



GOVERNMENTAL GRANT CONTRACT

(cost reimbursement grant contract with a federal or Tennessee local governmental entity or their agents and instrumentalities)

Begin Date June 1, 2024	End Date October 31, 2026	Agency Tracking # 33023-49924	Edison ID		
Grantee Legal Entity Name Blount County Government			Edison Vendor ID 15		
Subrecipient or Recipient <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subrecipient <input type="checkbox"/> Recipient		Assistance Listing Number: 21.027	Grantee's Fiscal Year End: 30-June		
Service Caption (one line only) Broadband Ready Communities – Adoption Ready Program – (ARP-SLRF)					
Funding —					
FY	State	Federal	Interdepartmental	Other	TOTAL Grant Contract Amount
2024		\$100,000.00			\$100,000.00
TOTAL:		\$100,000.00			\$100,000.00
Grantee Selection Process Summary					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Competitive Selection		Grantees are selected based on the procedures outlined in the Delegated Grant Authority for this program.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-competitive Selection					
Budget Officer Confirmation: There is a balance in the appropriation from which obligations hereunder are required to be paid that is not already encumbered to pay other obligations.				CPO USE - GG	
Speed Chart (optional)		Account Code (optional)			

GC:4/15/2024

**GRANT CONTRACT
BETWEEN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE,
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AND
BLOUNT COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

This grant contract ("Grant Contract"), by and between the State of Tennessee, Department of Economic and Community Development, hereinafter referred to as the "State" or the "Grantor State Agency" and Blount County Government, hereinafter referred to as the "Grantee," is for the provision of services relating to the TNECD Broadband Ready Communities – Adoption Ready Program, as further defined in the "SCOPE OF SERVICES AND DELIVERABLES."

Grantee Edison Vendor ID # 15

A. SCOPE OF SERVICES AND DELIVERABLES:

- A.1. The Grantee shall provide the scope of services and deliverables ("Scope") as required, described, and detailed in this Grant Contract.
- A.2. This Grant Contract is being executed in furtherance of the goals of the Broadband Ready Communities – Adoption Ready Program (the "Program") for the purpose of enhancing broadband access and adoption for those affected during the COVID-19 pandemic through planning, training opportunities, connected devices, and broadband-related educational or workforce development programming. As part of its application for funding under the Program, the Grantee has agreed to complete the activities selected below in this Section A.2 and further described in Attachment A (*Detailed Scope of Services*) (hereinafter, the "Project Activities").

- Digital Skills Training
- Education and Workforce Development
- Equipment / Devices
- Public Wi-Fi
- Other

A.3. Reserved.

A.4. Reserved.

A.5. Incorporation of Federal Award Identification Worksheet. The federal award identification worksheet, which appears as Attachment B, is incorporated in this Grant Contract.

A.6. Statement of Assurances. The Grantee agrees to comply with the Statement of Assurances, attached to this Grant Contract as Attachment C and incorporated herein by reference.

B. TERM OF GRANT CONTRACT:

- B.1. This Grant Contract shall be effective for the period beginning on June 1, 2024 ("Effective Date") and ending on October 31, 2026, ("Term"). The State shall have no obligation to the Grantee for fulfillment of the Scope outside the Term.
- B.2. Federal Pre-award Authority. The Parties acknowledge that the State has the power to expend funds under this Grant Contract in accordance with applicable federal pre-award authority. Federal pre-award authority is a system under which recipients of federal grant money may incur certain project costs before the final approval of a federal grant and may retain eligibility for

subsequent reimbursement after grant approval. The payment obligations of this Grant Contract may be predicated wholly or in part on the State's exercise of federal pre-award authority. By accepting the terms of this Grant Contract, the Grantee acknowledges the following:

- a. With regard to the Grantee's activities prior to the Effective Date of this Grant Contract, only those activities which meet all of the following requirements shall be considered for reimbursement:
 - (1) Activities that are reasonably related to the Scope of Services;
 - (2) Activities in whose absence the Scope of Services could not be completed or performed; and
 - (3) Activities that meet the relevant federal agency's requirements for reimbursement under federal pre-award authority.
- b. The Grantee understands the federal pre-award authority system and its relation to this Grant Contract.
- c. Pre-award authority is not a legal or implied commitment that the work contemplated in this Grant Contract will be approved for federal assistance or that a federal agency will obligate funds. Furthermore, it is not a legal or implied commitment that all items undertaken by the Grantee will be eligible for inclusion in a federally funded project.
- d. It is the Grantee's responsibility to ensure its own compliance with the policies and requirements of the relevant federal agency with regard to the goods or services contemplated in this Grant Contract. The Grantee assumes all risk and is responsible for ensuring that all conditions are met to retain eligibility for federal reimbursement via grant.
- e. To the extent that this Grant Contract is funded through federal pre-award authority, the State's obligations under Section C of this Grant Contract shall be void in the event that any of the following occur:
 - (1) the Grantee fails to comply with the grantor federal agency's policies and regulations;
 - (2) the relevant federal agency fails or refuses to finalize a grant; or
 - (3) the relevant federal agency refuses to reimburse specific expenses incurred under pre-award authority.
- f. The start date of the State's federal pre-award authority is **March 3, 2021**.

C. PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- C.1. Maximum Liability. In no event shall the maximum liability of the State under this Grant Contract exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$100,000.00) ("Maximum Liability"). The Grant Budget, attached and incorporated hereto as Attachment D, shall constitute the maximum amount due the Grantee under this Grant Contract. The Grant Budget line-items include, but are not limited to, all applicable taxes, fees, overhead, and all other direct and indirect costs incurred or to be incurred by the Grantee.
- C.2. Compensation Firm. The Maximum Liability of the State is not subject to escalation for any reason unless amended. The Grant Budget amounts are firm for the Term and are not subject to escalation for any reason unless amended, except as provided in Section C.6.

