Registration now open!

Virtual TML District Meetings set for December

The 112th General Assembly will convene in Nashville on Jan. 12. TML anticipates they will address a number of issues that will impact cities and towns in our state. It is important that all city officials are prepared to voice support or concerns with their legislators and help educate them on the needs of our cities and towns.

This year’s TML District meetings are being held virtually using a Zoom webinar format. Accordingly, this district meeting will be conducted on an abbreviated schedule and the information will be related in a condensed format. The abbreviated meeting is expected to last 75 minutes.

TML staff will share the legislative agenda for Tennessee cities and approved by the TML board. City officials will also hear from Public Entity Partners President and CEO Michael Ford, Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund President and CEO Wade Morrill, and a brief message from our new TML Executive Director/Agency Hayes.

Information on how to register for each meeting has already been sent to all city officials. A meeting room reservation will be sent to each city meeting. For further assistance, please contact TML Communications Specialist, Kate Coil.

2020 Virtual TML District Meetings

District 1 Dec 2  10a.m./ EST
District 2 Dec 3  10a.m./ EST
District 3 Dec 4  2 p.m./ CST
District 4 Dec 4  2 p.m./ CST
District 10 Dec 6  10 a.m./ CST
District 12 Dec 8  1 p.m./ EST

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The city of Lawrenceburg has unveiled a new mural on the historic square in the wall outside of the former Citizens State Bank. The mural was funded through a $50,000 grant from the Tennessee Arts Commission and was painted by Columbia native Whitney Harrington. Her mural was inspired by Mexican folk art and Lawrenceburg’s reputation for gospel music.

MT. JU LiET
The Mt. Juliet Board of Commissions has approved approximately $56 million for expansions to the town’s police department. The board approved a capital improvement plan to add four offices for a year for the next decade to keep up with the city’s growth. The board said the expansion will cover the department for the next 15 years. The city for the department is reissuing police and fire dispatchers, emergency operations centers, administrative offices, and building generator -- all at a rough cost of $3 million. Other plans include a $2 million evidence area expansion, a total of 10,200 square feet of new equipment storage space, $370,000 for interior renovations, and $250,000 for exterior improvements and a small communications tower.

NASHVILLE
GS Performance, LLC, will relocate its headquarters, manufacturing, and distribution operations from San Antonio, Texas, to Nashville, investing $50 million and creating 100 new jobs in the next five years. GS Performance, a Glock firearms accessory and parts manufacturer, will be moving its facilities to a new building and 65,000-square-foot facility located at 1930 Air Lane Drive in Nashville. The building is undergoing extensive retrofitting, which is expected to be completed by November 2020. GS Performance is known for its high-quality products, including Glock accessories, magazines, holsters, logo gear, comic-related items, parts and Glock custom guns. Created in 1983 by Lenny Magill, GS Performance facilitates the operation of a multi-ethnic international and wholesale wholesale network with both print and online sales and a broad spectrum of industries.

SPRING HILL
The Spring Hill Board of Commissioners has approved approximately $2 billion in its Spring Hill manufacturing plant since 2010. The Spring Hill plant will be the plant's third facility, and it will be the automaker's largest plant in the United States. The plant's production line includes the 3.6-liter V6 engine, the 4.3-liter V6 engine, and the 3.5-liter V6 engine. The plant is expected to be ready in 2021 and will be a major contributor to the local economy. The plant will employ more than 700 people and will be expanding its operations in the area. The plant will be expanding its operations in the area. The plant will now employ more than 2,500 people, and it will be the automaker's largest facility in the United States. The plant is expected to be completed by November 2021.

SHOPPING
The Crossville City Council is supporting a plan to install a new disc golf course at the city’s Meadow Lake Park. The city was approached by the Crossville Kiwanis Club, County Chamber of Commerce and Crossville Chamber of Commerce Sports and Event Council for permission to plot a new 18-hole disc golf course and to practice basket at the park. The cost for the installation will be $25,000, and the city will be responsible for the maintenance of the course. The city will be looking for volunteers to help with the installation and maintenance of the course.

