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Gov. Lee Awards GIVE Grants to Further Strengthen Rural Workforce Development

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Today, Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee announced recipients of the Governor’s Investment in Vocational Education (GIVE) grant program, which prioritizes learning opportunities in rural counties and enhances career and technical education statewide. Tennessee has made notable progress in rural workforce development which has resulted in securing over 41,500 new jobs and nearly \$19 billion in capital investment in rural counties since 2019. This third round of GIVE grants will allocate \$41 million to foster regional partnerships between Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology (TCATs), community colleges and local industries.

“The state with the workers will win every time, and that’s why workforce development has been one of my top priorities since day one,” **said Gov. Lee.** “As a result, companies are choosing to invest and expand in our state, creating greater opportunity and quality of life for all Tennesseans.”

Since creating GIVE, Gov. Lee’s first legislative priority, he has invested \$91.5 million into the program to support rural workforce development through technical education. The first and second rounds of GIVE funding in 2019 and 2021 served an estimated 15,500 students.

The third round of GIVE grants will fund 23 projects statewide. The 23 funded projects will impact 47 counties, including 6 economically distressed and 13 at-risk counties.

Find more information on the GIVE initiative [here](#) and a complete list of GIVE projects and recipients below.

Grantee	Project Title	Grant Award
Cleveland State Community College	ACT Now: Apprenticeships in Careers and Trades	\$450,000.00
Dyersburg State Community College	Building Success in the Northwest	\$2,000,000.00
Motlow State Community College	Bridges 2 Credentials	\$2,000,000.00
Motlow State Community College	Culinary Workforce Innovation and Student Success Harnessed (WIS2H)	\$2,000,000.00
Nashville State Community College	Surge to Success	\$2,000,000.00
Northeast State Community College	Building Economies through Skilled Trades (BEST)	\$1,920,985.00
Pellissippi State Community College	Aviation Maintenance Technology College to Career Collaborative (ATMC3)	\$1,999,497.00
Roane State Community College	Leveraging Regional Workforce Partnerships to Create Secondary to Postsecondary Pathways for Nuclear Technology at Roane State	\$450,000.00
Southwest Tennessee Community College	Southwest Entertainment Production Collaborative (SPEC)	\$1,500,000.00
TCAT Hartsville	Expanding CTE and WBL Pathways for Student Success through Automation, Healthcare and Transportation	\$2,000,000.00
TCAT Hohenwald	South Central Partnerships Leading to Career Opportunities	\$2,000,000.00
TCAT Jacksboro	PATH - Providing Appalachian Training in Healthcare	\$2,000,000.00

TCAT Knoxville	Nuclear Science Pathway	\$2,000,000.00
TCAT Knoxville	Industry 4.0 Apprenticeship Pathway – Anderson County	\$2,000,000.00
TCAT McMinnville	Workforce Impact and Flexible Innovation	\$2,000,000.00
TCAT Memphis	Hospitality Integrated Training Network: Forging Tomorrow's Hospitality Leaders; From Classrooms to Careers in Greater Memphis (HOSPITRAIN)	\$1,904,761.90
TCAT Morristown	Five Rivers Partnership for Future Ready Pathways 3.0	\$2,000,000.00
TCAT Nashville	Pathways to Accelerated Career Experiences (PACE)	\$1,845,162.72
TCAT Northwest	Advancing the Hospitality and Tourism Industry in Rural West Tennessee	\$2,000,000.00
TCAT Oneida	Focus on Industry Readiness for Student Training (FIRST)	\$2,000,000.00
TCAT Pulaski	Doubling Down on Dual Enrollment	\$1,263,276.00
Walter State Community College	Growing Regional Opportunities for Workforce – Funding Investment for Regional Stem (GROW FIRST)	\$1,999,794.96
Walters State Community College	Creating Tech Pathways for Success	\$1,999,882.38

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