

FIRST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
1st QUARTER STATUS REPORT
January – March 2016

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- The First Tennessee Development District's lending corporation, the Northeast Tennessee Economic Development Corporation (NETEDC), made its 100th loan in the program's history. The borrower was IMC, LLC in the **Town of Unicoi**. IMC completes cut-to-length metal extrusions for the automotive, transportation, ordnance, commercial, and architectural industries. IMC, which purchased a metal cutting saw, will add 5 employees to its current workforce of 20. NETEDC also assisted IMC with its first loan as a startup business in 2002.
- Main Street **Greeneville** received \$100,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for Façade grants for downtown businesses. The grants will be made to downtown businesses for exterior improvements including signage, painting, awnings, lighting, display windows, doors, entryways and other exterior improvements.
- FTDD assisted the following communities and organizations with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications:
 - **Town of Baileyton**
 - **Hawkins County**
 - **Town of Greeneville**
 - **Johnson County**
 - **Town of Mosheim**
 - **Town of Mountain City**
 - **Unicoi County**
- FTDD assisted the following communities and organizations with Clean Tennessee Energy Grant (CDBG) applications:
 - Glen Hills Utility District in **Greene County**
 - **City of Johnson City**
- Economic and demographic data is available at the District's website www.ftdd.org under the Regional Statistics/FACTS heading.

INDUSTRIAL PROGRAMS

- During the quarter, the District assisted the following communities with Fast Track Infrastructure Development Program (FIDP) funds and Economic Development Funds (ED) from the Tennessee Department of Economic & Community Development (TECD):
 - **Greene County, (US Nitrogen FIDP)** Work completed on phase II
 - **Hawkins County, (Homeland Vinyl FIDP)** Design Phase
- During the quarter, the District assisted the following communities with U. S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds:
 - **City of Bristol, (Royal EDA)** Submitted application for approval.
 - **Greene County, (C&C Millwright EDA)** Construction began on the project.
 - **Johnson County, (Parkdale EDA)** Submitted application for approval.
 - **City of Kingsport, (Eastman EDA)** The Raw Water Conveyance project construction is underway.

- **Town of Mosheim, (US Nitrogen EDA)** Construction began on the project.
- **Town of Unicoi, (EDA)** Phase I (Rural Development) is complete. The EDA portion is in the design phase, with construction to begin sometime in April.
- During the quarter, the District assisted the following communities with Tennessee Department of Transportation (State Industrial Access):
 - **Unicoi County, (State Industrial Access)** Working on a new application to provide access to a green field site for a potential industrial expansion in the area.

HOUSING PROGRAMS

- During the quarter the District assisted the following communities with Home Grant funds (THDA HOME):
 - **Hancock County** (\$500,000)- Began Environmental Review Process
 - **Hamblen County** (\$375,000)- Began Environmental Review Process
 - Continued working with the Town of **Surgoinsville** to assist with the connection of 12 homes to the CDBG sewer line project (\$10,000 each).
 - Town of **Greeneville**- Closed out 2 homes to close out the grant.
- During the quarter, the District assisted the following communities with THDA Emergency Repair Program for the Elderly:
 - Signed Contracts

Carter County ----2	Washington County --1
Greene County ----1	
 - Completed Homes

Hawkins County --1	Johnson County -----1
Hancock County --1	Greene County -----1
Carter County -----1	Washington County —1
- During the quarter, the District assisted the following communities within the Northeast Tennessee/Virginia HOME Consortium with Down Payment Assistance:
 - Environmental Completed for a reconstruction in **Sullivan Co.** and City of **Bristol, TN**
- During the quarter, the District assisted the following with **Johnson City** CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program funds:
 - Emergency Repair – Completed (3) three homes/ (6) six under contract
- During the quarter, the District completed the Bidding Phase and Signed Contracts with the following:
 - **Cumberland Gap** - (2) two homes
- During the quarter, the District completed the Bidding Phase and Signed Contracts for the following:
 - **Carter County** - HOME Program
- During the quarter, the District completed the Bidding Phase and Signed Contracts for the following:
 - **Town of Greeneville** - HOME Program (2) two homes
- Other Projects:

- Work began to secure a new homeowner for the second **Bristol** Youthbuild Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) Project.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND DISABILITY