Seyeville breaks ground on downtown fire station
The city of Seyeville’s first fire engine was on display as city officials and members of the Seyeville Fire Department broke ground on the city’s new downtown fire station on Prince Street. The new station will be about 10,000 square feet and have three apparatus bays. It will replace the city’s former main station, which was located to Downtown Parkland Parkway in 2019. Construction on the Prince Street station is expected to be complete in December 2021. The new station will house six firefighters, an engine, ladder truck, and quick response apparatus.

Sevierville installs three new Little Free Libraries
The Sevierville Neighborhood Commission has now installed three new Little Free Libraries across the city, giving readers a chance to borrow books around their communities. From left to right, Commission members Suzanne Burns, Anitra Little, and Jamie Jackson finish the library installation at the Dale Street Park. The city now has five total libraries located at Borden Park, Hammond Park, Preston Forest Park, and Highland Street.

The city of Crossville has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR) from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This award recognizes the city’s commitment to excellence in the annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA).

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a genuine "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and users to read the CAFR.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant contribution by a governmental entity and its management. This management represents the seventh year the city has received the Certificate of Achievement.

JACKSON
ReNuBiomedical Services, LLC, announced it had signed a lease agreement with the Jackson, investing $1 million and creating 43 jobs in the next five years. ReNuBiomedical Services is a medical equipment maintenance and repair service company that provides services to medical technicians and Emergency Medical Technicians. The company has operated in Jackson for six years and currently employs 19 people. As part of the expansion, ReNuBi will build a new training facility where the company will train biomedical equipment technicians to handle the needs of the medical industry, specifically focusing on equipment such as defibrillators, EKGs, vital sign monitors, IV pumps, AEDs and ventilators. The Renew Biomedical Training Academy and Jack Jackson is scheduled to open in the final quarter of 2020.

KINGSPORT
For the 50th year in a row, the city of Kingsport Finance Department has received the Certification of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR) from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This year’s CAFR is a comprehensive examination of a city’s annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant contribution by a governmental entity and its management. It is awarded to cities who adopt "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and users to read the CAFR.

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Annually, the Tennessee City Management Association (TCMA) recognizes an executive who has made the community a better place to live and work. This year, TCMA chose to recognize the City of Athens with its 2020 Award for Municipal Excellence at the organization’s annual conference held in Franklin.

The criteria used by the Nomination and Recognition Committee to evaluate nominees includes: unique and creative programs developed by the municipality; programs that have increased the efficiency and effectiveness of the local government; sustainable programs that provide long-term benefits; and initiatives that have expanded the city’s tax base and increased employment opportunities.

The efforts of city of Athens, through a “deliberative facilitative civic engagement” process, has resulted in its selection as the recipient of the 2020 Award for Municipal Excellence. With the backdrop of a community comprised of active and vocal civic leaders and citizens, juxtaposed against the costly operation of a city school system and a controversial school building project, sparking battles from every corner of the community – people questioned and vociferously expressed concern (due to sentiments of racial segregation and civic engagement), the city knew that it needed a new way to enable stakeholders to come together and engage in a constructive and informed dialogue in an efficient and effective public policy question.

The entry included the highlights of the meeting of the city council and school board and facilitated by the city manager and two town employees was solicited from the over 90 attendees, who were asked to speak their thoughts about the topics presented by the public. The process was repeated for each meeting.

The methods applied in this process included focus groups, Equal representation at the meeting, and created the opportunity to interact between citizens and the governing body. All input from all, the main questions and concerns being answered was accomplished.

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Athens City Manager C. Seth Summer, left, receives the Tennessee City Management Association’s 2020 Award for Municipal Excellence from TCMA President and Franklin City Administrator Eric Stucky, right, during the TCMA annual conference held in Franklin.

Farragut’s Smoak selected as TCMA City Manager of the Year

Farragut Town Administrator David Smoak was named the 2020 City Manager of the Year by the Tennessee City Management Association (TCMA) at the organization’s annual conference held Nov. 3-5, in Franklin.

