the message board. Traffic details and speed information will also be provided to the public using the message board.

### Light Service Truck

Blue Springs Volunteer Fire Department purchased emergency lights and sirens to go on their service truck. This equipment will help keep firefighters safe while serving the community. The lights help ensure the safety of both the responders and the public by reducing response times and minimizing the risk of accidents during high-speed travel or when maneuvering through heavy traffic.

### Making Big Bear Creek

Bear Creek Collaborative was able to purchase a universally accessible dock and kayak launch. The funds provided were allocated to 35% of the overall payment of the structure. By removing barriers to participation, the dock and launch will allow schools, community groups, and organizations to fully engage in paddling, fishing, and nature exploration, making Big Bear Creek a more inclusive and enriching destination for all.

### Operation Extrication

The East Franklin Volunteer Fire Department purchased an all battery powered Holmatro Extrication Combination Power Tool as well as an extra battery and charger. The department was already able to utilize this tool to help someone in their community. Even just one life makes this tool worth the purchase



### Remodeling Project

Russellville City Schools used project funds to launch a remodeling project to update its main building, built in the 1960s, by adding modern graphics and design elements that reflect school traditions and culture.

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### Rescue Bags

The Hodges Volunteer Fire Department was able to purchase three air bags, manifold, and hoses. Two extendable struts were purchased which stabilize the item you are trying to lift. These additions will help the department to better serve their community.

### Response Team Planning and Exercising

Franklin County's Technical Response Team upgraded equipment and training to improve efficiency, enabling faster, more effective rescues and strengthening overall community safety.

### Roxy Theater

The Roxy Theater completed upgrades to its marquee, lights, and canopy, enhancing the historic venue's visibility, safety, and curb appeal while preserving its cultural significance in the community.

### Rural Recreation Development

North Alabama Trails and Recreation used funds to boost outdoor recreation in Franklin, Marion, and Winston counties. The project launched stakeholder coalitions, advanced the Franklin/Marion County Rail Trail through planning and community input, and established a sustainable fund to support ongoing recreation projects in Winston County's Bankhead National Forest.

### Sound Dampening Panels

The Tharptown Elementary School Gym was built in the early 1960s and is used for physical education classes, school assemblies, community activities, and youth basketball games. The decibel (85dB to 95dB) level is above safe noise level which should be 75dB or below according to Hearing Health Foundation and other organizations. They were able to purchase fourteen 4'x8' sound dampening panels.

### Tharptown High School Baseball Equipment

Tharptown High School was able to waive the fee for uniforms and purchase some much needed practice equipment for the baseball team.

### Tharptown High School Sound System

Tharptown High School has completed the installation of a new professional-grade sound system in its auditorium gymnasium, enhancing performances, assemblies, and community events.

### Water Drone Project

The Franklin County EMA purchased an Adorama underwater drone. This drone is equipped with high-definition cameras, lights, and a grabber ROBO claw. This drone will be able to access areas that are difficult or dangerous for humans to access. Additionally it can reach depths that are otherwise inaccessible to traditional human divers.

## LAUDERDALE COUNTY

### Advocating for Abused and Neglected Children

Shoals CASA increased their number of volunteer advocates by 12 people and in turn were able to serve more children in the foster system. There were 72 children that had a CASA advocate in Lauderdale County and 24 in Colbert County. As volunteers increase, so do the number of children served.

### Beacon Light

The Lauderdale County Commission, in partnership with Lauderdale EMA, installed a beacon light to improve visibility and safety in high-risk areas, supporting more effective emergency response operations.

### Chairs to Accommodate

Caringplace of The Shoals seeks to provide exceptional care for the elderly population in the Shoals. Grant funding allowed them to purchase chairs to accommodate their clients and ultimately reach their fundraising goal of \$350,000 to reopen with a fully staffed team and cover various operational expenses during their inaugural year as they work towards reaching their full capacity.



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### County Road 591 Extension

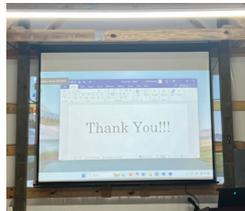
The East Lauderdale County Water & Fire Protection Authority extended public water service to five households along County Road 591 in Rogersville, AL—replacing unreliable wells that often ran dry and posed health risks. This project has significantly improved the safety and quality of life for these residents by providing a dependable, clean water source.

### Dive Team

The City of Florence, in partnership with the Florence Police Department, enhanced the Dive Team’s capabilities with upgraded equipment and training, increasing safety, readiness, and effectiveness during critical response situations.

