HUNTSVILLE UTILITIES WINS TVA GRANT TO ASSIST LOW-INCOME HUNTSVILLE RESIDENTS

Energy Huntsville
In November 2014 Huntsville Utilities applied for over $11 million in grant monies made available by TVA to assist customers currently living in older, less energy-efficient housing in need of substantial improvements. Huntsville Utilities is pleased to announce that we are one of three local power companies to be selected as a Round 1 awardee for the Extreme Energy Makeover (EEM) project, both part of the Smart Communities initiative.
Huntsville Utilities and our community partners, were chosen for the EEM project, which focuses on homes in lower income communities that are at least 20 years old. The goal is to achieve a 25 percent reduction in each home’s electric energy use through whole-home, deep energy retrofits with an implementation cost of approximately $10 per square foot and an annual estimated total project savings of 1,000 megawatt-hours.
The Huntsville Extreme Energy Makeovers team, with an award of $6.29 million, includes:

- Huntsville Utilities
- The City of Huntsville - Community Development
- United Way of Madison County
- Care Assurance System for the Aging and Homebound of Madison County (CASA)
- The Salvation Army
- Community Action Partnership of Huntsville, Madison, and Limestone Counties
The Huntsville Extreme Energy Makeovers (HEEM) project proposes to accomplish deep energy retrofits for qualified homes in the City of Huntsville.

The retrofits, combined with participant education and community outreach, are projected to result in an average annual savings of 10,187 kWh per home.
TVA Grant

• Next steps include completing the contractual arrangements and beginning funding for each project with a target of August 2015 for initiation of project construction.

• We have 26 months to utilize the funds to improve energy efficiency levels in some of lower income customer homes.
“An opportunity like this gives us a chance to improve the lives of customers who need significant help. We want the public to know we are constantly looking for ways to better serve our customers and community, and this TVA grant gives us the ability to do something we have never done before.”

- Jay Stowe, President/CEO
  Huntsville Utilities