For 33 consecutive years, TCMA has recognized one of its own for significant contributions to the betterment of the community and profession, achievements within the scope of their duties, special contributions made outside of their routine responsibilities, length of service to the municipality, and for his or her outstanding initiative, perseverance, or dedication to the profession or their community.

While serving Farragut over the past 10 years, Smoak has demonstrated outstanding initiative, perseverance, and dedication to the profession and to the community he serves. Among many accomplishments, Smoak demonstrated excellence in financial management and budgeting despite the town having no property tax or sales tax during a period when the net position of the town moved from $38 million to $872 million as the result of several important capital projects that were completed.

Smoak implemented an improved performance measurement methodology to allow for more robust statistical analysis and supporting data-driven decisions.

In 2016, Smoak introduced several strategic initiatives including an "Introduction to Farragut Program," a six-week course designed to enhance community involvement and knowledge of local government operations. The course includes sessions covering Farragut history, government relations, public safety, economic development, education, volunteer opportunities, and a tour of town facilities. Held annually since 2013, 88 participants have graduated from the program with three subsequently serving on the governing board and 14 serving as voluntary town committees.

Another strategic initiative implemented by Smoak was the formation of the Farragut Business Alliance, which has the mission to positively impact Farragut’s economic growth by assisting new businesses, supporting and promoting existing businesses, and aiding in the economic development and promotion of the community.

To improve relationships between the town and the business community, Smoak also assisted business liaisons responsibilities with two town employees. These employees work to identify opportunities to improve policies and internal procedures to better serve the business community and improve satisfaction with the town’s regulatory processes.

A consummate professional, the elected officials have confidence in his impartial judgment and recommendations. The residents trust him; and his staff respects him.

Smoak has managed six boards of mayor and aldermen and directly supervised a town workforce of approximately 60 employees.

He has been an active member of the Farragut Rotary Club, serving as president from 2016 to 2017, and has served with Tennessee City Management Association in several capacities, including membership on the Ethics Committee, Policy and Legislative Committee, and the 2019 ICMA Host Committee for its mission in Nashville.

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Soddy-Daisy Commissioner Adams dies

Jim Adams, a longtime city commissioner for Soddy-Daisy, died Sept. 23, 2020, at the age of 83.

Initially an appointment to the commission, Adams was then re-elected six times. He had announced in August that he was not planning to seek another term on the commission.

In addition to his service to the city, Adams was a community leader who served as chairman of the Chickamauga Volunteer Fire Department and served in several other roles in the province. He was a world traveler, visiting 30 countries and 49 of the 50 states.

Soddy-Daisy is a community with which he was involved in every way. Adams had a great sense of humor, which he would often share with others.

Bartlett residents may honor with park pavilion

Mayor A. Keith McDonald along with Alderman Jack Young, Alderman Paula Sedgwick, Alderman Betty Benton, Parks Director Don Wills, Chief of Police Paul Walls, and architects Dean Thomas and Sam Henry from Dahoff Thomas Design Studio cut the ribbon for the opening of the A. Keith McDonald Pavilion.

The pavilion will house the Bartlett Station Farmers Market as well as rentals.

Tullahoma’s Berridge is world’s tallest firefighter

Berridge is a graduate of High School Career Development of Police and Fire Science and earned his bachelor’s degree in psychology from Tennessee State University in 1966. He also served in the Vietnam War, earning the Purple Heart.

Berridge began his career in insurance at the Equitable Life Insurance Company of Iowa at age 18 and 19. He returned to Tennessee in 1970; establishing his own independent insurance and long-term care assurance specialist in health and life insurance. He is survived by his wife, Diane; two daughters, Talia and Mary; and son, Rick.

Initial results of Berridge’s measurements and other documentation and that Berridge is the tallest person in the world.

Over the years, Berridge has learned that his brother, the neighbor of the firehouses of the neighboring firehouses, and his safety and his height have been a great asset to his career.