### Equipment Upgrades

With outdated body cameras, tasers, and vests for the officers it was clear the St Florian Police Department was in severe need of equipment upgrades. RC&D grant funding allowed them to purchase new equipment and ensure that officers have the best equipment available to protect the citizens they serve.



### Florence Blossoms

The Florence Blooms project enhanced downtown with vibrant hanging baskets, boosting foot traffic, business interest, and community pride. It also inspired additional beautification efforts from local garden clubs and volunteers.



### Gym Updates

The Elgin Crossroad Community Senior Center underwent improvements with the installation of new electrical circuits in the gym area, including updated outlets and a new electrical panel. All work was completed in EMT conduit in compliance with electrical code, enhancing safety and functionality.

### HVAC Repair

The Shoals Dream Center repaired the HVAC system in its warehouse and grocery/food distribution space, ensuring a safe and comfortable environment for receiving, sorting, and distributing food to the community.

### HVAC Replacement

The East Lauderdale Memorial VFW Post #5846 used funds to start remodeling the inside of their building. They provide support and advocacy for veterans, service members, and their families.



### Pickleball Court

The Town of Rogersville added new pickleball courts to meet the growing demand from players across Lauderdale and Limestone Counties. The expansion reduces wait times, accommodates more players, and provides additional recreational opportunities for both teens and seniors who have long requested more courts.

### Spay and Neuter Assistance

NASANA focuses on helping to reduce the overpopulation of dogs and cats by providing spay and neuter assistance to residents of Northwest Alabama. This helps fight crowding in animal shelters and often helps to save the lives of these animals. This project funded vet bills for the spay/neuter surgeries on the 59 animals that were helped.





## MARION COUNTY

### Air Bag Replacement

Twin Fire and Rescue was able to airbags that were previously out of their functional date. This upgrade allows them to better serve their community and potentially save lives. These are used when they need to lift something without sufficient space to place a jack under the object.



### Animal Facilities

Hoof or Paw used grant funding to build an open-sided shelter to cover their animal pens. This project allowed them to better house the animals in their care and add additional pens to increase capacity. It also improved conditions for volunteers, making their work more comfortable and efficient.



### Floor & Gear Upgrades

The Byrd Fire Department used grant funds to install durable LifeProof flooring in its community room, improving the space for gatherings, meetings, and its role as the local voting precinct.

### High Quality H2O

The City of Hamilton Water Department purchased a Streaming Current Monitor for its water treatment plant. Required by ADEM, this equipment enabled the department to complete a high-rate study to increase water production capacity and improve overall water quality.

### Operation Street Safety

The City of Guin was able to purchase and install a radar speed trailer, which has had a significant positive impact on the Guin community by promoting safer driving habits and improving overall street safety.

### Playground Renovation

A new shade structure now protects the Guin Elementary playground, providing over 280 students– including preschoolers– with a safe, comfortable space out of the sun.



### Police Department Renovation

The Town of Brilliant Police Department completed remodeling improvements that included new paint on the walls and a finished ceiling, enhancing the facility's appearance and functionality.

### Professional Development Training

Marion County provided professional development training to enhance the skills and effectiveness of its staff, supporting improved service delivery across county departments.

### Whole House Generator

The Craft Volunteer Fire Department purchased a whole house generator. This will help the volunteers better serve their community.

## WINSTON COUNTY

### Arley Police Department Upgrades

Arley Police Department was able to purchase some much needed equipment. They are a small department with only two officers, and funds are limited. This project allowed them to purchase more up to date equipment including two radars and two card readers for two patrol cars, and a tactical vest for one officer.



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### **Fire Department Pager Upgrades**

The Haleyville Fire/Rescue Department was able to acquire 13 new Motorola Monitor VII pagers as well as a programming cradle and software for these pagers. The new pagers provide enhanced reliability, clearer audio quality, and the added feature of stored voice playback, which was absent in the older versions.

### **Fire Department Roof Update**

The Delmar Fire Department was able to install a new roof on their building and meeting hall. This gives them a place to host community events without risk of water damage.

### **Lynn Police Department Upgrades**

The Lynn Police Department was able to purchase new protective gear to better equip its officers while serving the community. This investment not only strengthens the department but also contributes to the overall safety and security of the Lynn community.

### **Radio Upgrades**

Winston County EMA improved their communication by adding handheld radios, repeaters, and support equipment. These upgrades help teams stay in contact during remote rescues, making operations safer, faster, and more efficient while reducing the strain on limited personnel.

