



Tennessee Three-Star Program

Mission Statement:

To achieve economic and community development excellence by assisting communities with essential tools needed for growth

Three-Star Fast Facts:

- The Three-Star program has been in existence for 29 years
- The program has 8 field staff who also work with the Retire Tennessee Program, the Tennessee Main Street Program, and the Tennessee Leadership Center
- One of the few state programs to provide incentives to participants
- Recognized as a best practices program by the Southern Growth Policies Board
- 88 of Tennessee's 95 counties and 1 city participate in the program

Sumner County Three-Star Fast Facts:

- Sumner County has been a Three-Star Community for about 4 years. Before that Hendersonville, Gallatin and Portland were Three-Star cities.
- Sumner County as well as each of the cities can save money on any new industrial development projects and several energy efficiency projects
- The program is coordinated through the County Mayor's office
- This year Sumner County is a Benchmark I community, we are shooting for Benchmark II for next year

Benefits of Participation:

- Energy Loans and Grants
- FastTrack Loans
- Education Incentives
- Economic Development Preparedness

Sumner County Three-Star Successes:

- TNCPE Level I Award
- Three-Star Committee meeting regularly with representatives from across the county
- Land Use & Transportation Plan
- Community Connections



Three-Star Format:

Basic Requirements

Strategic Plan, Education Committee, Healthcare Committee, Adult Leadership Program, Website, Existing Industry Program, Emergency Preparedness

Benchmark Set-up

Benchmark I: Where are we?

Benchmark II: Where do we want to go?

Benchmark III: How will we get there?

5 Key Areas of Development

- Planning and Infrastructure Development
- Community Development
- Leadership Development
- Economic Development
- Education and Workforce Development

How You Can Be Involved and Support the Three-Star Efforts:

- Strategic Planning Session-April 6, 2:00, County Admin Bldg-To set priorities and action steps for the coming year
- Encourage Planning Commissions to complete Land Use and Transportation Plan and help us with Mitchellville and Millersville
- Schedule and complete EOA training!!
- Be active in the Three-Star Committee
- Help us spread the word to your councils, to the business community and to the general public

To Become Benchmark II:

- Elected Officials Academy
- Land Use and Transportation Plan for the county and updates for some of the cities
- What it means: An additional 1% off the cost of grants and loans

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