

## 2010 Community Access Capital Grant – Special Grant Award Recipients

The Commission decided not to undertake a competitive grant round in FY09-10 in order to focus its resources on other pressing work priorities. The following grants were approved under the MHCRC 's established "Special Grant Request" process and criteria.

### **MetroEast Community Media: Better Access to Government**

Total Grant Funds: \$124,277  
Total Matching Resources: \$128,739  
Contact Person: Rob Brading, 503-667-8848

MetroEast will upgrade the video capabilities at the Gresham, Fairview and Troutdale city council chambers and the Multnomah County Board chambers. For over 20 years MetroEast has provided coverage of city council, planning commission, school board and other public meetings from these sites. The grant funds will replace aging equipment, some of which is on the edge of failure, and continues MetroEast's tradition of using technology to streamline and improve services to our local governments and citizens at low cost.

### **Four Internet Protocol Telephony Grants**

The MHCRC has made it a priority to help the schools replace the existing archaic and unstable phone systems with state of the art Internet Protocol (IP) phone service. The biggest impact of this overhaul is that teachers in the funded districts will have a fully functional telephone available in every classroom. The telephones also provide improved security at schools and multi-language options for non-English speaking parents. The new IP based phone systems will greatly reduce the district's cost to maintain the telephone systems, with added capabilities for students, teachers and the community.

Grant recipients include:

#### **Portland Public Schools District: What's "VOICE" Got to Do With It -2010**

Total Grant Funds: \$402,274  
Total Matching Resources: \$951,528  
Contact Person: Jay Keuter, 503-916-2000

#### **Gresham-Barlow School District:**

Total Grant Funds: \$257,215  
Total Matching Resources: \$604,072  
Contact Person: Darrin King, 503.465.0821

#### **Parkrose School District:**

Total Grant Funds: \$129,422  
Total Matching Resources: \$261,055  
Contact Person: Kris Lamet, 503.408.2731

#### **Riverdale School District:**

Total Grant Funds: \$33,037  
Total Matching Resources: \$68,826  
Contact Person: Dale Peterson, 503.805.9888

## **Multnomah County Library: Computers for Libraries**

The Multnomah County Library has long acknowledged the importance of providing computers and the Internet to the citizens of Multnomah County as a vehicle to provide free and impartial access to information, and to help reduce disparities among communities by helping to bridge the digital divide. Multnomah County Library's public Internet computers are in use over 85% of available time, serving more than 95,000 unique library card holders last year. For many of these people, the library is the only place where they can use a computer or the Internet free of charge. Increasingly, a computer connected to the Internet is the only way to apply for a job, access services, and interact with others. Although the Library provides free public computers, the number of computers and time available to use them is limited. Building on a 2008 Gates Foundation Grant, this project significantly expands the number of computers available, adding 180 portable computers for public checkout in all library locations. Portable computers were chosen to allow greatest flexibility of use, and to conserve space in the Library's physically small facilities.

Total Grant Funds:           \$200,000  
Total Matching Resources:   \$405,194  
Contact Person:               Cindy Gibbon, 503-988-5496

## **City of Portland: Restraining Orders at the Gateway Center**

For many domestic violence victims application for a Family Abuse Prevention Act (FAPA) restraining order is a critical step to achieving safety. The opening of a new domestic violence service center in the Gateway neighborhood in mid-Multnomah County, Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services, created an excellent opportunity to provide an additional, safer and more convenient access point to this critical legal process. Grants funds will be used to acquire a video system that will allow victims of domestic violence to apply for a FAPA restraining order from the Multnomah County courts. In addition, the Gateway Center will bring together vital services including victim advocacy services (like safety planning and access to safe housing), criminal justice services, and civil legal assistance.

Total Grant Funds:           \$25,000  
Total Matching Resources:   \$61,700  
Contact Person:               Martha Strawn Morris, 503-988-3433

## **I-Net Edge Device Upgrades**

In 2009, the Commission's efforts to replace I-Net edge switches at all I-Net sites paid off by significantly increasing the available bandwidth at each site with no increase in monthly fees. Some of the I-Net stakeholders, however, own older devices on their networks that prohibited the site from accessing the increased bandwidth. A November 2009 I-Net stakeholder assessment, conducted in conjunction with the community needs ascertainment, indicated increased bandwidth availability was a high priority of schools and libraries and the economy is pressuring public agencies to provide increased bandwidth at the same or lower costs. The grant assisted two school districts and Multnomah County, which were unable to take advantage of the bandwidth upgrade, to upgrading their devices at 50 sites in order to fully access the bandwidth capacity.

Grant recipients include:

### **Portland Public Schools District**

Total Grant Funds:           \$94,523  
Contact Person:               Derrick Deziel, 503-916-3138

**Multnomah Education Service District - Centennial School District**

Total Grant Funds: \$18,200  
Contact Person: Eric Harrison, 503-257-1554

**Multnomah County**

Total Grant Funds: \$20,400  
Contact Person: Debbi Patton, 503-988-5525