



### Cleveland is selected for the 2016 Local Parks & Recreation Grant Funding

Governor Bill Haslam has announced the City of Cleveland has been selected as a recipient of the 2016 Local Parks and Recreation Grant from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC). Cleveland is one of 55 communities selected to receive funding. The \$500,000 grant funds awarded from TDEC will be used to renovate the tennis courts at the City’s Tinsley Park.

“These grants are very competitive so I applaud our local officials for their hard work on behalf of their communities,” Haslam said.

The Cleveland City Council passed a resolution earlier this year to match \$500,000 if the City’s grant application was selected as a funded project by TDEC. The total funding available for the Tinsley Park tennis court project is \$1,000,000. The project includes a brand new pavilion with restrooms, parking lot, patio area, rain garden, landscaping, shade structure, boardwalk and 7 brand new tennis courts.

“We’re grateful to be able to help fund these projects, which will pay dividends for our communities now and in the future,” said Tennessee Environment and Conversation Commissioner Bob Martineau.

The Local Parks and Recreation Grant provides funding to eligible local governing entities for the purchase of land for parks, natural areas, greenways, and recreation facilities. 60 percent of the funds allocated are required to go to municipal governments as authorized by TCA 67-4-409. Grant recipients were selected through a scoring process.