Berridge is tall and quirky, and he has an extreme sense of humor. He said that mode alarm installations, checking high files and sending in to the world record commission.

Tullahoma is a city of about 18,000 people and it is the only city in the state with a population of more than 10,000. The city is known for its beautiful parks and outdoor recreation areas.
Forbes highlights Lewisburg as one of top ‘zoom towns’

Lewisburg is one of many communities looking into ways to encourage working from home. The pandemic is changing the economy and two Americas. “We think we are going to see virtual-remote working and the move away from commutes in the commuting environment continue,” he said. “We are looking into training for entrepreneurship training for those who want to work at home, provide some co-working and maketomized cards for your residents and employees.”

Broadband access, a strategic location along an interstate between two major cities, and cheaper real estate are among the reasons small towns like Lewisburg are becoming more attractive during the pandemic.”

About John Hey

John has over 30 years experience in the world of complex, managed services, including acquisitions, inform cybersecurity, and serves on the Leadership Team to bring its experience to bear on corporate strategy, John is deeply passionate about culture, diversity, and information technology. Aashfold CHSS, CRCP, TIL, and Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt certifications.

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to move real estate from urban areas during the pandemic. The national demand led, the city’s leaders believe. That’s because the risk is smaller in smaller communi ties and there is more to closer to relatives during the pandemic.

Similarly, a recent Harris poll found that the demand to tele work and better Internet services in more rural areas would encourage millions of Americans to leave urban areas so they could buy homes in cheaper rural communities.

Lowe said Lewisburg is also seeing similar steady growth. That’s because those are coming to the community are

“We were seeing a lot of younger people moving here, some daters because the cost of living is lower,” he said. “For rural communities and especially for Lewisburg, young people being here is at the heart of the community.” What has been happening is the beat and bright ones off to college and then live their mid-to-late twenties in the brightest go off to college and then live their mid-to-late twenties in major metropolitan centers. When they start having kids, they want to move to the area that is like the heart of the community.”

Bingham said that the city’s where that the town where the teachers know their names. I think what COVID did and took the world by surprise is how much of an option to younger people who wouldn’t have considered it before because their career need not reach metropolitan areas.”

Bingham said that the city was already seeing industrial growth prior to the pandemic. “About a year-and-a-half...
The growth of the state economy and to TNEDC’s expansion and recruitment efforts. In addition, STEM occupations with high em- ployment demand are identified throughout the report. This year’s report also addresses potential new trends that could emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic and includes a new section highlighting where in-demand positions intersect with high levels of key replacement claims in 2020, as reported by the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development. For each region of Tennessee, approximately 160 to 100 occupations that business owners identified in the study. The analyzes key metrics such as medium wage, education requirements, hiring trends, and pro-jected openings.

The state of Tennessee was ranked the tenth best employer by the state for Forbes magazine out of 75 companies with 500 or more employees. Only 12 states and other governmental agencies in the region were recognized on the respective lists with the next high- est ranking state being Louisiana coming in at No. 25. Private sector employers on the Tennessee top 10 ranking included JMC, Whole Foods Market, FedEx, and Unifilm. And to de- termine the list, Forbes surveyed 30,000 Ameri- cans. The study analyzed factors such as pay, compensation, opportunities for advancement, openness to tele- working, and employee benefits to identify the best employers.

More than $27 million were wa- tched for the weekly performance of online sports betting that started on October 1 for the Tennessee Education Lottery. Between Nov. 1 and Nov. 8, Ten- nesseans wagered $27.4 million, which is 15.18% more than the budgeted money. Of that tax money, 15.18% will go toward reducing the state’s debt. The General Assembly has authorized $500 million from the General Fund to go into the state’s education lottery’s reserve fund. This will be a one-time occurrence, though, to reduce the state’s debt.

