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Monday, December 18, 2023

Athens, Tennessee

## Grant for Etowah Depot

The Etowah Historical Commission (EHC) has received notification that it will receive a Capital Maintenance and Improvement Grant in the amount of \$37,562. from the state of Tennessee. Administered by the Tennessee State Museum, the grant will be used to upgrade the Etowah Depot Hallway Gallery and adjoining support rooms. The Tennessee General Assembly made available \$5 million in funding from the 2023-2024 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." EHC Chair, Jim Caldwell, said, "The Etowah Depot Museum does not charge admission or membership fees, which limits our ability to generate revenue, so we are grateful to the Tennessee General Assembly and the Tennessee State Museum for providing these much-needed funds." The Capital Improvement and Maintenance grant had a minimum request amount of \$5,000 and a maximum request amount of \$100,000. According to the Tennessee State Museum, the grant was a highly competitive process. In total, the Tennessee State Museum received 170 applications, totaling \$12.5M in funding requests for the \$5M appropriation. All projects must be completed by June 30, 2024. "The Tennessee State Museum serves the State of Tennessee through history, art, and culture," said Ashley Howell, Tennessee State Museum Executive Director. "There is incredible work being done throughout the state by our strong

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## Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The Athens City Council meets Tuesday at 6 p.m.
- ✓ Athens City Schools will be closed on Monday, December 18th and Tuesday, December 19th due to illness. Students will return back to class on January 4th. Kids Connection will also be closed and will reopen on January 4th. Have a safe and healthy Christmas Break!
- ✓ The Southeast Tennessee Human Resource Agency (SETHRA) will be distributing USDA commodities to eligible McMinn County residents on Thursday, December 21 from 10am-12pm at the Athens Regional Park Expo Center, while supplies last. You do not need to be signed up the day of distribution but will be certified by providing proof of income for all household members or proof of category eligibility (SNAP, TANF, SSI or Utility Assistance or Residence in a Public Housing Authority) to get your commodity box. If you have already signed up for Commodities, the only item you will need will be your Commodities card issued by the SETHRA office. Eligibility will be based on total household income not in excess of the State-established maximum percentage of the poverty line for the appropriate household size or category eligibility. In accordance with Federal law and USDA policy, SETHRA is prohibited from discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

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