- C.3. Payment Methodology. The Grantee shall be reimbursed for actual, reasonable, and necessary costs based upon the Grant Budget, not to exceed the Maximum Liability established in Section C.1. Upon progress toward the completion of the Scope, as described in Section A of this Grant Contract, the Grantee shall submit invoices prior to any reimbursement of allowable costs.
- C.4. Travel Compensation. Reimbursement to the Grantee for travel, meals, or lodging shall be subject to amounts and limitations specified in the "State Comprehensive Travel Regulations," as they are amended from time to time, and shall be contingent upon and limited by the Grant Budget funding for said reimbursement.
- C.5. Invoice Requirements. The Grantee shall invoice the State no more often than monthly, with all necessary supporting documentation, and present such to:

ECD.Invoices@tn.gov

- a. Each invoice shall clearly and accurately detail all of the following required information (calculations must be extended and totaled correctly).
- (1) Invoice/Reference Number (assigned by the Grantee).
 - (2) Invoice Date.
 - (3) Invoice Period (to which the reimbursement request is applicable).
 - (4) Grant Contract Number (assigned by the State).
 - (5) Grantor: Department of Economic and Community Development, Broadband Unit.
 - (6) Grantor Number (assigned by the Grantee to the above-referenced Grantor).
 - (7) Grantee Name.
 - (8) Grantee Tennessee Edison Registration ID Number Referenced in Preamble of this Grant Contract.
 - (9) Grantee Remittance Address.
 - (10) Grantee Contact for Invoice Questions (name, phone, or fax).
 - (11) Itemization of Reimbursement Requested for the Invoice Period— it must detail, at minimum, all of the following:
 - i. The amount requested by Grant Budget line-item (including any travel expenditure reimbursement requested and for which documentation and receipts, as required by "State Comprehensive Travel Regulations," are attached to the invoice).
 - ii. The amount reimbursed by Grant Budget line-item to date.
 - iii. The total amount reimbursed under the Grant Contract to date.
 - iv. The total amount requested (all line-items) for the Invoice Period.
- b. The Grantee understands and agrees to all of the following.
- (1) An invoice under this Grant Contract shall include only reimbursement requests for actual, reasonable, and necessary expenditures required in the delivery of service described by this Grant Contract and shall be subject to the Grant Budget and any other provision of this Grant Contract relating to allowable reimbursements.
 - (2) An invoice under this Grant Contract shall not include any reimbursement request for future expenditures.
 - (3) An invoice under this Grant Contract shall initiate the timeframe for reimbursement only when the State is in receipt of the invoice, and the invoice meets the minimum requirements of this section C.5.
- C.6. Grant Budget and Revisions to Grant Budget Line-Items. Expenditures, reimbursements, and payments under this Grant Contract shall adhere to the Grant Budget.

- a. The Grantee may vary from a Grant Budget line-item amount by up to twenty percent (20%) of the line-item amount, provided that any increase is off-set by an equal reduction of other line-item amounts. The net result of any changes to Grant Budget line-item amounts shall not result in funding for a line-item that was previously funded at zero dollars (\$0.00) or increase the total Grant Contract amount detailed by the Grant Budget.
 - b. The Grantee may request in writing Grant Budget line-item revisions exceeding the limitation set forth in section C.6.a., above, giving full details supporting the Grantee's request, provided that such revisions do not result in funding for a line-item that was previously funded at zero dollars (\$0.00) and do not increase the total Grant Contract amount. Grant Budget line-item revisions may not be made without prior, written approval of the State in which the terms of the approved revisions are detailed. Any approval of a revision to a Grant Budget line-item greater than twenty percent (20%) shall be superseded by a subsequent revision of the Grant Budget by Grant Contract amendment.
 - c. Any increase in the total Grant Contract amount shall require a Grant Contract Amendment.
- C.7. Disbursement Reconciliation and Close Out. The Grantee shall submit any final invoice and a grant disbursement reconciliation report within sixty (60) days of the Grant Contract end date, in form and substance acceptable to the State.
- a. If total disbursements by the State pursuant to this Grant Contract exceed the amounts permitted by Section C of this Grant Contract, the Grantee shall refund the difference to the State. The Grantee shall submit said refund with the final grant disbursement reconciliation report.
 - b. The State shall not be responsible for the payment of any invoice submitted to the state after the grant disbursement reconciliation report. The State will not deem any Grantee costs submitted for reimbursement after the grant disbursement reconciliation report to be allowable and reimbursable by the State, and such invoices will NOT be paid.
 - c. The Grantee's failure to provide a final grant disbursement reconciliation report to the state as required shall result in the Grantee being deemed ineligible for reimbursement under this Grant Contract, and the Grantee shall be required to refund any and all payments by the state pursuant to this Grant Contract.
 - d. The Grantee must close out its accounting records at the end of the contract period in such a way that reimbursable expenditures and revenue collections are NOT carried forward.
- C.8. Indirect Cost. Should the Grantee request reimbursement for indirect costs, the Grantee must submit to the State a copy of the indirect cost rate approved by the cognizant federal agency or the cognizant state agency, as applicable. The Grantee will be reimbursed for indirect costs in accordance with the approved indirect cost rate and amounts and limitations specified in the attached Grant Budget. Once the Grantee makes an election and treats a given cost as direct or indirect, it must apply that treatment consistently and may not change during the Term. Any changes in the approved indirect cost rate must have prior approval of the cognizant federal agency or the cognizant state agency, as applicable. If the indirect cost rate is provisional during the Term, once the rate becomes final, the Grantee agrees to remit any overpayment of funds to the State, and subject to the availability of funds the State agrees to remit any underpayment to the Grantee.