Tennessee's economy “continues to recover as October’s monthly revenue growth exceeds expectations,” Ely said. “We are pleased to see that business and personal income tax receipts percent from the same month last year is up 11.0% and the growth rate was 26.19% and the year-to-date growth rate was 22.72% for October but were $1.3 million more than the October estimate of $106.5 million. Adjusting for a $14.5 million increase in the fuel tax payment made last year and the October revenue growth was more than the budgeted estimate. Motor vehicle registration rev- enue receipts increased by 6.57% and were $2.7 million more than the October estimate. Tobacco tax revenues for the month were $0.2 million less than the budgeted estimate of $10.8 million and the year-to-date rate for October was negative 2.7%.

Privilege tax revenues were $8 million less than the October estimate of $35.2 million and the year-to-date rate was negative 1.5%. Business taxes revenues increased by $0.6 million more than the budgeted estimate.
More than 200 cities hold municipal elections in November

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In East Ridge, residents voted to remove residency requirements for the municipal judge with 5,708 votes for and 4 votes against.

In Collierville, the Position 3 candidate received more than 50% of the vote.

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**CLASSIFIED ADS**


**ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN/ Directory Editor**

PIPETON. The city of Pipperton has an opening for a part-time, accounting technician/ directory editor. The candidate must have a minimum of 2 years experience in accounting and manual or computer accounting skills. The candidate must be able to work with city data, both in Excel and reporting using generally accepted accounting principles. The position is 9-11 hours per week with an open salary range. For more information contact the city at 901-758-5040 or email to mayor@pippertontn.com.

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**ATTORNEY**

MURFREESBORO. The city of Murfreesboro has an opening for an attorney in the city’s Law Department to perform legal services for the city. The ideal candidate will have one to two years of post-graduate work and experience in local government law, and the ability to prepare legal documents. Salary range is $70,000 to $85,000. For more information, email to citylaw@cityofmurfreesboro.org.

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**ASSISTANT TO CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

GREAT VALLEY. The city of Great Valley, located in Greeneville, TN, has a full-time opening for an assistant to the city administrator. The position is responsible for managing a variety of administrative tasks, preparing and processing financial documents, performing accounting tasks, and managing and maintaining accounting records. Applicants must have a minimum of 2 years of experience in accounting and manual or computer accounting skills. This is a full-time position with a salary range of $36,000 to $40,000, depending on experience and qualifications. Interested candidates should submit their resume to the city manager at cm@greatvalleytn.gov.

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**CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

BARTLETT. The city of Bartlett has an opening for a city administrator. The ideal candidate will have a minimum of 3 years of experience in local government administration, with a focus on financial management and operations. Applicants must have a bachelor’s degree in business administration, public administration, or a related field. Salary range is $69,841 - $80,929. Job posted 4/22/2022. Direct questions to Mr. Jaeckel at 901-339-5050.

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**CITY ENGINEER**

CAMERON. The city of Cameron has a full-time opening for a city engineer. The ideal candidate will have a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering and at least 5 years of experience working on construction projects. Responsibilities include managing engineering staff, planning and designing infrastructure projects, and preparing engineering reports. This is a full-time position with a salary range of $70,000 to $85,000. Interested candidates should submit their resume to the city manager at cm@cameronla.org.

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**CITY ENGINEER**

HENDERSONVILLE. The position requires the operations of Engineering Division of the city of Hendersonville. The ideal candidate will have a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering or closely related field. Must have a minimum of 5 years of experience in construction management, project management, and engineering design. This is a full-time position with a salary range of $60,000 to $70,000. Interested candidates should submit their resume to the city manager at cm@hendersonvilletn.gov.

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**CITY MANAGER**

MC ALLEN. The city of Mc Allen has an opening for a city manager. The ideal candidate will have a minimum of 10 years of experience in local government management, with a focus on financial management, human resources, and personnel management. Salary range is $130,000 to $150,000, depending on experience and qualifications. Interested candidates should submit their resume to the city manager at cm@mcalletx.org.
How can governments maximize Covid-19 funding?

One of the most important things state and local governments can do with remaining Covid-19 funding is to invest in digitization.

