

**COMMISSION FUNDS COMMUNITY AND EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY
PROJECTS (FY2000-2001)**

The Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission and AT&T Broadband recently gave some local schools, community organizations and the City of Portland a boost toward using advanced communications technology. The Commission granted funds to eight projects that use the cable system's interactive, enhanced capabilities to provide needed community and educational services. Project grants totaled over \$720,000.

GRANT PROJECT SUMMARY

Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center

Total Grant Funds: \$171,175
Contact Person: Carol Chism, 823-2071

This grant will be used to acquire state-of-the-art videography and editing equipment and install it in the IFCC. The IFCC will then be able to create and broadcast original live and taped arts and cultural programming. The grant will also assist the IFCC to create new programs for school-aged children, particularly after-school programs and workshops for at-risk youth.

Project partners include Portland Cable Access and may be expanded to Portland Public Schools, Portland Community College distance learning, the Northwest Film Center and the Regional Arts and Culture Council.

Matching resources for the project total \$219,885.

Portland State University: Improving Distance Delivery Through Collaboration

Total Grant Funds: \$169,825
Contact Person: Mark Gregory, 725-3281

This project will expand and improve educational delivery by creating a collaborative network between Portland State University (serving approximately 32,000 students per year) and Portland Community College (serving approximately 90,000 students per year) for distance delivery of courses. PSU and PCC recently entered into co-enrollment agreements, and about 2,200 students transfer between the schools each year. The project will link these two large populations of students, instructors and public lecturers using cable based I-Net network to connect the sites.

Project partners include Portland Community College

Matching resources for this project total funds \$71,962

Multnomah County Health Department: School-Based Health Centers I-Net Connectivity Project

Total Grant Funds: \$118,154

Contact Person: Steve Bardi, 988-3674

This three-year grant establishes a combination of network connectivity and technical resources to assure that each of the 13 School-Based Health Centers has the capacity to manage health data, and improve access to health services and information in a manner consistent with other safety net providers in Multnomah County. In 1999 these Centers provided over 30,000 clinic visits to approximately 6,250 students received in the classrooms. The project will also allow these Centers to connect to the Oregon Community Health Information Network (OCHIN), a service that allows sharing of data among other safety net service providers

Specific project partners include Portland Public Schools, Parkrose School District, David Douglas School District, Multnomah Education Service District, Oregon Community Health Information Network (OCHIN), Multnomah County Information Services Department.

Matching resources for the project total \$1,140,368.

Metro Regional Services: Metro Chamber Video Production Project

Total Grant Funds: \$108,100
Contact Person: John Donovan 797-1942

This grant allows the Metro Chamber to have permanent four-camera video production systems and control room equipment. The new systems will increase the audio and video quality of Metro Council meetings cablecast from the Chambers. Under the old system two or three people were needed to transport, set up and take down the equipment. The new equipment is automated so that only one person is needed to operate the cameras. This will allow Portland Cable Access to dedicate staff resources to other community events and activities.

Project partners for the grant include Multnomah Community Television, Portland Cable Access and Tualatin Valley Community Access.

Matching resources for the project total \$52,552.

Bureau of Housing and Community Development: Portland Area Housing Clearinghouse

Total Grant Funds: \$69,000
Contact Person: Tracy Lehto, 823-2352

This project will create a virtual one-stop housing center that will assist low-income Portland Metro area residents in accessing and retaining stable housing. This 'Virtual Center' will create an electronic platform where staff at over 100 housing and homeless agencies throughout Multnomah County, low-income residents needing housing services, and providers of affordable housing can connect.

Project partners include the Portland Housing Center and the City of Portland Bureau of Information Technology.

Matching resources for the project total \$ 1,229,768.

Benson High School: Contextual Learning-Linking Benson Students to the Community

Total Grant Funds: \$45,913
Contact Person: John Vingelen, 916-5100

This grant will allow expansion of Benson's Photography/Video Production Program with the purchase of editing equipment, regular and advanced digital cameras, electronic storage tools and animation software. Currently only 20 senior students can participate in Benson's Video Production Program due to lack of resources. The enhanced program supported by this grant will help meet increasing demand for the Contextual Learning program, and allow more students to participate. This added video and on-line presence will provide cross-disciplinary activities to encourage technology skills learning. Through a partnership with Portland Cable Access, students will gain practical experience producing on-air programming to complement classroom and laboratory study, enhancing the "school to work" experience.

Project partners include Portland Cable Access.

Matching resources for the project total \$47,484

Portland Art Museum Northwest Film Center: Media Arts Academy for Teens

Total Grant Funds: \$26,424
Contact Person: Ellen Thomas, 276-4263

The Northwest Film Center is establishing Portland's first accredited Media Arts Literacy and Technology Program for youth. This grant provides digital camcorders and other equipment for that program. Roughly one-third of the youth participating in the program will be from low-income and minority communities. Entrance into the program will be offered free of charge to those in need of financial support.

Project partners include the School-to-Work Program of the Portland Public Schools.

Matching resources for the project total \$101,126

Parkrose School District: Digital Camcorders for Parkrose Community Television

Total Grant Funds: \$14,325
Contact Person: Bob Forrest, 408-2678

This grant provides funding for five digital camcorders where PCTV currently has only one. In addition, the grant will complement PCTV's studios which are based on the digital format. The addition of the cameras will allow more users access to high quality digital format camcorders, quicken the pace of editing and production, and increase the quality of the programming.

Project partners include Multnomah Community Television and Parkrose Community Television.

Matching resources for the project total \$5,000.