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THE OLIVER SPRINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY AWARDED A CAPITAL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE STATE MUSEUM

GRANT WILL BE USED FOR PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENT.

Oliver Springs, TN – October 20, 2026 – The Oliver Springs Historical is a recipient of a \$97,825.00 grant for Capital Maintenance and Improvements from the State of Tennessee as administered through the Tennessee State Museum. The grant award will be used to pave the Historical Society's parking lot and install street lights around it.

The Tennessee General Assembly made available \$5 million in funding from the **2026-2027** Appropriations Act, "for the sole purpose of providing grants to museums with a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or affiliated with a governmental entity for capital maintenance and improvements."

In the fourth year of the grant program, it remains a highly competitive process. In total, the Tennessee State Museum received 160 applications, totaling \$10,434,851 in requests. The Museum has made full or partial awards to 102 museums across the state, representing 49 counties. In the four years the Museum has administered the grant program, it has served museums in 76 counties across the state. A complete list of 2026-27 grantees, counties and amounts is posted at TNMuseum.org/grants.

"The Tennessee State Museum's Capital Grant program continues to support the infrastructure of Tennessee museums," said **Ashley Howell**, Tennessee State Museum Executive Director. "It is an honor to support the incredible work of our strong network of Tennessee museums. This grant is an extension of how the State of Tennessee can further support their efforts and the preservation of local and state history. We thank the Tennessee General Assembly for their support for Tennessee museums."

This grant will significantly improve the safety of our members and guests while walking across to our parking lot after events that end after dark and increase the parking lot capacity by striping the parking spaces in the lot.

The Capital Maintenance and Improvements grant had a minimum request amount of \$5,000 and a maximum request amount of \$100,000. All projects must be completed by **June 30, 2027**.



The Oliver Springs Historical Society is devoted to the preservation of historical buildings and natural features of historical value and interest as well as the preservation of pictures, newspaper articles, written and verbal facts and anecdotal accounts of the proud history of Oliver Springs, TN.

The **Tennessee State Museum**, located on the corner of Rosa L Parks Blvd. and Jefferson Street at Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park, is your home to thousands of years of Tennessee history, art, and culture. Through six permanent exhibitions titled Natural History, First Peoples, Forging a Nation, The Civil War and Reconstruction, Change and Challenge and Tennessee Transforms, the Museum takes visitors on a journey—through artifacts, films, interactive displays, events and educational and digital programming—from the state’s geological beginnings to the present day.

Additional temporary exhibitions explore significant periods and individuals in history, along with art and cultural movements. The Museum is free and open to the public Tuesdays to Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. For more information on exhibitions and events, please visit TNMuseum.org.