- C.9. Cost Allocation. If any part of the costs to be reimbursed under this Grant Contract are joint costs involving allocation to more than one program or activity, such costs shall be allocated and reported in accordance with the provisions of Central Procurement Office Policy 2013-007 or any amendments or revisions made to this policy statement during the Term.
- C.10. Payment of Invoice. A payment by the State shall not prejudice the State's right to object to or question any reimbursement, invoice, or matter in relation thereto. A payment by the State shall not be construed as acceptance of any part of the work or service provided or as approval of any amount as an allowable cost.
- C.11. Non-allowable Costs. Any amounts payable to the Grantee shall be subject to reduction for amounts included in any invoice or payment that are determined by the State, on the basis of audits or monitoring conducted in accordance with the terms of this Grant Contract, to constitute unallowable costs.
- C.12. State's Right to Set Off. The State reserves the right to deduct from amounts that are or shall become due and payable to the Grantee under this Grant Contract or any other contract between the Grantee and the State of Tennessee under which the Grantee has a right to receive payment from the State.
- C.13. Prerequisite Documentation. The Grantee shall not invoice the State under this Grant Contract until the State has received the following, properly completed documentation.
- a. The Grantee shall complete, sign, and present to the State an "Authorization Agreement for Automatic Deposit (ACH Credits) Form" provided by the State. By doing so, the Grantee acknowledges and agrees that, once this form is received by the State, all payments to the Grantee under this or any other grant contract will be made by automated clearing house ("ACH").
 - b. The Grantee shall complete, sign, and return to the State the State-provided W-9 form. The taxpayer identification number on the W-9 form must be the same as the Grantee's Federal Employer Identification Number or Social Security Number referenced in the Grantee's Edison registration information.

D. STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- D.1. Required Approvals. The State is not bound by this Grant Contract until it is signed by the parties and approved by appropriate officials in accordance with applicable Tennessee laws and regulations (depending upon the specifics of this Grant Contract, the officials may include, but are not limited to, the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, the Commissioner of Human Resources, and the Comptroller of the Treasury).
- D.2. Modification and Amendment. This Grant Contract may be modified only by a written amendment signed by all parties and approved by the officials who approved the Grant Contract and, depending upon the specifics of the Grant Contract as amended, any additional officials required by Tennessee laws and regulations (said officials may include, but are not limited to, the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, the Commissioner of Human Resources, and the Comptroller of the Treasury).
- D.3. Termination for Convenience. The State may terminate this Grant Contract without cause for any reason. A termination for convenience shall not be a breach of this Grant Contract by the State. The State shall give the Grantee at least thirty (30) days written notice before the effective termination date. The Grantee shall be entitled to compensation for authorized expenditures and satisfactory services completed as of the termination date, but in no event shall the State be liable to the Grantee for compensation for any service that has not been rendered. The final decision as to the amount for which the State is liable shall be determined by the State. The Grantee

shall not have any right to any actual general, special, incidental, consequential, or any other damages whatsoever of any description or amount for the State's exercise of its right to terminate for convenience.

- D.4. Termination for Cause. If the Grantee fails to properly perform its obligations under this Grant Contract in a timely or proper manner, or if the Grantee violates any terms of this Grant Contract ("Breach Condition"), the State shall have the right to immediately terminate the Grant Contract and withhold payments in excess of compensation for completed services or provided goods. Notwithstanding the foregoing above, and in addition to the liability provisions of Section A.3. of this Grant Contract, the Grantee shall also be liable to the State for actual damages caused by any Breach Condition, and the State may seek all other remedies allowed at law or in equity for breach of this Grant Contract.
- D.5. Subcontracting. The Grantee shall not assign this Grant Contract or enter into a subcontract for any of the services performed under this Grant Contract without obtaining the prior written approval of the State. If such subcontracts are approved by the State, each shall contain, at a minimum, sections of this Grant Contract pertaining to "Conflicts of Interest," "Lobbying," "Nondiscrimination," "Public Accountability," "Public Notice," and "Records" (as identified by the section headings). Notwithstanding any use of approved subcontractors, the Grantee shall remain responsible for all work performed.
- D.6. Conflicts of Interest. The Grantee warrants that no part of the total Grant Contract Amount shall be paid directly or indirectly to an employee or official of the State of Tennessee as wages, compensation, or gifts in exchange for acting as an officer, agent, employee, subcontractor, or consultant to the Grantee in connection with any work contemplated or performed relative to this Grant Contract.
- D.7. Lobbying. The Grantee certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that:
- a. No federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
 - b. If any funds other than federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the Grantee shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.
 - c. The Grantee shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into and is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C. § 1352.

- D.8. Communications and Contacts. All instructions, notices, consents, demands, or other communications required or contemplated by this Grant Contract shall be in writing and shall be made by certified, first-class mail, return receipt requested and postage prepaid, by overnight

courier service with an asset tracking system, or by email or facsimile transmission with recipient confirmation. All communications, regardless of method of transmission, shall be addressed to the respective party as set out below:

The State:

Taylre Beaty, State Broadband Director
TNECD
Tennessee Tower, 27th Floor
312 Rosa L. Parks Ave.
Nashville, TN 37243
taylre.beaty@tn.gov
Telephone # (615) 571-4963

The Grantee:

Justin McClure, IT Director
Blount County Government
337 Court St
Maryville, TN, 37804-5906
jmcclure@blounttn.org
Telephone # 865-273-5735

With a copy to (if applicable):
Ed Mitchell
emitchell@blounttn.org

A change to the above contact information requires written notice to the person designated by the other party to receive notice.

All instructions, notices, consents, demands, or other communications shall be considered effectively given upon receipt or recipient confirmation as may be required.

- D.9. Subject to Funds Availability. This Grant Contract is subject to the appropriation and availability of State or Federal funds. In the event that the funds are not appropriated or are otherwise unavailable, the State reserves the right to terminate this Grant Contract upon written notice to the Grantee. The State's right to terminate this Grant Contract due to lack of funds is not a breach of this Grant Contract by the State. Upon receipt of the written notice, the Grantee shall cease all work associated with the Grant Contract. Should such an event occur, the Grantee shall be entitled to compensation for all satisfactory and authorized services completed as of the termination date. Upon such termination, the Grantee shall have no right to recover from the State any actual, general, special, incidental, consequential, or any other damages whatsoever of any description or amount.
- D.10. Nondiscrimination. The Grantee agrees that no person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the performance of this Grant Contract or in the employment practices of the Grantee on the grounds of handicap or disability, age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or any other classification protected by Federal, Tennessee State constitutional, or statutory law. The Grantee shall, upon request, show proof of such nondiscrimination and shall post in conspicuous places, available to all employees and applicants, notices of nondiscrimination.
- D.11. Reserved.
- D.12. Public Accountability. If the Grantee is subject to Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-4-401 *et seq.*, or if this Grant Contract involves the provision of services to citizens by the Grantee on behalf of the State, the Grantee agrees to establish a system through which recipients of services may present grievances about the operation of the service program. The Grantee shall also display in a prominent place, located near the passageway through which the public enters in order to receive Grant supported services, a sign at least eleven inches (11") in height and seventeen inches (17") in width stating:

NOTICE: THIS AGENCY IS A RECIPIENT OF TAXPAYER FUNDING. IF YOU OBSERVE AN AGENCY DIRECTOR OR EMPLOYEE ENGAGING IN ANY ACTIVITY WHICH YOU CONSIDER TO BE ILLEGAL, IMPROPER, OR WASTEFUL, PLEASE CALL THE STATE COMPTROLLER'S TOLL-FREE HOTLINE: 1-800-232-5454.