### **Sheriff Body Cams**

The Winston County Sheriff's Office purchased body cameras to improve transparency, accountability, and evidence collection, enhancing safety and trust between deputies and the community.

### **Sign Maker Project**

In partnership with the Winston County Road Department, the Winston County Commission implemented the Sign Maker Project to improve road signage production, increasing efficiency and safety across the county's transportation network.

### **Volunteer Fire Department Upgrades**

This project allowed the Town of Lynn Volunteer Fire & Rescue to replace an outdated generator, ensuring they can power critical equipment during outages and severe weather—improving emergency response and community safety.

### **Water Pump & Tank**

The Houston Volunteer Fire Department purchased a fire pump and compatible water tank to be used for wildland firefighting. This upgrade will allow the department to combat wildland fires and assist other departments in the county and neighboring counties.

## **EDUCATION FUND GRANTS**

### **AREA WIDE**

#### **4-H Events**

This project funded initiatives across five counties, supporting educational programs, outreach, 4-H events, school and community projects, and Soil and Water Conservation District activities.

#### **Professional Development**

This project funded initiatives across five counties, supporting professional development, STEM programs, school and community projects, public safety, and playground improvements.

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## COLBERT COUNTY

### Center of Sheffield

Phase two provided new digital message boards for Sheffield High, Jr. High, and Willson Elementary, enhancing school and community communication while giving students hands-on coding and programming experience.



### College Site Education

The LaGrange Living Historical Association completed important preservation and repair work on several historic buildings. The organization also provided educational programs for public and homeschool students, offering immersive experiences of 1800s daily life.

### Furnishing and Instructing Rural Fire Departments in Thermal Imaging

ARTAG worked with Kelly Aday and the Fire Association to provide 7 FLIR K2 IR cameras and in-truck chargers to stations in need. These firefighter-specific cameras help with search and rescue in smoke-filled buildings. A training and demo was held at Leighton Station to introduce key features and ensure proper use.

### Journey to Success

The Rescue Me Project used funding to provide safe transportation, educational classes, and essential expenses, ensuring consistent, skills-based programming that empowers youth for success.



### United Way Witches Ride

Northwest RC&D funding helped support United Way's Witches Ride fundraiser, benefiting Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Funds covered peer-to-peer software, shirts, entertainment, marketing, and reusable Dolly cutouts to boost engagement and visibility across the community.

### Microbiology Lab

Northwest Shoals Community College purchased modern, non-porous, and easily wipeable lab stools for the Microbiology lab. This helps the college to avoid the unintentional spread of the microorganisms studied in class.

### Project Hope

Shoals Area COARMM purchased class supplies and equipment to support Project Hope, enhancing its ability to serve at-risk children. These updates help create a sustainable, effective program that addresses critical academic and social needs, ensuring every child has the opportunity to succeed and build a strong foundation for the future.

### R.E. Thompson Restoration

Grant funding supported the restoration of R.E. Thompson's cafeteria after tornado damage, adding murals, decals, and digital displays. The updated space now serves as a vibrant, welcoming hub for learning, school events, and community gatherings.

### Training Equipment

Colbert County EMA purchased lighting and training equipment. With the new lighting they will be able to utilize the equipment for command center, triage area, outreach programs, reunification spots, and more. The entire county will benefit from the equipment along with other agencies that are within the region that will need the equipment.



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## FRANKLIN COUNTY

### Accessible Outdoor Playground

Belgreen High School has completed the first phase of an inclusive playground designed for its multi-handicapped students. The new fenced area provides a safe, quiet space with accessible swings, ramps, and modified equipment. This dedicated outdoor area allows students with mobility, sensory, and behavioral challenges to engage in safe play and learning activities, while also supporting greater inclusion in school-wide outdoor programs.

### Advanced Training

Franklin County Fire & Rescue funded advanced training, certifying 14 volunteers as Firefighter II, with 3 completing Firefighter I/II Bridge to career firefighter level.

### Fire Management Equipment

The fire management program at the Winfield City School Career & Technical Education (CTE) center was able to purchase essential turnout gear for students. This professional-grade equipment greatly enhanced the safety and quality of hands-on training, allowing students to practice real-world firefighting techniques in a controlled, educational setting.

### Gym & Classroom Upgrades

East Franklin Jr High School was able to finish out the floors in both of their basketball teams' brand new locker rooms, and add their logo design to the new gym and all other entrances to the school.

