

**COMMISSION FUNDS COMMUNITY AND EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY
PROJECTS (FY2004-2005)**

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 six projects that use the cable system's interactive, enhanced capabilities to provide needed community and educational services. Project grants totaled over \$551,000.

GRANT PROJECT SUMMARY

Portland Art Museum, Northwest Film Center: "Service Learning Center"

Total Grant Funds: \$99,121
Contact Person: Ellen Thomas, 503-276-4263
Year Granted: FY04-05

The Portland Art Museum Northwest Film Center sought the support of the MHCRC in creating and administering a Service Learning Center, a new initiative of the Center's *School of Film and Young Filmmakers Program*, which will use digital moving image media, one of the most pervasive influences in the lives of our youth, to foster positive self-expression, academic performance and civic engagement in roughly 180 young adults.

Project partners for the grant include New Avenues for Youth, Inc., Lincoln High School, and Portland State University. Matching resources for the project total \$173,870.

Housing Authority of Portland: "I-Net Connected Computer Lab and Career Center at the New Columbia Life Long Learning Center"

Total Grant Funds: \$134,985
Contact Person: John Keating, 503-802-8522
Year Granted: FY04-05

The Housing Authority of Portland (HAP) is currently engaged in the largest neighborhood revitalization project ever undertaken in Oregon's history. Columbia Villa's 400 World War II-era homes on 82 acres in North Portland were demolished and are being replaced by a mixed-income community of 850 households, known as New Columbia. At the heart of the new neighborhood, HAP has set aside space for a Life Long Learning Center to serve the residents of New Columbia and the surrounding North Portland neighborhood. HAP will use grant funds to construction Institutional Network (I-Net) infrastructure to the Life Long Learning Center, which will allow low-income residents of Multnomah County to receive the necessary training and education to achieve economic stability and a greater sense of self sufficiency.

Project partners for the grant include Portland Community College and Portland State University. Matching resources for the project total \$409,242.

Portland Public Schools, Television Services: "Studio Cameras"

Total Grant Funds: \$73,149
Contact Person: William Brosseau, 503-916-5838
Year Granted: FY04-05

Portland Public Schools – Television Services (TVS) sought MHCRC funds to improve the quality and quantity of productions it creates for Cable Channel 28. TVS will use grant funds to purchase new studio cameras for the production studio. TVS hopes that improving studio camera technology they will be able to produce more studio programs for viewers of Cable Channel 28, while maintaining remote productions. As a result, the community will receive more informational programming and entertainment from the students of Portland Public Schools.

Matching resources for the project total \$86,508.

Technical Assistance for Community Services: “Domestic Violence Integration”

Total Grant Funds: \$89,400
Contact Person: Margaret Mahoney, 503-239-4001
Year Granted: FY04-05

Technical Assistance for Community Services (TACS) proposed to implement a dynamic web site for public use and an intranet for domestic violence providers in Multnomah County to access via the Institutional Network (I-Net). TACS will use grant funds to link the Multnomah County Domestic Violence providers in an intranet, create online training tools to support staff implementing the federally mandated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data reporting system, and ensure domestic violence providers have means to access the Internet.

Project partners for the grant include Multnomah Domestic Violence Providers, Multnomah County. Matching resources for the project total \$90,000.

International Foundation for Alternative Research in AIDS: “Bringing Healthcare Programming to the Community”

Total Grant Funds: \$128,573
Contact Person: Fred Schaich, 503-736-0194
Year Granted: FY04-05

The International Foundation for Alternative Research in AIDS (IFARA) has been conducting meetings, forums, and conferences as well as producing video, audio and print educational materials for people living with HIV/AIDS and providers of medical services since its beginning in 1992. IFARA sought MHCRC funding to improve service delivery of healthcare programming to the community. Grant funds will be used to acquire the equipment necessary to set up a remote studio in facilities inaccessible by mobile production truck.

Project partners for the grant include Portland Community. Matching resources for the project total \$237,137.

KBOO Community Radio: “Multimedia Youth Activism”

Total Grant Funds: \$26,406
Contact Person: Judy Fiestal, 503-248-1963
Year Granted: FY04-05

KBOO Community Radio proposes to hire young people as media consultants to develop a youth-created curriculum that can quickly provide young people the basic skills necessary to create their own media. Through a partnership with the Multnomah Youth Commission, the media produced will then be used as advocacy tools for young people to create positive permanent change in their communities and influence the civic discourse of the community. Grant funds will be used to build a mobile media station that would provide training, support and access to the tools necessary for youth to create their media.

Project partners for the grant include Youth Innovation Fund of Portland, Multnomah Youth Commission, and Commission on Children, Families and Community of Multnomah County. Matching resources for the project total \$51,000.