The sign shall be on the form prescribed by the Comptroller of the Treasury. The Grantor State Agency shall obtain copies of the sign from the Comptroller of the Treasury, and upon request from the Grantee, provide Grantee with any necessary signs.

- D.13. Public Notice. All notices, informational pamphlets, press releases, research reports, signs, and similar public notices prepared and released by the Grantee in relation to this Grant Contract shall include the statement, "This project is funded under a Grant Contract with the State of Tennessee." All notices by the Grantee in relation to this Grant Contract shall be approved by the State.
- D.14. Licensure. The Grantee and its employees and all sub-grantees shall be licensed pursuant to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations and shall, upon request, provide proof of all licenses.
- D.15. Records. The Grantee and any approved subcontractor shall maintain documentation for all charges under this Grant Contract. The books, records, and documents of the Grantee and any approved subcontractor, insofar as they relate to work performed or money received under this Grant Contract, shall be maintained in accordance with applicable Tennessee law. In no case shall the records be maintained for a period of less than five (5) full years from the date of the final payment. The Grantee's records shall be subject to audit at any reasonable time and upon reasonable notice by the Grantor State Agency, the Comptroller of the Treasury, or their duly appointed representatives.

The records shall be maintained in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Accounting Standards or the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification, as applicable, and any related AICPA Industry Audit and Accounting guides.

In addition, documentation of grant applications, budgets, reports, awards, and expenditures will be maintained in accordance with U.S. Office of Management and Budget's *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*.

Grant expenditures shall be made in accordance with local government purchasing policies and procedures and purchasing procedures for local governments authorized under state law. The Grantee shall also comply with any recordkeeping and reporting requirements prescribed by the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury.

The Grantee shall establish a system of internal controls that utilize the COSO Internal Control - Integrated Framework model as the basic foundation for the internal control system. The Grantee shall incorporate any additional Comptroller of the Treasury directives into its internal control system.

Any other required records or reports which are not contemplated in the above standards shall follow the format designated by the head of the Grantor State Agency, the Central Procurement Office, or the Commissioner of Finance and Administration of the State of Tennessee.

- D.16. Monitoring. The Grantee's activities conducted and records maintained pursuant to this Grant Contract shall be subject to monitoring and evaluation by the State, the Comptroller of the Treasury, or their duly appointed representatives.
- D.17. Progress Reports. The Grantee shall submit brief, periodic, progress reports to the State as requested.
- D.18. Annual and Final Reports. The Grantee shall submit, within three (3) months of the conclusion of each year of the Term, an annual report. For grant contracts with a term of less than one (1) year, the Grantee shall submit a final report within three (3) months of the conclusion of the Term. For

grant contracts with multiyear terms, the final report will take the place of the annual report for the final year of the Term. The Grantee shall submit annual and final reports to the Grantor State Agency. At minimum, annual and final reports shall include: (a) the Grantee's name; (b) the Grant Contract's Edison identification number, Term, and total amount; (c) a narrative section that describes the program's goals, outcomes, successes and setbacks, whether the Grantee used benchmarks or indicators to determine progress, and whether any proposed activities were not completed; and (d) other relevant details requested by the Grantor State Agency. Annual and final report documents to be completed by the Grantee shall appear on the Grantor State Agency's website or as an attachment to the Grant Contract.

- D.19. Audit Report. The Grantee shall be audited in accordance with applicable Tennessee law. At least ninety (90) days before the end of its fiscal year, the Grantee shall complete the Information for Audit Purposes ("IAP") form online (accessible through the Edison Supplier portal) to notify the State whether or not Grantee is subject to an audit. The Grantee should submit only one, completed form online during the Grantee's fiscal year. Immediately after the fiscal year has ended, the Grantee shall fill out the End of Fiscal Year ("EOFY") (accessible through the Edison Supplier portal).

When a federal single audit is required, the audit shall be performed in accordance with U.S. Office of Management and Budget's *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*.

A copy of the audit report shall be provided to the Comptroller by the licensed, independent public accountant. Audit reports shall be made available to the public.

- D.20. Procurement. If other terms of this Grant Contract allow reimbursement for the cost of goods, materials, supplies, equipment, or contracted services, such procurement shall be made on a competitive basis, including the use of competitive bidding procedures, where practical. The Grantee shall maintain documentation for the basis of each procurement for which reimbursement is paid pursuant to this Grant Contract. In each instance where it is determined that use of a competitive procurement method is not practical, supporting documentation shall include a written justification for the decision and for use of a non-competitive procurement. If the Grantee is a subrecipient, the Grantee shall comply with 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317—200.327 when procuring property and services under a federal award.

The Grantee shall obtain prior approval from the State before purchasing any equipment under this Grant Contract.

For purposes of this Grant Contract, the term "equipment" shall include any article of nonexpendable, tangible, personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost which equals or exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).

- D.21. Strict Performance. Failure by any party to this Grant Contract to insist in any one or more cases upon the strict performance of any of the terms, covenants, conditions, or provisions of this Grant Contract is not a waiver or relinquishment of any such term, covenant, condition, or provision. No term or condition of this Grant Contract shall be held to be waived, modified, or deleted except by a written amendment signed by the parties.
- D.22. Independent Contractor. The parties shall not act as employees, partners, joint venturers, or associates of one another in the performance of this Grant Contract. The parties acknowledge that they are independent contracting entities and that nothing in this Grant Contract shall be construed to create a principal/agent relationship or to allow either to exercise control or direction over the manner or method by which the other transacts its business affairs or provides its usual services. The employees or agents of one party shall not be deemed or construed to be the employees or agents of the other party for any purpose whatsoever.

