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## GENERAL FUND GRANTS

### AUTAUGA COUNTY

#### Billingsley Faster Emergency Response Lifesaving UTV

Billingsley Volunteer Fire Department used Mid-South RC&D grant funds to purchase and equip a Lifesaving UTV, greatly improving emergency response in hard-to-reach areas and serving up to 3,500 residents.



#### Learning About Conservation for Youth and Adults

The Autauga Forestry and Wildlife Stewardship Council purchased tables, chairs, and canopy tents to better host educational events for local organizations. This project improves comfort and capacity for nearly 3,640 participants at field days, tours, and conservation programs.

#### Prattville Fire Department Paratech Airbag System

Prattville Fire Department purchased an airbag lifting system with a Mid-South RC&D grant for special rescue situations in Autauga County. The system allows for extremely heavy objects such as commercial vehicles, structures, industrial equipment, etc. to be moved for patient extrication, potentially saving countless lives and impacting approximately 60,342 people.

#### Rescue Equipment Improvement

Mid-South RC&D supported the Autauga County Rescue Squad's "Rescue Equipment Improvement" project by providing funding for road clearing equipment, fire equipment, and vehicle maintenance. This project helps improve their ability to better respond to fires, missing persons, natural disasters, and other emergencies not only in Autauga County but all of central Alabama.

#### Vine Hill Presbyterian Church

With Mid-South RC&D's help, Old Autauga Historical Society sealed the historic Vine Hill Presbyterian Church roof, preventing leaks and preserving its structure. This project benefits about 300 people by enabling more community events.



### BULLOCK COUNTY

#### Bullock County Business Center

Bullock County Development Authority used a Mid-South RC&D grant to equip the Bullock County Business Center with technology and furniture, supporting entrepreneurship, economic development, and job creation in the county.

#### Plains W/U Fire Water

The Alabama Forestry Commission used grant funds to buy two QTAC 70HPK skid units, enabling them to quickly fight fires independently with 70-gallon truck-mounted water systems.



#### Rescue Jacks

Mid-South RC&D provided a set of rescue jacks to Bullock County Rescue. The addition of this equipment increases first responders ability to extricate a victim of a vehicle accident quicker and safer, potentially impacting approximately 10,000 lives.



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### Safety and Convenience Enhancements for the Midway Senior Citizens Center

Mid-South RC&D provided first aid kits, a heart defibrillator, chairs, laptops, and a printer for the “Safety and Convenience Enhancements for the Midway Senior Citizens Center” project. This project helped the Town of Midway provide a safe and comfortable space for their senior citizens to learn how to use technology.



### Turnout Gear Washer

A turnout gear washer and dryer was purchased with a Mid-South RC&D grant by the Bullock County Fire Chief’s Association. The “Turnout Gear Washer” project provides a way for firefighters to rid turnout gear of carcinogens and other harmful substances, making for healthier people and a healthier environment.

## BUTLER COUNTY

### Beeland Gardens at Beeland Park

With Mid-South RC&D’s support, the Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation created walking paths and an entrance at Beeland Park, allowing visitors to enjoy its historic gardens and 90-year-old plant varieties.

### Bright Beginnings: Butler County Inclusive Furniture Initiative

Mid-South RC&D partnered with South Central Alabama Mental Health Board to provide adaptive furniture for Butler Stepping Stones, supporting sensory needs and improving outcomes for 39 children with disabilities.



### Butler County Courthouse Public Safety Enhancements

Butler County Commission used a Mid-South RC&D grant to purchase panic buttons for the employees of the Butler County Courthouse and surrounding county entities, impacting roughly 1,900 people. This project enhances public safety by allowing employees to call for help with the touch of a button in emergencies.

### Operation Lifesaver

Mid-South RC&D provided four new sets of turnout gear to Bushey Creek Volunteer Fire Department for their “Operation Lifesaver” project, directly impacting four volunteers and indirectly impacting the entire community. This project helps replace the old gear previously used by Bushey Creek Volunteer Fire Department that was handed down from other departments and is now being used at every call.

### Operation New Turnouts

Mid-South RC&D helped the Central Volunteer Fire Department purchase new turnout gear. The “Operation New Turnouts” project provided firefighters with better equipment to serve their community.

