



To: Budget Committee/Blount County Commission
From: Jeff French, Chief Deputy BCSO
CC: Fin. Dir. Brian Baldwin
Date: 6/16/2025
Re: **Annual Litter Grant Resolution**

Budget Committee Members and Commissioners,

Attached are our annual Litter grant documents for your information. This grant provides \$74,000 to help cover account 101-64000 Litter Grant. This account includes one deputy, who manages an inmate litter crew, landfill fees, Keep Blount Beautiful fees, and some miscellaneous supplies related to the litter grant.

This is a recurring grant and already included in the budget.

Thank you,

Jeff French, Chief Deputy BCSO



Victoria Cooper

Fri, Jun 6, 7:13 PM (10 days ago)

to emitchell@blounttn.org, acowden@blounttn.org, Vicky, Pam, me, director@keepblountbeautiful.org, kbarr
ett@blounttn.org, Antonia, Steve, Loren

Dear Blount County Litter Grant Recipients,

Thank you all for your continued support throughout the recent TDOT reorganization and staff transition. We are especially grateful for your ongoing partnership through the Litter Grant Program. The upcoming grant year marks an exciting milestone—**42 years of Litter Grants** in Tennessee!

Attached, you will find:

- FY26 Application Packet

Spreadsheet Column Descriptions:

1. Amount available for **Schedules 1 (Salary)** and **2 (Direct Costs)** at your discretion.
2. Amount required by TDOT to be included in **Schedule 3 (Education)**.
3. **Total grant amount** allocated to Blount County.

County	Total	Salary + Direct Cost	Education Funds
Blount	\$74,000	\$51,800	\$22,200

Please note: **Statewide funding remains unchanged at \$5.5 million** for FY26. As always, the amount allocated is based on the dedicated revenue TDOT receives for this program.

Important Update:

- Benefits are no longer eligible for reimbursement. Please adjust your line item totals accordingly.
- With the written approval of TDOT, once issued, the County may vary from a Grant Budget line-item amount by up to ten percent (10%) of the line-item amount, provided that any increase is off-set by an equal reduction of other line-item amount(s) such that the net result of variances shall not increase the total Grant Contract amount detailed by the Grant Budget. This is a change from the allowable one percent (1%) line-item adjustment from prior years. A reduction to Schedule 3 (Education) is not allowed.

FY26 Litter Grant Application Submission Details

- **Due Date:** Friday, **June 13th, 2025**
- **Submit the following items:**
 1. Work Plan

2. Education Plan

3. Line-item Budget

- **Send all submissions to the following emails:**
 - Victoria Cooper – Victoria.X.Cooper@tn.gov
 - Antonia Hayes – Antonia.Hayes@tn.gov
 - Loren McWright – Loren.McWright@tn.gov

Please use this information in preparing your county's annual budget and completing your FY26 Litter Grant application.

Thanks again for all you do to keep Tennessee **clean and green!**

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