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Twin Lakes Drives Digital Advancement in the Upper Cumberland Funding Over \$127,000 Technology Grants

Gainesboro, TN. – January 2026 – Twin Lakes, the leading broadband provider in the Upper Cumberland, is honored to announce the recipients of the 2025 Twin Lakes Difference grant. By investing over \$127,000 and assisting more than 26 local organizations, this initiative highlights Twin Lakes' dedication to enhancing digital access throughout rural areas of the Upper Cumberland. These community-based organizations range from schools, senior centers, fire departments, economic development groups, museums and more.

"We are proud to uphold our commitment to advancing community growth through our technology grants", says Jonathan West, General Manager and CEO of Twin Lakes. "Through these grants, rural Upper Cumberland communities gain stronger connectivity, improved educational access, and new pathways for economic development."

These contributions create long-lasting value by strengthening public safety, expanding digital access, and positioning communities for future success. Twin Lakes is excited to see how these investments will continue to positively shape our local communities.

The community grant program is offered annually through Twin Lakes to maintain and enrich the quality of life in rural America. If you, or an organization you know, are interested in applying for grant funding, please contact your local Twin Lakes office for more information.

List of Awardees:

Baxter Primary School PTO – Putnam County

Awarded \$5,000 to purchase iPads and a charging station to develop technology independence for kindergarten students who experience fine motor complications when using touchpads to work the computer

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children) of the TN Valley – Putnam County

Awarded \$5,000 to purchase 5 computers and 2 hotspots to have Wi-Fi for events and fundraisers

Celina Police Department - Clay County

Awarded \$5,000 to purchase radios to expand communication to improve officers and public safety

Clay County High School – Clay County

Awarded \$5,000 to purchase TI-84 Plus Graphics calculators for students to use during classroom instruction, state standardized testing and ACT testing for college entrance

Fentress County 911 - Fentress County

Awarded \$5,000 to purchase and install digital portable radios, digital license software and conduct training workshops for dispatchers

Fentress County EMS - Fentress County

Awarded \$5,000 to upgrade to DMR capable radios to provide medical care to Fentress County

Fentress County Fire Department – Fentress County

Awarded \$5,000 to purchase and install digital portable radios for firetrucks to increase communication within the agency

Friends of Public Safety – Overton County

Awarded \$4,699 to purchase a laptop from personnel to use responding to emergencies, helping with navigation, access to call information and preplanning

Granville Museum – Jackson County

Awarded \$4,990 to purchase 2 sets of portable media equipment including Bluetooth speakers

Granville Senior Center – Jackson County

Awarded \$5,000 to purchase iPads and an air printer

Granville Volunteer Fire Department – Jackson County

Awarded \$5,000 to purchase radios, with batteries and a charging station

Heart of the Cumberland – Putnam County

Awarded \$5,000 to purchase on-demand training videos for BEST group grief curriculum for children

Jackson County Airport – Jackson County

Awarded \$4,245 to purchase broadband including equipment and installation

Jackson County School Blue Devil Network – Jackson County

Awarded \$5,000 to purchase a Pixellot camera to be placed at JCMS to give the ability to stream home volleyball and basketball games

Jackson County EMA – Jackson County

Awarded \$5,000 to purchase 135 Weather Radios for citizens in Jackson County

Leslie Town Centre – Putnam County

Awarded \$5,000 to purchase a Vibe board to enhance event planning efficiency and improve customer service for successful event execution

Livingston Academy – Overton County

Awarded \$5,000 to install a multifunctional copier to improve admin efficiency

Livingston Academy Soccer – Overton County

Awarded \$5,000 to install internet access at the soccer field, replace the PA system, and update the scoreboard

Livingston-Overton County Chamber – Overton County

Awarded \$5,000 to develop a website that promotes Overton County businesses and tourism, as well as podcast equipment and video content development

Overton County Rescue Squad – Overton County

Awarded \$4,559 to bring their command trailer up to date with modern technology to establish a command center on an emergency callout

Putnam Educational Partnership Foundation – Putnam County

Awarded \$5,000 to equip the new office with technology to host and connect community partners including a MacBook Pro and Samsung TV

Rickman Volunteer Fire Department – Overton County

Awarded \$5,000 to purchase communication radios, remote speakers/microphones, and a speaker/amplifier for the fire engine

Upper Cumberland FCA – Putnam County

Awarded \$5,000 to expand FCA's digital reach and storytelling capabilities by purchasing a drone, camera, studio equipment, software and maintenance

Upperman Middle School PTO – Putnam County

Awarded \$5,000 to purchase Chromebooks and a Smartboard for a UMS classroom

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post – Overton County

Awarded \$5,000 to establish a permanent admin workstation and Veteran Service Officer Hub, expanding access to public-service support, VA benefits, and digital outreach for Veterans and their families

York Elementary – Fentress County

Awarded \$5,000 to purchase 2-way radios for classrooms to improve communication and ensure faster, safer responses during weather emergencies and crisis situations

About Twin Lakes

Twin Lakes is a leading communications provider serving the Upper Cumberland region with a full suite of advanced services, including broadband internet, mobile, voice, and managed IT solutions. With a mission to deliver world-class communications and a vision to improve the quality of life in our communities, Twin Lakes combines cutting-edge technology with local support.