### Recovery Relief Project

The Mid-South RC&D Council helped the City of Georgiana purchase equipment needed to support responses necessary to recover during or after severe weather, impacting around 1,239 residents. This includes a Bush hog, tree cutting and trimming equipment, signs, poles, and brackets.

## ELMORE COUNTY

### Communications Upgrade

Mid-South RC&D provided pagers and radios to Holtville/Slapout Volunteer Fire Department, allowing volunteers to get notified of emergency calls in their community by operating on Elmore County’s new communications system.

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### Extrication Equipment

Red Hill Volunteer Fire Department purchased a Pentheon extrication cutter and battery system, enabling faster, stronger, and more portable rescue responses for vehicle accidents, benefiting about 1,000 residents.



### Kowaliga Volunteer Fire Department Thermal Imaging

Kowaliga Volunteer Fire Department acquired two thermal imaging cameras with a Mid-South RC&D grant. This project impacts roughly 3,000 people by enabling Kowaliga fire fighters to detect fire without excessive damage to property and decreasing response time.

### Santuck VFD Personal Protective Equipment

Santuck Volunteer Fire Department used a Mid-South RC&D grant to buy five sets of turnout gear, improving firefighter safety and service for up to 5,000 residents.

### Village Green Park Picnic Tables and Message Board

With the help of Mid-South RC&D, City of Millbrook added picnic tables, umbrellas, and a message board to the Village Green Park. This project significantly enhanced the park's appeal and functionality, which helped attract more people and improved community interaction.

## LEE COUNTY

### Bird Impact Prevention at KPNC Environmental Education Building

With a Mid-South RC&D grant, bird strike prevention film was added to all windows at Kreher Preserve's Environmental Education Building, protecting wildlife and creating a safer, conservation-focused learning space for 40,000 visitors.

### Parks and Recreation Department Capital Needs Project

The Smith Station's Sports Complex was updated with new field lights, additional storage space, and a covered pavilion with the help of a Mid-South RC&D grant. These updates meet county-wide requests and benefit the entire community, roughly 7,500 people.

## LOWNDES COUNTY

### Acquisition Electronic Control Devices

Lowndes County Commission used a Mid-South RC&D grant to equip the Sheriff's Office with tasers and supplies, improving crime deterrence, de-escalation, and reducing injuries during arrests.



### Calhoun Community Organization Park Project

Mid-South RC&D helped Calhoun Community Organization add new playground equipment, grills, and signage, creating a more inviting and functional community park space.

### Firefighter Protection Apparatus Project

Hicks Hill and Black Belt Fire Department purchased two turn-out gear suits, two fire helmets with face shields, face masks, gloves, and SCBA tanks with a Mid-South RC&D grant. This equipment helps to improve their volunteers' ability to respond to local emergencies.



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### Marengo Bathroom Renovations

Mid-South RC&D helped the Town of Lowndesboro put two restrooms with ADA-accessible stalls, new flooring, and new plumbing for the Marengo House, a local historic gem in Lowndes County. These improvements benefit the community by keeping the building in working order so it can continue to be used as a public venue for tours, events, weddings, town meetings, and other occasions.

### Will Stone Building Improvements

Renovations to the Will Stone building were made possible with a Mid-South RC&D grant, impacting the local community and reopening the space for use. This included new siding, roof improvements, step/entry improvements, repainting exterior and interior portions of the building, and light landscaping.

## MACON COUNTY

### District 4 Rainbow Playground

Macon County Commission and Mid-South RC&D built the District 4 Rainbow Playground in Tuskegee, giving about 50 children ages 1-6 a safe space for play and outdoor learning.

### Fire Equipment and Service

Mid-South RC&D supported Little Texas Volunteer Fire Department with hydrant and pump testing plus new hoses, improving readiness and boosting community confidence for the 500 residents they serve.

### Franklin Fire Equipment

Franklin Volunteer Fire Department replaced outdated hoses and nozzles, improving fire protection for 728 households and businesses—about 3,800 residents—within its 5-mile service area.



### Shorter Outreach Athletic Scoreboard

The Town of Shorter secured funding for a new athletic scoreboard to support local youth basketball, football, and softball teams. With a sanctioned scoreboard in place, kids can now host games in their own community, building hometown pride and reducing the need to travel for competition.