- D.23. Limitation of State's Liability. The State shall have no liability except as specifically provided in this Grant Contract. In no event will the State be liable to the Grantee or any other party for any lost revenues, lost profits, loss of business, loss of grant funding, decrease in the value of any securities or cash position, time, money, goodwill, or any indirect, special, incidental, punitive, exemplary or consequential damages of any nature, whether based on warranty, contract, statute, regulation, tort (including but not limited to negligence), or any other legal theory that may arise under this Grant Contract or otherwise. The State's total liability under this Grant Contract (including any exhibits, schedules, amendments or other attachments to the Contract) or otherwise shall under no circumstances exceed the Maximum Liability originally established in Section C.1 of this Grant Contract. This limitation of liability is cumulative and not per incident.
- D.24. Force Majeure. "Force Majeure Event" means fire, flood, earthquake, elements of nature or acts of God, wars, riots, civil disorders, rebellions or revolutions, acts of terrorism or any other similar cause beyond the reasonable control of the Party except to the extent that the non-performing Party is at fault in failing to prevent or causing the default or delay, and provided that the default or delay cannot reasonably be circumvented by the non-performing Party through the use of alternate sources, workaround plans or other means. A strike, lockout or labor dispute shall not excuse either Party from its obligations under this Grant Contract. Except as set forth in this Section, any failure or delay by a Party in the performance of its obligations under this Grant Contract arising from a Force Majeure Event is not a default under this Grant Contract or grounds for termination. The non-performing Party will be excused from performing those obligations directly affected by the Force Majeure Event, and only for as long as the Force Majeure Event continues, provided that the Party continues to use diligent, good faith efforts to resume performance without delay. The occurrence of a Force Majeure Event affecting Grantee's representatives, suppliers, subcontractors, customers, or business apart from this Grant Contract is not a Force Majeure Event under this Grant Contract. Grantee will promptly notify the State of any delay caused by a Force Majeure Event (to be confirmed in a written notice to the State within one (1) day of the inception of the delay) that a Force Majeure Event has occurred and will describe in reasonable detail the nature of the Force Majeure Event. If any Force Majeure Event results in a delay in Grantee's performance longer than forty-eight (48) hours, the State may, upon notice to Grantee: (a) cease payment of the fees until Grantee resumes performance of the affected obligations; or (b) immediately terminate this Grant Contract or any purchase order, in whole or in part, without further payment except for fees then due and payable. Grantee will not increase its charges under this Grant Contract or charge the State any fees other than those provided for in this Grant Contract as the result of a Force Majeure Event.
- D.25. Tennessee Department of Revenue Registration. The Grantee shall comply with all applicable registration requirements contained in Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 67-6-601 – 608. Compliance with applicable registration requirements is a material requirement of this Grant Contract.
- D.26. Charges to Service Recipients Prohibited. The Grantee shall not collect any amount in the form of fees or reimbursements from the recipients of any service provided pursuant to this Grant Contract.
- D.27. State Interest in Equipment or Motor Vehicles. The Grantee shall take legal title to all equipment or motor vehicles purchased totally or in part with funds provided under this Grant Contract, subject to the State's equitable interest therein, to the extent of its *pro rata* share, based upon the State's contribution to the purchase price. The term "equipment" shall include any article of nonexpendable, tangible, personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost which equals or exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). The term "motor vehicle" shall include any article of tangible personal property that is required to be registered under the "Tennessee Motor Vehicle Title and Registration Law", Tenn. Code Ann. Title 55, Chapters 1-6.

As authorized by the Tennessee Uniform Commercial Code, Tenn. Code Ann. Title 47, Chapter 9 and the "Tennessee Motor Vehicle Title and Registration Law," Tenn. Code Ann. Title 55,

Chapters 1-6, the parties intend this Grant Contract to create a security interest in favor of the State in the equipment or motor vehicles acquired by the Grantee pursuant to the provisions of this Grant Contract. A further intent of this Grant Contract is to acknowledge and continue the security interest in favor of the State in the equipment or motor vehicles acquired by the Grantee pursuant to the provisions of this program's prior year Grant Contracts between the State and the Grantee.

The Grantee grants the State a security interest in all equipment or motor vehicles acquired in whole or in part by the Grantee under this Grant Contract. This Grant Contract is intended to be a security agreement pursuant to the Uniform Commercial Code for any of the equipment or motor vehicles herein specified which, under applicable law, may be subject to a security interest pursuant to the Uniform Commercial Code, and the Grantee hereby grants the State a security interest in said equipment or motor vehicles. The Grantee agrees that the State may file this Grant Contract or a reproduction thereof, in any appropriate office, as a financing statement for any of the equipment or motor vehicles herein specified. Any reproduction of this or any other security agreement or financing statement shall be sufficient as a financing statement. In addition, the Grantee agrees to execute and deliver to the State, upon the State's request, any financing statements, as well as extensions, renewals, and amendments thereof, and reproduction of this Grant Contract in such form as the State may require to perfect a security interest with respect to said equipment or motor vehicles. The Grantee shall pay all costs of filing such financing statements and any extensions, renewals, amendments and releases thereof, and shall pay all reasonable costs and expenses of any record searches for financing statements the State may reasonably require. Without the prior written consent of the State, the Grantee shall not create or suffer to be created pursuant to the Uniform Commercial Code any other security interest in said equipment or motor vehicles, including replacements and additions thereto. Upon the Grantee's breach of any covenant or agreement contained in this Grant Contract, including the covenants to pay when due all sums secured by this Grant Contract, the State shall have the remedies of a secured party under the Uniform Commercial Code and, at the State's option, may also invoke the remedies herein provided.

