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County Expands Support for Small-Town Parks with New Wave of Matching Grants

Grant program fuels new recreation enhancements for Signal Mountain and Red Bank

HAMILTON COUNTY, TN (September 17, 2025) — Hamilton County announced the second round of projects funded through its grant-matching program with small towns, aimed at revitalizing local parks and gathering spaces. The County Commission unanimously approved matching contributions of \$250,000 each for the Town of Signal Mountain and the City of Red Bank to support outdoor improvements that will benefit residents for years to come.

“It’s exciting to see Signal Mountain and Red Bank partnering with the county to improve the quality of life in their communities,” said Hamilton County Mayor Weston Wamp. “Our small communities are the backbone of Hamilton County, and these partnerships show that while we remain committed to big initiatives shaping our region’s future, we are equally invested in the towns and neighborhoods that define who we are.”

Launched by Mayor Wamp earlier this year, the program provides up to \$250,000 in county funds—matched by each participating town or city based on its population size—to deliver meaningful upgrades to local parks and public spaces that enrich quality of life in Hamilton County’s communities.

“This initiative is already making a tangible difference in our communities,” said District 2 Commissioner Chip Baker, who represents the Signal Mountain area. “For my constituents, the county’s investment in Althaus Park and the new Dahlia Playground means families will soon have a safe, inclusive space where children of all abilities can play together, while also making our town more accessible and welcoming for everyone.”

Project Breakdown:

- **Town of Signal Mountain** — Upgrade infrastructure at Althaus Park to support the new inclusive Dahlia Playground, along with townwide maintenance projects to improve accessibility and safety.
- **City of Red Bank** — Transform an unused lot into a new municipal park featuring Red Bank’s first public basketball court, with convenient access from nearby parking and sidewalks to encourage active recreation.

The third round of grant applications closes October 31. Municipalities interested in applying should contact their county commissioner for more information.

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