### Shorter Outreach Enrichment Program

The Town of Shorter expanded its enrichment program for K-6 students by adding Smart Boards, STEAM projects, and partnerships with Boeing executives. Children gained hands-on experience in engineering, math, and science through workshops that built propellers and small engines, while families benefited from a safe, engaging space for learning after school and in the summer.

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY

### Baptist Health Community AED Project

Baptist Health used a Mid-South RC&D grant to place 10 AED units in high-traffic community locations, potentially saving lives and



benefiting about 4,500 people in the River Region.

### Heart and Lung Health for Uninsured Adults

Mid-South RC&D helped Medical Outreach Ministries purchase an electrocardiogram (EKG) machine with spirometry, as well as the supplies needed to operate it, and nebulizers for patients to use at home. The “Heart and Lung Health for Uninsured Adults” project has impacted and benefitted approximately 844 patients by enabling MOM providers to quickly diagnose heart and lung conditions in the clinic and provide nebulizers for patients with asthma.

### HIM Training Center Upgrades

Hope Inspired Ministries replaced the aging carpet in high-traffic areas with luxury vinyl in their employment training center. Now, the flooring is easier to clean and maintain, creating a comfortable and safe place for around 500 students to attend, learn, and receive valuable community services.

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### Wayne Enzor Park Tennis Court Conversion

Mid-South RC&D helped the Montgomery County Commission by providing funds to lay down new asphalt for the “Wayne Enzor Park Tennis Court Conversion” project. The new asphalt is an important part of the planning process to convert the tennis court at Wayne Enzor Park into a pickleball court, attracting new people with a new recreation option and impacting around 10,000 individuals.

### The First Responder Initiative

Mid-South RC&D funded emergency training gear, medical supplies, and a UTV for Autauga County Technology Center, helping 100+ students safely train, drill, and compete in fire and EMS programs statewide.



## EDUCATION FUND GRANTS

### AUTAUGA COUNTY

#### Billingsley FFA Youth Livestock Project

Autauga County Board of Education bought a 24’ livestock trailer for Billingsley High School FFA, allowing students to transport animals and fully participate in livestock shows and agricultural education.



#### Cleanliness is Next to Godliness

Two portable GE Dishwashers were purchased with a Mid-South RC&D grant to help efficiently maintain Prattville High School’s science labs. Students can now save time cleaning up the science lab, allowing them to take responsibility without losing time to learn.

#### Farm City Day

Farm City Day gives all Autauga County sixth graders a free, hands-on farming and forestry experience. Mid-South RC&D funded transportation, raptor presentations, and backpacks to enhance the learning event.



## BULLOCK COUNTY

#### Bullock County Groundwater Festival

The 2025 Bullock County Groundwater Festival at Wehle Nature Center educated 200 youth on clean water, sustainability, and how human actions impact plants, wildlife, soil, and water.

#### College & Career Ready, A State Department of Education Requirement

Mid-South RC&D provided a grant that helped Bullock County Schools establish a computer lab for all students to access in order to complete needed tests and research. The new computers allow more students to complete their assignments without having to compete with other students over resources.

#### CSCS Updates to Technology and Classroom

Conecuh Springs Christian School used Mid-South RC&D grant funds to purchase chairs, laptops, Elmos, and presentation carts. The “CSCS Updates to Technology and Classroom” project improved the school’s learning environment for both the students and teachers, impacting around 250 people.

#### Granny Needs My Help Too

South Central Development Commission used a Mid-South RC&D grant to purchase virtual reality dementia simulation equipment for their “Granny Needs My Help Too” project. This equipment helped provide training for 15 to 18 year-old students attending Bullock County Career Technical Center. Students learned about the effects of dementia and how to care for individuals affected by the disease, roughly impacting 300 people.



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### Promoting Dual Enrollment Through Opportunity and Resources

Mid-South RC&D funded a new computer lab at Bullock County Career Technology Center, providing computers and furniture for high school students in dual enrollment classes.



### YC Nance Memorial Sport Complex Foundation School Playground

Mid-South RC&D provided new volleyball and soccer equipment and helped update the ball field for the YC Nance Memorial Sport Complex. This project impacted over 500 students by introducing them to a variety of sporting activities and enhancing their ability to play.

