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### **Alcoa Foundation, Alcoa Inc. grants announced *More than \$330,000 invested back into East Tennessee***

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**Alcoa, Tenn.** -- Alcoa Foundation and Alcoa Inc. Tennessee Operations is granting more than \$330,000 to 29 non-profit organizations in Blount, Knox, and Sevier counties. The grants awarded range from support for a workforce readiness program to a litter prevention program in Blount County. These funds are part of more than \$22 million that will be distributed around the world by Alcoa Foundation this year.

A group of 13 business, community, and government leaders reviewed 88 grant proposals totaling more than \$1.7 million in funding requests. The group is responsible for evaluating and making recommendations to Alcoa Tennessee Operations and Alcoa Foundation on what projects should be funded.

“The best way to assess the grant proposals we receive each year is to ask those that have their finger on the pulse of the community to review proposals with us,” said Malcolm Murphy, Location Manager for Tennessee’s Rigid Packaging Division. “The funding that we invest into the region is truly a community effort.”

Jennie McKelvey, Smelting Works Manager, added, “While the investment of dollars is significant, we also want to provide an equal amount of investment of ‘sweat equity’ into the region’s non-profit organizations through the donation of volunteer time. Events such as the United Way Day of Caring are excellent ways our employees can make hands on contributions to an organization in need.”

The following is a list of grants that Alcoa Foundation and Alcoa Tennessee Operations will be awarding in 2006:

<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>2006 Grant</b>	<b>Grant Purpose</b>
Alcoa Middle School	\$12,000	Purchase experiential learning tools for teachers, staff, and students
Appalachian Black Bear Rehab and Release Center	\$5,250	Technology upgrades – wireless video cameras for bear observation
Blount County Habitat for Humanity	\$10,000	House co-sponsor

Blount County Literacy Council	\$34,240 (over two years)	Support of workforce readiness program
Blount County Rescue Squad	\$14,000	Leadership training for officers and team leaders
Boy Scouts of the Great Smoky Mountains Council	\$6,000	Learning for Life program
Discover Life in America	\$10,000	ATBI Connections
East Tennessee Clean Fuels Coalition	\$10,000	Biodiesel signage campaign
Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park	\$15,000	Parks as Classrooms program
Friends of Knox Co. Public Library	\$10,000	Imagination Library
Girl Scouts of Tanasi Council	\$9,137	Girl Scout Leadership Institute
Great Smoky Mountain Association	\$12,500	Mountain Life magazine
Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center	\$20,000	Pioneer Exhibit
Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont	\$15,000	Citizen Science program
Heritage Middle School	\$5,000	Expansion of Carnegie Learning program
Ijams Nature Center	\$60,000 (over two years)	Living Clean and Green program
Junior Achievement of East Tennessee	\$7,000	JA economics programs for Blount County
Keep Blount Beautiful	\$6,000	Litter prevention program
Knox Regional Transportation Planning Organization	\$5,000	Smart Trips program
Knoxville-Knox Co. CAC Office on Aging	\$2,500	Senior citizen safety program
Leadership Blount County	\$10,000	Youth Leadership Blount program
Maryville College	\$12,500	Support for library, student scholarships, and orchestra
Maryville Housing Authority	\$9,843	Support for Outdoor Team Trek Expedition Reserve Squad (OTTERS)
Pellissippi State Technical Community College	\$21,366	Engineering technologies enhancement
Project GRAD	\$10,000	Summer Institutes program
Salvation Army	\$9,250	Emergency Family Shelter
Sevier County Public Library System	\$10,000	Creating Connections program
University of Tennessee	\$20,000	Disaster life support training
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Alcoa's Tennessee Operations is the world's largest producer of rolled aluminum can sheet for beverage cans. It has been in operation in Blount County, Tenn., since 1910 and currently employs approximately 1,850 East Tennesseans in its Blount and Knox County locations. Tennessee Operations is one of 328 Alcoa Inc. operating locations in 43 countries.

### **About Alcoa Foundation**

Established in 1952, Alcoa Foundation is a global resource that actively invests in improving the quality of life in the countries around the world where Alcoa operates. The Foundation's grants address global and local needs in Areas of Excellence that include: Conservation and Sustainability, Global Education and Workplace Skills, Business and Community Partnerships and Safe and Healthy Children and Families. Alcoa Foundation manages Alcoa's ACTION and Bravo! programs which recognize the volunteer efforts of employees with grants to the organizations they serve. For more information about Alcoa Foundation, visit [www.alcoa.com](http://www.alcoa.com) under Community.

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