### Percussion Equipment

Phil Campbell High School's band enhanced its percussion section with new equipment, including a mobile percussion rack, snare and tenor drum stands, protective covers, and a speaker frame. These upgrades improve performance, transport, and storage, allowing the growing program to operate more efficiently and at a higher level.

### School Graphics

Russellville High School updated its original 1960s main building with custom graphics and magnetic boards to align with its new addition. Designed by Cre8tive Graphics using staff input, the visuals highlight school pride and improve student engagement. This is the second phase of ongoing upgrades supported by school and community funding.

### Students for Success

Russellville Middle School was able to extend learning outdoors by creating a picnic area that accommodates seating for up to two classrooms, including handicap-accessible learning spaces. The space is designed to support outdoor projects, lectures, and meals, providing a flexible and inclusive environment for all students to engage in learning and collaboration in the fresh air.

### Uniforms & Equipment

Tharptown High School was able to purchase new football uniforms and essential equipment for the team. The new uniforms have allowed the players to take the field with a renewed sense of pride and unity, fostering school spirit and a stronger team identity. Additionally, the new equipment ensures that the athletes have access to safe and high-quality gear, reducing the risk of injuries and allowing them to train more effectively.



## LAUDERDALE COUNTY

### AV Room Renovation

Central High's AV room was transformed into a dedicated science lab with fresh paint and new lab tables. The updated space provides a safe, engaging environment where students can take part in daily hands-on lessons and experiments in physical and environmental science.



### Brooks Cross Country

Brooks Cross Country was able to cover expenses for the 2024-2025 season, including shoes for runners, shirts for top finishers in the Brooks Invitational, entry fees for four races, timing apps, and substitute teachers for coaches during meets.

### Hands on Liberty, Super Citizen

Grant funding helped the Liberty Learning Foundation provide Resource Material Kits and support Libby Liberty performances and celebrations for Lauderdale County and Florence City students through its Hands on Liberty and Super Citizen programs.



### Police Drone

Florence Police acquired a high-performance Autel Max-4T drone to enhance public safety. The drone features extended flight time, thermal imaging, and high-res optics for day/night use, plus gear for multi-agency response.

### Robotics Kits & Electrical Safety Training

ARTAG partnered with Florence City Schools to enhance STEM education and improve electrical safety. Students gained hands-on experience with a new robotics test kit, while retired engineers conducted safety assessments at ten schools, identifying hazards and providing recommendations to protect infrastructure and prevent electrical risks.

### SWAT Team

The Florence-Lauderdale SWAT Team successfully integrated energetic breaching techniques into three recent missions, enhancing tactical efficiency and operational effectiveness. This approach allowed for faster, safer entry into reinforced structures, reduced risks to personnel, and maintained the element of surprise, ultimately improving the team's ability to resolve high-stakes situations with precision.

### Shoals Dragon Boat Festival

Shoals Scholar Dollars hosted an event that raised funds to support approximately 50 local students in pursuing higher education at Northwest-Shoals Community College. While directly benefiting these students, the impact extends to their families, schools, and future employers, creating lasting benefits for the entire community.

### The Giving Thanks Project

The Lauderdale County SPAN Program, through its Giving Thanks Project, provided students with transformative training and professional clothing to support job readiness and personal growth. Students gained skills in hygiene, interviewing, etiquette, and making positive first impressions, while also engaging with professionals from various industries to connect their aspirations with real-world opportunities.

### Troop 285 Equipment Education

Troop 285 utilized funding to purchase hiking backpacks, camp stoves, first aid equipment, sleeping pads, and backpacking tents in order to assist the youth with equipment as well as offset any hardships the troop may have with providing this much needed gear. This purchase allows them to better educate children about outdoor ethics, responsibility, and gain an appreciation for the outdoors.





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## MARION COUNTY

### Aggie Gym Renovations Phase 1

Hamilton High School completed initial renovations to improve the gymnasium’s accessibility, functionality, and appearance. These upgrades support student wellness and athletics while providing a better environment for school and community events.

### Athletic Facilities Renovation

Brilliant High School completed the first phase of renovations at the Odus Dickinson Douglas Walker Memorial Stadium by replacing outdated lighting with modern LED lights.

### Cattle Handling Equipment

This project equipped the Marion County Cattlemen’s Association to host ongoing workshops on safe cattle handling, providing shared equipment for members, students, 4-H participants, and local farmers.



### Color Our World

The Northwest Regional Library used funding to offer free summer reading programs and new books in Marion and Franklin Counties, supporting literacy and preventing learning loss.