## BUTLER COUNTY

### Bullock County Groundwater Festival

The Butler County Groundwater Festival offered hands-on activities and experiments to teach students about water conservation. Grant funds provided supplies and t-shirts to enhance the learning experience.



### Enhancements to Fitness Equipment at Greenville High School

Butler County School System used a Mid-South RC&D grant to renovate and update the Greenville High School Athletic Facility with 14 new weight racks. The upgraded facilities have improved safety, performance, and accessibility, allowing athletes to train and compete at a higher level while attracting more community support.

### Paws and Petals

Mid-South RC&D supported Butler County Schools' "Paws and Petals" project, adding greenery, benches, and posts to improve Georgianna High School's entrance, benefiting 3,500 people with a safer, more welcoming space.

### SEASON 42

The Greenville Area Arts Council's "SEASON 42" project gave 450 Butler County fourth graders the chance to experience music, dance, and live art at the Ritz Theater. Students were even invited on stage to take part in the interactive performance.

### W. O. Parmer Community Learning Lab

W.O. Parmer Elementary created a "Community Learning Lab" with new tables, seating, a ViewSonic board, and a mobile Charlie Cart, providing a comfortable space for parent-teacher meetings and collaborative learning.

## ELMORE COUNTY

### Community Risk Reduction Inflatable, Fire/Police Safety House

The Wetumpka Fire Department's "Community Risk Reduction Inflatable Fire/Police Safety House" project educates children on safety through interactive displays. It has already reached 400 people and will continue to be used at events city- and countywide.



### EES Robotics

Eclectic Elementary expanded its 3rd- and 4th-grade robotics program with new supplies, microcontrollers, sensors, and motors, giving students hands-on STEM experience and inspiring future careers in science and technology.

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### Holtville Beef Cattle Facilities

With a Mid-South RC&D grant, the Elmore County Board of Education purchased a cattle chute and working pen for Holtville High's Agriculture Program, giving students hands-on experience in safely handling, vaccinating, tagging, and medicating livestock.

### Holtville High School Marching Band Boosters

A marimba and an Intermediate Bari Sax was provided by Mid-South RC&D to address the need to equip Holtville High School band students with the instruments essential for them to continue their musical journey and cultivate a strong sense of pride in their accomplishments. This project sparked glee in the percussion and saxophone section and benefitted 81 people.

### Snap-On Industrial Certification Programs for JF Ingram State Technical College

Mid-South RC&D helped JF Ingram State Technical College purchase two Snap-On Certification kits for automotive and diesel programs, giving students hands-on training in battery, starting, and charging diagnostics. These stackable credentials prepare students for employment after reentry and support community success by reducing recidivism.



### Zippering Across Lake Martin at Girl Scout Camp

Mid-South RC&D supported Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama in restoring the Kamp Kiwanis zipline with new equipment, reopening a safe and popular camp activity for 300 campers while also providing a hands-on STEM learning experience.



## LEE COUNTY

### Auburn High School Wrestling

The Auburn High School Wrestling team received new head gear, singlets (uniforms) and warm ups for the Varsity, Junior High and Women's Wrestling Teams. The new equipment brought recognition to the team and also increased participation and team pride.

### Be Kind

Mid-South RC&D placed eight "Be Kind" benches at Wacoochee Elementary, Beulah Elementary, and Beulah High to promote kindness and discourage bullying, impacting about 1,000 students.



### College Readiness Program for Low-Income Hispanic Teens in Lee County, AL

Mid-South RC&D provided furniture and technology for Esperanza House's College Readiness Program, which supports low-income Hispanic teens in Lee County with mentorship, academic guidance, college prep resources, FAFSA and scholarship help, ACT prep, and computer literacy classes.



### Community Response/Preparedness Trailer

Lee County EMA acquired a new trailer to store response and education supplies, enhancing support for first responders and boosting emergency preparedness awareness for students and residents.



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### Computers and Accessories for Family Enrichment Center

Mid-South RC&D funded computers and a printer for the Family Enrichment Center of Loachapoka, creating a modern computer lab with internet and updated software that serves about 150 seniors and youth mentees.

### Graphic Arts Design

Loachapoka High School purchased art software and materials to support its Graphic Arts Design program, enabling students to create and edit designs, including printing field day shirts for local schools.