- The Public Guardian Program served a total of 28 clients as follows: Conservator of Person and Property – 26; Conservator of Person only – 1; Power of Attorney – 1. Four new clients were admitted during this period. A total of 7 volunteers were utilized.
- Request for Proposal Applications (RFPAs) were sent to 18 unit cost providers for homemaker, personal care, in-home respite and Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) services. We sent 13 Grant RFPs which included Senior Center, Legal and Ombudsman, and Nutrition (congregate and home-delivered meals).
- FTAAAD monitored 6 senior centers and 2 in-home service providers during the quarter. Several desk reviews of PERS providers are in progress as well as Legal services.
- Nutrition monitoring visits were made at the following congregate meals sites: **Watauga, Johnson City** Senior Center; **Jonesborough** Senior Center; **Clinchfield** Senior Center; and **Bristol-Slater** Senior Center.
- Completed update training for Powerful Tools for Caregivers workshops, and planning update training for certified leaders.
- Caregiver Telephone Support Group call was held February and March. The topics for these 2 calls were Recognize Caregiver Burnout and Home & Fire Safety.
- Attended TNCEP coalition meeting in **Carter County** to help with planning ideas for a grant to fund community garden at the **Elizabethton** Senior Center.
- Working with ETSU Dietetics department to continue offering nutrition counseling as well as nutrition education for congregate and home-delivered meal individuals.
- CHOICES has provided the following services for this quarter:
 - 400 Information, assistance and screening calls
 - 103 Home visits to facilitate enrollment into CHOICES
 - 84 Pre-Admission Evaluations and Medicaid applications submitted to TennCare and Department of Human Services
 - 94 Referrals to Managed Care Organizations
 - 17 Money Follows the Person (MFP) surveys
 - 8 Nursing home visits to counsel individuals and families on Long-Term Services and Supports
 - 3 Community Living Supports Ombudsman visits
- Comments received from CHOICES consumers at intake this quarter: “Everything was done to my satisfaction.” The staff “seemed eager to help me.” The worker “took the time to sit down and talk with me and my mother. “Very patient. Did not seem to rush.” “It was a very positive experience”. “I’d give it an A+ rating.” “They were very nice.” “Very blessed to get the services. “Everyone was very helpful and the lady that came was very caring and concerned.”
- State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) counseled 703 individuals on Medicare during January and February.
- SHIP staff participated in 21 total events during January and February, including 4 presentations that reached 44 individuals.
- Held initial volunteer training at which 7 new SHIP/SMP volunteers were trained.
- Participated in the Career Fair at **Elizabethton** High School to recruit volunteers and spoke with approximately 100 individuals.
- Updated the 2016 Resource Directory.

- Home-delivered meals, homemaker, personal care, in-home respite, personal emergency response system and supply reimbursement services were provided to approximately 921 individuals.
- 105 individuals referred to outside agencies for clothes, food boxes, blind services, cleaning supplies, Lions Club, light bill assistance and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).
- Assisted 7 individuals with the agency's Emergency Assistance Program for purchase of building materials, blood pressure cuff, depends, payment of water bill, light bill, and assistance on rent payment.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND GIS PROGRAMS

During the Quarter, the Environmental Management Program staff worked on several projects that involved many of our local governments. Staff assisted or implemented the following projects during the past quarter:

- Prepared 2015 Annual Solid Waste Progress Reports for **Carter, Greene, Hancock, Hawkins, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi** and **Washington Counties**.
- Provided assistance to the **Washington County** Regional Tire Collection HUB.
- Completed 2015 **Washington County** CDBG Environmental Review.
- Prepared FTDD Solid Waste Assistance Program work plan and budget for FY 2016-2017.
- Participated in Grant Workshop hosted by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.
- Prepared Environmental Review for Main Street: **Greeneville** CDBG Façade Grant Program.
- Coordinated meetings of regional solid waste planning boards in **Hawkins, Hancock, Sullivan** and Northeast Tennessee (**Carter, Johnson, Unicoi** and **Washington**) Solid Waste Regions.
- Assisted **Elizabethton** with implementation of a Recycling Equipment Grant.
- Gave presentation to the **Erwin** Kiwanis Club on air quality.
- Worked on advertising materials for Household Hazardous Waste Collection events in **Carter, Sullivan** and **Washington Counties**.
- Worked on **Carter County** District Solid Waste Needs Assessment.
- Continued implementation of the **Cash Hollow** Watershed Improvement Project.