The Grantee agrees to be responsible for the accountability, maintenance, management, and inventory of all property purchased totally or in part with funds provided under this Grant Contract. The Grantee shall maintain a perpetual inventory system for all equipment or motor vehicles purchased with funds provided under this Grant Contract and shall submit an inventory control report which must include, at a minimum, the following:

- a. Description of the equipment or motor vehicles;
- b. Vehicle identification number;
- c. Manufacturer's serial number or other identification number, when applicable;
- d. Acquisition date, cost, and check number;
- e. Fund source, State Grant number, or other applicable fund source identification;
- f. Percentage of state funds applied to the purchase;
- g. Location within the Grantee's operations where the equipment or motor vehicles is used;
- h. Condition of the property or disposition date if Grantee no longer has possession;
- i. Depreciation method, if applicable; and
- j. Monthly depreciation amount, if applicable.

The Grantee shall tag equipment or motor vehicles with an identification number which is cross referenced to the equipment or motor vehicle item on the inventory control report. The Grantee shall inventory equipment or motor vehicles annually. The Grantee must compare the results of the inventory with the inventory control report and investigate any differences. The Grantee must then adjust the inventory control report to reflect the results of the physical inventory and subsequent investigation.

The Grantee shall submit its inventory control report of all equipment or motor vehicles purchased with funding through this Grant Contract within thirty (30) days of its end date and in form and

substance acceptable to the State. This inventory control report shall contain, at a minimum, the requirements specified above for inventory control. The Grantee shall notify the State, in writing, of any equipment or motor vehicle loss describing the reasons for the loss. Should the equipment or motor vehicles be destroyed, lost, or stolen, the Grantee shall be responsible to the State for the *pro rata* amount of the residual value at the time of loss based upon the State's original contribution to the purchase price.

Upon termination of the Grant Contract, where a further contractual relationship is not entered into, or at another time during the term of the Grant Contract, the Grantee shall request written approval from the State for any proposed disposition of equipment or motor vehicles purchased with Grant funds. All equipment or motor vehicles shall be disposed of in such a manner as the parties may agree from among alternatives approved by the Tennessee Department of General Services as appropriate and in accordance with any applicable federal laws or regulations.

- D.28. State and Federal Compliance. The Grantee shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations in the performance of this Grant Contract. The U.S. Office of Management and Budget's Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards is available here: http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=c6b2f053952359ba94470ad3a7c1a975&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr200_main_02.tpl
- D.29. Governing Law. This Grant Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee, without regard to its conflict or choice of law rules. The Grantee agrees that it will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Tennessee in actions that may arise under this Grant Contract. The Grantee acknowledges and agrees that any rights or claims against the State of Tennessee or its employees hereunder, and any remedies arising there from, shall be subject to and limited to those rights and remedies, if any, available under Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 9-8-101 through 9-8-408.
- D.30. Completeness. This Grant Contract is complete and contains the entire understanding between the parties relating to the subject matter contained herein, including all the terms and conditions agreed to by the parties. This Grant Contract supersedes any and all prior understandings, representations, negotiations, and agreements between the parties, whether written or oral.
- D.31. Severability. If any terms and conditions of this Grant Contract are held to be invalid or unenforceable as a matter of law, the other terms and conditions shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect. To this end, the terms and conditions of this Grant Contract are declared severable.
- D.32. Headings. Section headings are for reference purposes only and shall not be construed as part of this Grant Contract.
- D.33. Iran Divestment Act. The requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-12-101, *et seq.*, addressing contracting with persons as defined at Tenn. Code Ann. §12-12-103(5) that engage in investment activities in Iran, shall be a material provision of this Grant Contract. The Grantee certifies, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that it is not on the list created pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-12-106.
- D.34. Debarment and Suspension. The Grantee certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it, its current and future principals, its current and future subcontractors and their principals:
- a. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal or state department or agency;
 - b. have not within a three (3) year period preceding this Grant Contract been convicted of, or had a civil judgment rendered against them from commission of fraud, or a criminal

offence in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or grant under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification, or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

- c. are not presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses detailed in section b. of this certification; and
- d. have not within a three (3) year period preceding this Grant Contract had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

The Grantee shall provide immediate written notice to the State if at any time it learns that there was an earlier failure to disclose information or that due to changed circumstances, its principals or the principals of its subcontractors are excluded or disqualified, or presently fall under any of the prohibitions of sections a-d.

- D.35. Confidentiality of Records. Strict standards of confidentiality of records and information shall be maintained in accordance with applicable state and federal law. All material and information, regardless of form, medium or method of communication, provided to the Grantee by the State or acquired by the Grantee on behalf of the State that is regarded as confidential under state or federal law shall be regarded as "Confidential Information." Nothing in this Section shall permit Grantee to disclose any Confidential Information, regardless of whether it has been disclosed or made available to the Grantee due to intentional or negligent actions or inactions of agents of the State or third parties. Confidential Information shall not be disclosed except as required or permitted under state or federal law. Grantee shall take all necessary steps to safeguard the confidentiality of such material or information in conformance with applicable state and federal law. The obligations set forth in this Section shall survive the termination of this Grant Contract.
- D.36. State Sponsored Insurance Plan Enrollment. The Grantee warrants that it will not enroll or permit its employees, officials, or employees of contractors to enroll or participate in a state-sponsored health insurance plan through their employment, official, or contractual relationship with Grantee unless Grantee first demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Department of Finance and Administration that it and any contract entity satisfies the definition of a governmental or quasigovernmental entity as defined by federal law applicable to ERISA.

E. SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- E.1. Conflicting Terms and Conditions. Should any of these special terms and conditions conflict with any other terms and conditions of this Grant Contract, the special terms and conditions shall be subordinate to the Grant Contract's other terms and conditions.
- E.2. Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA).

This Grant Contract requires the Grantee to provide supplies or services that are funded in whole or in part by federal funds that are subject to FFATA. The Grantee is responsible for ensuring that all applicable FFATA requirements, including but not limited to those below, are met and that the Grantee provides information to the State as required.

The Grantee shall comply with the following:

- a. Reporting of Total Compensation of the Grantee's Executives.
 - (1) The Grantee shall report the names and total compensation of each of its five most highly compensated executives for the Grantee's preceding completed fiscal year, if in the Grantee's preceding fiscal year it received:

- i. 80 percent or more of the Grantee's annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts and federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and sub awards); and
- ii. \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts), and federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act (and sub awards); and
- iii. The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. § 78m(a), 78o(d)) or § 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at <http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm>).