For many, the ever-nearing financial crisis has become a crucial role of governments during the pandemic. Ultimately, only those who are able to digitize mission-critical processes and systems drastically reduce time to spend the least amount of money while getting out over $3.5 billion dollars needed for aid is contingent on maximizing state and local governments’ focus to expedite the disbursement of public assistance to local governments.

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**Appalachian Service Project works to improve housing**

**BY DR. BRIDGET JONES**

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The Appalachian Service Project (ASP) is, according to their mission statement, a Christian ministry, open to all people, that builds homes and offers services to those in need by serving families through volonteer home repair and replacement.

Since 1969, ASP has made homes warmer, safer, and drier and provided transformational service experiences for volunteers. In 2018 alone, 16,231 volunteers served with ASP and provided critical repairs for 493 families and constructed or overhauled 60 homes across the Appalachian region. The Appalachian Service Project envisions an Appalachian where homes are solid, people are healthy, and community is strong. ASP seeks to work in partnership with those who come in contact with the mission.

ASP’s proven, innovative fi

ancing model for housing rehabilitation and the construction of new homes creates impact by building infrastructure and bolstering the housing stock of each community served. These funding opportunities are substantial increases for families who have lost theirs as a result of unexpected hardships.

ASP’s New Build Appalachia program constructs 33 new homes in East Tennessee in the mountains of Hawkins, Johnson, Sullivan, and Unicoi counties, as well as distressed census tracts located within Carter, Hancock, as well as distressed communities in Tennessee’s ARC-designated Appalachian Region.

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In 2013, ASP began work with the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (TNECD) to grow the New Build Appalachia program. This project served two of Tennessee’s ARC-designated distressed counties, Cooke and Hawkins County, as well as distressed census tracts located within Carter, Clay, Claiborne, Greene, Hamblen, Hawkins, Johnson, Sullivan, Wayne, and Unicoi counties. During that time, ASP focused on 30 full-time and additional trained employees. In 2018, 429 ASP volunteers repaired 14 homes in the county and worked 15,015 hours, equivalent to a total value of $60,000 was spent on construction supplies and materials to perform the homes in the county. In addition, ASP received 126 applications for significant home repairs. For each dollar contributed by ARC, more than $5 in value will be generated for the residents of distressed communities. In addition to fulfilling a basic need for housing that is safe, warm and dry, ASP’s work includes substantial contributions to the community and local businesses. ASP leads work with local officials to design a program to suit the needs of the community that will not only create jobs, but tie into existing efforts to improve the lives of citizens in Hancock County. The project will make a substantial impact on ending substandard housing in Hancock County without creating debt for individuals who are living in poverty. Project progress and results include the following:

**Total Volunteer Hours**

33,000

**Total Low-Income Families to be Served**

33

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**Total Home Value and Ownership Created**

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For more information visit TNECD’s Appalachian Regional Commission Programs.

The mission of the Appalachian Regional Commission is to innovate, partner and invest to build community capacity and strengthen economic growth in Appalachia. ARC supports a variety of activities to promote entrepreneurship and business development in the Appalachian Region. These activities help diversify the Region’s economy, promote new and market strategic assets, increase the competitiveness of existing businesses, foster the development and use of innovative technologies, and enhance entrepreneurial activity. Through ARC funding, TNECD is able to award grants each year to economic and community development projects in the 12 counties in middle and eastern Tennessee served by ASP.

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**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY IMPACT**

ASP will construct 33 new homes in East Tennessee with an estimated market value of $800,000 each. This construction activity will bolster the housing stock and generate more than $24 million in new housing assets. For each dollar contributed by ARC, more than $5 in value will be generated for the residents of distressed communities. In addition to fulfilling a basic need for housing that is safe, warm and dry, ASP’s work includes substantial contributions to the community and local businesses. ASP leads work with local officials to design a program to suit the needs of the community that will not only create jobs, but tie into existing efforts to improve the lives of citizens in Hancock County. The project will make a substantial impact on ending substandard housing in Hancock County without creating debt for individuals who are living in poverty. Project progress and results include the following:

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