Press Release

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**CBI Awarded Grant Funds**

The Cumberland Business Incubator (CBI) of Roane State Community College has been awarded grant funds by the Launch Tennessee Creative Communities Grants program. The Creative Communities Grant initiative was created to connect rural and underserved populations with entrepreneurial education, tools and resources. The funds will be used for a number of programs by the end of the grant period, June 30th, 2017.

* A special program to match Veterans who want to start a business now or in the future with veterans who have successfully transferred the skills they learned in the military to business. Kick-off meeting is August 17th with a 14 week program to follow in the fall.
* Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 Business Accelerators for those interested in starting a business or growing their existing business.
* Entrepreneur programs for high school students.
* Idea Pitch Events for High School students and Roane State Community College students in early 2017.
* Tennessee Code Academy for 10-16 year old students during the Cumberland County School break in March of 2017.
* 100 Girls of Code for 12-18 year old girls in the Spring of 2017.
* 48 Hour Launch and Pitch event for start-up ideas, Spring 2017.
* CBI Make Camp 2017 to be held June 19 – 23, 2017.

For more information on any of the upcoming events, check the CBI website at [www.cumberlandincubator.com](http://www.cumberlandincubator.com), subscribe to the e-newsletter at [www.cbimakerspace.com/cbi/sign-up-for-our-newsletter/](http://www.cbimakerspace.com/cbi/sign-up-for-our-newsletter/) , send an email to [cbi@roanestate.edu](mailto:cbi@roanestate.edu) or call the Cumberland Business Incubator at 931-456-4910.

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