### Meeting Community Needs Through Educational Resources

A Mid-South RC&D grant provided essential supplies for Wacooshee Elementary teachers, boosting morale and ensuring 1,000 teachers and students had the resources needed for a prepared, equitable start to the school year.



## LOWNDES COUNTY

### Be Ready, Lowndes County!

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System's "Be Ready, Lowndes County!" project provided free NOAA weather radios and first aid kits to about 300 residents, improving severe weather preparedness for low-income rural families.

### Flying High with STEM

With a Mid-South RC&D grant, the Lowndes County Board of Education provided 57 Codrone EDU drones to three elementary schools, engaging nearly 500 students in hands-on STEM learning through programming, robotics, and aerodynamics.

### Hayneville/Lowndes County Public Library Continuation of Restoring Library Chairs

New chairs, laptops, and a Lexmark Printer have been added to the Hayneville/Lowndes County Public Library to improve the library's facilities, impacting roughly 225 people in the community.

## MACON COUNTY

### 2024 Old Federal Road Camping Expedition

College students received camping gear and hands-on experience in conservation and archaeology during the Old Federal Road Camping Expedition. At WarriorStand, they practiced excavation techniques and uncovered artifacts spanning prehistoric and historic periods, revealing the site's significance as a travel route.

### Annual Carver Festival in Tuskegee

Mid-South RC&D funded STEM equipment for Macon County youth, debuting at the May 2025 Carver Festival where 450 students showcased and strengthened their hands-on learning and problem-solving skills.



### Livestock and Crop Management Boosting STEAM Education and Career Opportunities

Mid-South RC&D provided Tuskegee University Cooperative Extension Program with two high-quality drones that will allow the Tuskegee University Drone Livestock Management Training team to provide hands-on sessions on how drones can be used in agriculture, livestock management, and first responder services, creating new pathways for workforce development and entrepreneurship in Macon County.

### Josh's Cabin Completion of Mold Prevention/ Foundation

AHERO rebuilt the SFC Josh Burnette Warrior Cabin, repairing the foundation and adding a vapor barrier, providing veterans and first responders a safe place to stay during outdoor therapy events.



### Seniors/Youth Fishing Derby

Macon County Commission hosted their annual Fishing Derby to encourage outdoor recreation for children and seniors in Macon County, impacting roughly 600 citizens. With their Mid-South RC&D grant, they were able to stock the pond and rebuild a handicap fishing deck. This event helps educate the public on the impact of nature and how to fish.



### Swift Water Rescue

Montgomery Whitewater Foundation launched a Swift Water Rescue program to train first responders, military units, and rescue organizations in lifesaving techniques for fast-moving water. With certified instructors, specialized equipment, and realistic training scenarios, the program strengthens regional preparedness and ensures more lives can be saved during floods and water emergencies.

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY

### Crump Senior Center Green-Roofed Garden Space

The Alabama Herb Society used a Mid-South RC&D grant to improve their garden facilities by building a structure to support a green roof and store gardening materials and plants. With the “Crump Senior Center Green-Roofed Garden Space” project, they also customized a learning area with a roof overhang to include a sink, counter/bar area suitable for educational demonstrations.

### MCSO “Fall in Love With Fishing” Project

Montgomery County Commission used a Mid-South RC&D grant to stock fish and provide portable restrooms for the “Fall in love with Fishing” project. The project was an outdoor education event that provided nearly 400 people with the opportunity to learn how to fish, appreciate nature, and enjoy the outdoors.



### MGM Reads

Mid-South RC&D and the Montgomery Education Foundation’s “MGM Reads” project reached 1,200 K-5 students at 15 community sites. Over five weeks, each child received 10 books plus family engagement materials to encourage summer reading and prevent learning loss.



### Think Outside the Bench: Outdoor Classroom Seating

Mid-South RC&D helped impact nearly 500 students by providing a grant to help establish an outdoor classroom at Bear Exploration Center. The grant provided three outdoor tables for the school’s Certified Alabama Wildlife Outdoor Classroom. The “Think Outside the Bench: Outdoor Classroom Seating” project has significantly enhanced the functionality of the outdoor learning space, allowing students to engage in a variety of educational activities in a natural and enriching environment.