### Creating Green Spaces

Hamilton Middle School transformed two campus spaces into a functional green space for learning, recreation, and community use. Featuring seating, shade, and garden beds, the area promotes hands-on education, supports student well-being, and encourages sustainability through farm-to-school initiatives.

### Dive Team Equipment & Training

This project provided the Winfield Fire and Rescue Dive Team with modern, incident-rated gear and training to use it effectively. These enhancements improved their readiness, safety, and effectiveness, strengthening the community’s emergency response capabilities and ensuring long-term resilience in critical situations.

### Fire Department Upgrades

The Hamilton Fire Department is now equipped with a thermal imaging camera. This investment will have a lasting impact—enhancing visibility in smoke-filled environments and improving rescue efforts for years to come. The entire community benefits from this critical upgrade in safety and response capabilities.

### Greenhouse & Garden Renovation

Hamilton High School completed phase II of its greenhouse and garden upgrades, enhancing outdoor learning spaces and supporting hands-on education in agriculture and sustainability. These improvements equip students with practical skills for sustainability and promote farm-to-school initiatives.

### Help Us Grow

Phillips High School, with support from the Marion County Board of Education and career tech funding, built a new greenhouse to enhance year-round, hands-on learning opportunities and enrich students’ educational experiences.

### Outdoor Learning

Phillips Elementary School improved its outdoor learning environment with updated play areas and seating for outdoor instruction, promoting student focus, cooperation, health, and time away from screens.

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### School Improvements

Hackleburg High School was able to improve the school through multiple upgrades that enhanced recognition, school spirit, and safety. Students who achieved a college and career ready indicator were honored on a new CCR billboard, while wall signs throughout the school promoted a positive culture. Additionally, new handrails were installed at the football stadium, improving safety for over 2,000 community members attending various events.

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### Weather Radios

Marion County Commission purchased weather radios and placed them in households across the county to give citizens accurate weather updates. Many of the sirens in the county are outdated and these weather radios can help ensure the safety of the community and provide access to weather alerts.



## WINSTON COUNTY

### Downtown Mural Project

The City of Haleyville was able to commission a new mural to add to their ongoing public art initiative, aimed at enhancing public spaces, promoting local pride, and celebrating the city's history and culture.



### Extracurricular Enhancements

Lynn High School was able to take important steps to improve drainage on the softball field and protect the gymnasium floor. These efforts aim to enhance athlete safety and support the school's ability to host athletic and community events.

### Farm to School Efficiency

Haleyville City Schools used funding to boost local agriculture and enhance school nutrition by providing farm-to-table ground beef and two food processors. Students enjoyed fresher meals and improved culinary learning, while local farmers benefited from stronger community ties and economic support.



### Fieldhouse & Classroom Upgrades

Addison High School purchased two projectors, two screens, and two Bluetooth speakers, enhancing both athletic training and physical education instruction.



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### Health Science Improvements

Winston Career Academy was able to upgrade the health science program. With 67% of students living in poverty, access to up-to-date resources had long been a challenge. The grant directly addressed these gaps, equipping classrooms with modern tools like EKG machines, blood pressure cuffs, stethoscopes, and AED training kits.

### Landowner Assistant

Winston Natural Resources were able to purchase a touring trailer and ice machine to enhance landowner tours and the FAWN Program. These resources allow students and landowners to explore forestry, wildlife, water conservation, and soil practices in the field, while also ensuring access to fresh food and cold drinks during educational events.

### Laptops and Printers

Winston Career Academy was able to purchase laptops, a printer, and printing supplies to support business classes for students in grades 10-12. This project has created a more engaging and modern learning environment, helping prepare students for success in both academics and future careers.

### Metal Fabrication

Haleyville City School was able to purchase new welding equipment. Students have been utilizing the new equipment almost daily to hone their skills for Skills USA, technical school, and real world applications. They will be able to utilize this equipment for years to come.



### Search and Dive Team

The Winston County Search and Dive Team purchased essential specialized equipment to support their rescue and recovery operations. The new gear enhances the team's ability to respond more effectively to water-related emergencies, increasing both efficiency and safety during dives. With this investment, the team is better equipped to serve the region in critical situations such as missing person searches, vehicle recoveries, and disaster response.

### The Little Old Rock Building

The Double Springs Study Club completed maintenance improvements to the historic Little Old Rock Building, built in 1917. These updates preserved the building's character and ensured it remains a safe, welcoming space for meetings, art displays, and community events. The work supports the club's ongoing mission to maintain the building as a cultural and historical centerpiece for Double Springs.

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