

**COMMISSION FUNDS COMMUNITY AND EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY
PROJECTS (FY2002-2003)**

The Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission and Comcast Corporation recently gave some local schools and community organizations a boost toward using advanced communications technology. The Commission granted funds to three projects that use the cable system's interactive, enhanced capabilities to provide needed community and educational services. Project grants totaled over \$312,000.

GRANT PROJECT SUMMARY

Oregon Public Broadcasting: Digital Media Distribution Project

Total Grant Funds: \$145,318
Contact Person: Marion Rice, 503-293-1909
Year Granted: FY02-03

This grant will provide already existing educational Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB) & Public Broadcasting Systems (PBS) programming to classrooms via a specialized network media box that delivers programming through the I-Net. This project will address the fact that currently, schools in the East County area do not have media library services that include educational videos.

Project partners for the grant include Multnomah Education Service District, Portland Public Schools. Matching resources for the project total \$590,364.

Portland Public Schools Television Services: Media Graphics Generator

Total Grant Funds: \$16,383
Contact Person: William Brosseau, 503-916-5838
Year Granted: FY02-03

The grant will help Television Services replace its outdated graphics generator with a new media graphics generator in order to provide higher quality programming via Portland Public Schools' Cable Channel 28. The new unit will combine the World Wide Web, computer graphics and internally created graphics in a digital quality format to enhance the aesthetic quality of cablecasts and increase the amount of programming produced for Cable Channel 28.

Project partners for the grant include Portland Public Schools. Matching resources for the project total \$22,551.54.

Oregon Film & Video Foundation/Hollywood Theatre Project: "Live from the Hollywood Theatre: Original Programming for Community Access via the I-Net"

Total Grant Funds: \$151,261.95

Contact Person: Richard Beer, 503-493-1128
Year Granted: FY02-03

The grant will allow Hollywood Theatre to become a programming origination site for local productions and distribute the programming on the cable system via the I-Net and the community access channels. The grant addresses the lack of affordable production facilities for recording and televising local events in the Portland Metropolitan area. The equipment requested will give the Hollywood site the technical capacity to do quality video productions and will expand the educational and cultural outreach of the Oregon Film & Video Foundation through media arts technology, specifically by creating the capability for live origination programming for community access channels via I-Net connectivity.

Project partners for the grant include Portland Cable Access, Audio-Visual Headquarters, H.P. Lovecraft Film Festival, Tapestry Theatre Company, Hollywood Senior Center, Tobacco Prevention Program. Matching resources for the project total \$152,144.