The First Tennessee Development District GIS Department received 46 requests for maps and information during the 1st Quarter of 2016. These included:

- Provided maps to District staff as requested.
- Worked with Development District staff to acquire data for grant proposal purposes.
- Acquired data from the Town of **Mosheim** for future Interactive Map.
- Communicated with **Hawkins County** Sheriff's Department concerning topographic map information.
- Compiled demographic data for the specific areas in the Region. Extrapolated gathered data for use in grant funding opportunities.
- Completed Esri class on 'Collection and Publishing Apps from a Single Feature Source'
- Continued work on the Town of **Mountain City's** utility system digitization project.
- Updated the First Tennessee Development District's National Register of Historic Places Interactive map.

For more information about the District's GIS program, contact Wendy S. Hill at 423-722-5094. Also, you may visit our website at www.ftdd.org/programs/gis

RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

During the past quarter the First Tennessee RPO staff assisted local transportation representatives and elected officials with numerous requests concerning rural transportation. The RPO was also involved in the following projects and initiatives:

- Participated in **Kingsport** MPO meetings as a member of the MPO Executive Board.
- Assisted **Greeneville** and **Carter County** with Multimodal Access Fund grant applications.
- Prepared environmental reviews for 2013 Multimodal and 2014 Transportation Alternatives projects in **Greeneville**.
- Attended Highway Deficiency Tool workshop in **Knoxville**.
- Prepared TDOT Local Programs funding opportunities for local governments informational packet.
- Participated in Advancing Collaborate Planning Workshop sponsored by FHWA and NADO in **Nashville**.
- Performed preliminary safety screening for a section of SR34 in **Greeneville**.
- Coordinated and hosted RPO Technical Committee and Executive Board meetings in January.
- Submitted Community Transportation Planning Grant applications for **Unicoi** and **Erwin**.
- Submitted Multimodal Transportation grants applications for **Carter County** and **Greeneville**.
- Presented Preliminary Safety Screening Process to RPO Technical Committee and Executive Board.
- Attended Transit Stakeholders meeting at FTHRA

PLANNING

During the past quarter, the First Tennessee Development District local planning staff assisted communities, Planning Commissions, Boards of Zoning Appeals and developers in the following areas:

- Staffed 23 Planning Commission meetings
- Staffed 5 Boards of Zoning Appeals meetings
- Staffed 2 meetings of a local legislative body
- Staffed 1 other local meeting concerning development and land use controls
- Reviewed 3 requests for zoning variances
- Prepared 1 zoning ordinance amendment
- Prepared 1 subdivision regulations text amendment
- Reviewed 2 requests for rezoning and prepared maps and ordinances
- Reviewed 18 subdivision plats including a total of 36 lots and 253.6176 acres
- Reviewed 5 site plans for a total of 5 lots and 18.35 acres
- Provided continuing education opportunities for 3 planning commissions or boards of zoning appeals totaling 1.5 hours of CEUs for 17 individuals. During the quarter the following topics were addressed:
 - State Statutes
 - Major Thoroughfare Plans in Tennessee

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Continued maintenance and updates on the FTDD website.
- Attended meetings of the Food Connectivity Policy working group with Rural Resources, Appalachian Sustainable Development & Second Harvest Food Bank.
- Took part in a monthly meeting to train and facilitate Drug Free work place programs in conjunction with **Washington County's** drug free workplace initiative.

- Attended monthly **Sullivan County** Anti-Drug Coalition meetings to support the District's efforts to address the regions prescription drug abuse epidemic.
- Assisted area stakeholders with the adoption of **Pathways to Prosperity** for the entire FTDD region.
- Submitted a grant application through the Department of Labor for a Tech Hire Partnership to potentially fund the region's Pathways initiative.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

- April 13, 2016: Tennessee's Transportation Outlook
- May 3, 2016: 28th Annual FTAAAD Conference on Aging
- June 8, 2016: FTDD Semi-Annual Meeting
- October 28-29, 2016: FTDD Annual Meeting

WEBSITE:

www.ftdd.org