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UCHRA TAKES FIRST PLACE IN PICKETT COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARADE



Pickett County UCHRA Public Transportation takes first place in the 2022 Christmas Parade for "Best Decorated Automobile"! This year's parade theme was "The 12 days of Christmas", transit operators Sheryl Stephens and Deborah Palk hatched the idea for decorating the van as Rudolph with homemade paper ornaments portraying each of the 12 days of Christmas. Congratulations!



TDOT AWARDS MULTIMODAL ACCESS GRANTS

The Tennessee Department of Transportation announced multimodal access grant awards to two communities within the Dale Hollow Rural Planning Organization (RPO) region: Gainesboro and Hartsville-Trousdale County. Both awards will fund the design and construction of new sidewalks.

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SHIP WRAPS OPEN ENROLLMENT SEASON

The Upper Cumberland SHIP team was able to reach more than 1,979 beneficiaries in the 14-county Upper Cumberland region during the most recent open enrollment period.

In total, our team saved our beneficiaries more than \$681,636 for the upcoming year. There is still some final data to include, so these numbers are expected to increase a little afterward.

Special thanks to the volunteers and teammates involved in this year's open enrollment success!

UCHRA'S UTILITY BILL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FILLS THE GAPS FOR INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES IN NEED

UCHRA's LIHEAP program is known for providing energy assistance to qualifying households throughout the Upper Cumberland.

Recently Amber Milligan, Cannon County Coordinator, was able to help a gentleman in need via the LIHEAP program.

"I was able to get an elderly veteran his electricity turned back on with crisis LIHEAP funds and get a credit for his water bill through LIHWAP," Milligan recalled. "The gentleman also was struggling with groceries and received a basic necessity voucher for food all in the same day."

His wife had passed away in October, so he was left paying for the bills himself. This has been a struggle for him, and his daughter has been helping him.

By having the LIHEAP funds to pay for the energy cost, it relieved not only him but his daughter who had been helping him.

"This was a huge help for him and a stress relief for him and his daughter who has been trying to help him," said Milligan

To learn more about utility bill assistance, including LIHEAP and the new water bill assistance program, LIHWAP, visit www.uchra.org or contact your local UCHRA county office.

TDOT AWARDS MULTIMODAL ACCESS GRANTS, CONTINUED

The Town of Gainesboro applied for a new sidewalk from the intersection of state route 53 and South Murray Street, traveling east and terminating at the intersection of state routes 53 and 56. TDOT awarded Gainesboro \$616,033.00 for the project.

Hartsville-Trousdale County requested funds for a new sidewalk from the intersection of Depot Street and Broadway (state route 141), traveling north to the intersection of Broadway and McMurray Boulevard. TDOT awarded the community \$589,155.49 for its project.

TDOT's Multimodal Access grants are competitive and require a 5 or 10 % match from the local government applicant, depending upon its economic status. Successful projects support the needs of pedestrians, cyclists and transit users.

UCDD Dale Hollow RPO Coordinator Mark Dudney worked with UT Center for Transportation Research Director Matt Cate on the Gainesboro application; and with Mid-Tenn Project Engineer Evan White on the Hartsville-Trousdale County project. Gainesboro Mayor Lloyd Williams and former Hartsville Mayor Stephen Chambers worked closely with Dudney during the application process.

"I am thrilled that these applications were funded," Dudney said. "The multimodal access grants focus on making communities safer and improving connectivity for citizens. Both these communities planned and laid the groundwork for this success."

WHO WE ARE

OUR MISSION

To help the Upper Cumberland region cultivate self-sufficiency and build true wealth through innovation, collaboration, and leadership.

OUR VISION

A region abundant in resources, fostering a productive and vibrant life for the people of the Upper Cumberland.

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