As defined in 2 C.F.R. § 170.315, "Executive" means officers, managing partners, or any other employees in management positions.

- (2) Total compensation means the cash and noncash dollar value earned by the executive during the Grantee's preceding fiscal year and includes the following (for more information see 17 CFR § 229.402(c)(2)):
 - i. Salary and bonus.
 - ii. Awards of stock, stock options, and stock appreciation rights. Use the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to the fiscal year in accordance with the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (Revised 2004) (FAS 123R), Shared Based Payments.
 - iii. Earnings for services under non-equity incentive plans. This does not include group life, health, hospitalization or medical reimbursement plans that do not discriminate in favor of executives, and are available generally to all salaried employees.
 - iv. Change in pension value. This is the change in present value of defined benefit and actuarial pension plans.
 - v. Above-market earnings on deferred compensation which is not tax qualified.
 - vi. Other compensation, if the aggregate value of all such other compensation (e.g. severance, termination payments, value of life insurance paid on behalf of the employee, perquisites or property) for the executive exceeds \$10,000.
- b. The Grantee must report executive total compensation described above to the State by the end of the month during which this Grant Contract is established.
- c. If this Grant Contract is amended to extend its term, the Grantee must submit an executive total compensation report to the State by the end of the month in which the amendment to this Grant Contract becomes effective.
- d. The Grantee will obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (SAM) and maintain its number for the term of this Grant Contract. More information about obtaining a Unique Entity Identifier can be found at: <https://www.gsa.gov>.

The Grantee's failure to comply with the above requirements is a material breach of this Grant Contract for which the State may terminate this Grant Contract for cause. The State will not be obligated to pay any outstanding invoice received from the Grantee unless and until the Grantee is in full compliance with the above requirements.

- E.3. Conditional Award. The award of this grant is conditional based on the successful completion of the environmental review process. In accordance with 24 CFR Part 58, recipients, owners, developers, sponsors or any third-party partners cannot undertake any physical actions on a site, commit, expend, or enter into any legally binding agreements that constitute choice-limiting actions for any HUD or non-HUD funds before the environmental review process has been completed and, if required, the Grantee has received a Release of Funds from the State. Choice-limiting actions are defined by HUD as expenditure of funds or entrance into a legally binding agreement for property acquisition, demolition, movement, rehabilitation, conversion, repair, or construction. Any violation of this provision will result in the automatic denial of this funding request (or de-obligation of the CDBG funds, if already awarded).

The Grantee's failure to comply with the above requirements is a breach of this Grant Contract for which the State may terminate this Grant Contract for cause under Section D.4. above. The State will not be obligated to pay any outstanding invoice received from the Grantee unless and until the Grantee is in full compliance with the above requirements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

BLOUNT COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

GRANTEE SIGNATURE

DATE

ED MITCHELL, COUNTY MAYOR

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF GRANTEE SIGNATORY (above)

STATE OF TENNESSEE, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

STUART C. MCWHORTER, COMMISSIONER

DATE

ATTACHMENT A

PROJECT ACTIVITIES	
<i>CATEGORY</i>	<i>DETAIL</i>
Education and Workforce Development	<p>The Grantee shall perform the following project activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Digital skills training, education, and workforce development to the general public;• Provision of low-cost or free digital equipment and/or devices;• Provision of low-cost internet plans and/or public wi-fi; and• Marketing and public outreach regarding all project activities detailed herein.

ATTACHMENT B

Federal Award Identification Worksheet	
Subrecipient's name (must match name associated with its Unique Entity Identifier (SAM))	Blount County Government
Subrecipient's Unique Entity Identifier (SAM)	DK5SDEYN9C43
Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)	SLFRP5534
Federal award date	2/8/2022
Subaward Period of Performance Start and End Date	March 3, 2021 to October 31, 2026
Subaward Budget Period Start and End Date	March 3, 2021 to October 31, 2026
Assistance Listing number (formerly known as the CFDA number) and Assistance Listing program title.	21.027
Grant contract's begin date	June 1, 2024
Grant contract's end date	October 31, 2026
Amount of federal funds obligated by this grant contract	\$100,000.00
Total amount of federal funds obligated to the subrecipient	\$100,000.00
Total amount of the federal award to the pass-through entity (Grantor State Agency)	\$500,000,000.00
Federal award project description (as required to be responsive to the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA))	State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund
Name of federal awarding agency	Department of Treasury
Name and contact information for the federal awarding official	Jacob Leibenluft, Chief Recovery Officer, Office of Recovery Programs SLFRF@treasury.gov (844) 529-9573 1157 20th St. NW Washington, D.C. 20572
Name of pass-through entity	Department of Economic and Community Development
Name and contact information for the pass-through entity awarding official	Taylre M. Beaty State Broadband Director Tennessee Tower, 27th Floor 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave. Nashville, TN 37289 taylre.beaty@tn.gov (615) 741-1934
Is the federal award for research and development?	No
Indirect cost rate for the federal award (See 2 C.F.R. §200.331 for information on type of indirect cost rate)	10%

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GRANT
STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES**

The applicant hereby assures and certifies that:

(a) Authority.

- (1) It possesses legal authority to apply for the grant and to execute the proposed program.
- (2) Its governing body has duly adopted or passed as an official act a resolution, motion or similar action authorizing the filing of the application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directing and authorizing the applicant's chief executive officer to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.

(b) Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) and Department of the Treasury.

- (1) It will adhere to the principles and standards governing the application for, acceptance, and use of Federal funds under this document as set forth in the OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards codified at 2 CFR Part 200.
- (2) It will comply with all requirements imposed by the State concerning special requirements of law, program requirements, and other administration requirements, approved in accordance with the OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.
- (3) It will comply with all requirements of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 including any guidance from the U.S. Department of the Treasury regarding the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

(c) Labor and Employment.

It will comply with:

- (1) State laws and regulations regarding the administration and enforcement of labor standards including, but not limited to, the Tennessee Lawful Employment Act (See Tenn. Code Ann. § 50-1-707).
- (2) The provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 3141–3148) with respect to prevailing wage rates (except for projects under the prescribed threshold);
- (3) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act of 1962 (40 U.S.C. §§ 3701–3708) requiring that mechanics and laborers (including watchmen and guards) employed on Federally assisted contracts be paid wages of not less than one and one-half times their basic wage rates for all hours worked in excess of forty in a work-week;
- (4) Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 201 *et seq.*, requiring that covered employees be paid at least the minimum prescribed wage, and also that they be paid one and one-half times their basic wage rate for all hours worked in excess of the prescribed work-week;

- (5) Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Orders 11375, 11478, 12107 and 12086, and the regulations issued pursuant thereto (24 CFR § 1.4 and 41 CFR § 60), which provide that no person shall be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in all phases of employment during the performance of Federal or Federally assisted construction contracts. Contractors and subcontractors of Federal and Federally assisted construction contracts shall take affirmative action to insure fair treatment in employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training and apprenticeship; and
- (6) The non-discrimination in employment and contracting opportunities laws, regulations, and executive orders referenced in 24 CFR § 570.607, as revised by Executive Order 13279.

(d) Non-Discrimination.

It will comply with:

- (1) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (Pub. L. 88-352), and the regulations issued pursuant thereto, which provides that no person in the United States shall on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance. If any real property or structure thereon is provided or improved with the aid of Federal financial assistance extended to the applicant, this assurance shall obligate the applicant, or in the case of any transfer of such property, any transferee, for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for which the Federal financial assistance is extended, or for another purpose involving the provisions of similar services or benefits;
- (2) Other applicable civil rights laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

(e) Conflicts and Kickbacks.

- (1) It will establish safeguards to prohibit employees, consultants, and elected officials from using positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have family, business, or other ties.
- (2) It will comply with the Copeland Anti-Kickback Act of 1934 (18 U.S.C. § 874), and its implementing regulations of the U.S. Department of Labor at 29 CFR Part 3, which outlaws and prescribes penalties for "kickbacks" of wages in Federally financed or assisted construction activities.
- (3) It will comply with the following provisions, which limit the political activity of employees: 18 U.S.C. §§ 594, 595, 598, 600, 601, 604, 605.

(f) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment.

It will comply with Section 319 of Public Law 101-121 found in the Federal Register Vol. 54 No. 243.

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers, which exceed the dollar limits set forth in the Byrd amendment, (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

(h) Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment

- (1) If applicable and as required by 2 CFR 200.216, Grantee is prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to procure or obtain; extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as a critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115-232, Section 889, "covered telecommunications equipment" is as follows;
- (2) Telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
- (3) For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
- (4) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.
- (5) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

(i) Miscellaneous.

- (1) It will use its best efforts to afford small businesses, minority business enterprises, and women's business enterprises the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in the performance of this contract.
- (2) It will give the State, U.S. Department of the Treasury, and the Comptroller General, through any authorized representatives, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the grant.

- (3) It will require the facility to be designed to comply with the "American Standard Specifications for Making Buildings and Facilities Accessible to, and Usable by, the Physically Handicapped," Number A117.1-1961, as modified (41 CFR Subt. C, Ch. 101, Subch. A, Pt. 101-8). The applicant will be responsible for conducting inspections to insure compliance with these specifications by the contractor.
- (4) It will have sufficient funds available to meet the non-Federal share of the cost for construction projects. Sufficient funds will be available when construction is completed to assure effective operation and maintenance of the facility for the purposes constructed.
- (5) It will provide and maintain competent and adequate architectural engineering supervision and inspection at the construction site to insure that the completed work conforms to the approved plans and specifications; that it will furnish progress reports and other such information as requested.
- (6) It will comply with guidance from the U.S. Department of Treasury and other Federal entities with oversight of the programs including the guidance included in the "Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Guidance on Recipient Compliance and Reporting Responsibilities" - <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf>.
- (7) It will assist TNECD with reporting required by the U.S. Department of Treasury or the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration.

The applicant hereby certifies that it will comply with the above stated assurances.

Signature, Chief Executive Officer

Name (typed or printed)

Title

Date

GRANT BUDGET			
GRANT CONTRACT #: _____			
GRANTEE: Blount County Government			
GRANTEE CONTACT: Justin McClure (jmcclure@blounttn.org)			
PROGRAM AREA: Broadband Ready Communities – Adoption Ready Program [ARP-SLRF]			
The Grant Budget line-item amounts below shall be applicable only to expenses incurred during the following period:			
BEGIN: June 1, 2024		END: October 31, 2026	
EXPENSE OBJECT LINE-ITEM CATEGORY ¹	GRANT CONTRACT*	GRANTEE PARTICIPATION	TOTAL PROJECT
Construction	\$40,156.49	\$0.00	\$40,156.49
Architect Fees / Engineering Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Professional Fee, Grant, and Award ²	\$41,108.14	\$0.00	\$41,108.14
Supplies, Telephone, Postage & Shipping, Occupancy, Equipment Rental & Maintenance, Printing & Publications	\$12,735.37	\$0.00	\$12,735.37
Grantee/Project Administration	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
Capital Purchase ²	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Non-Personnel ²	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00

¹ Each expense object line-item is defined by the U.S. OMB's *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, Subpart E Cost Principles* (posted on the Internet at: <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200/subpart-E>) and CPO Policy 2013-007 (posted online at <https://www.tn.gov/generalservices/procurement/central-procurement-office--cpo-/library-.html>).

² Applicable detail follows this page if line-item is funded.

GRANT BUDGET LINE-ITEM DETAIL:

PROFESSIONAL FEE, GRANT, AND AWARD	AMOUNT
Professional fee costs include costs associated with Tech Goes home program to provide training in TGH curriculum and process, a stipend for the trainer, data management, and logistical support to ensure a smooth class including IT troubleshooting for class issues, device storage and delivery, class quality control measures, and ongoing trainer support and education.	\$41,108.14
TOTAL	\$41,108.14

OTHER NON-PERSONNEL	AMOUNT
N/A	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$0.00

CAPITAL PURCHASE	AMOUNT
N/A	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$0.00