

2006 Community Access Capital Grant Award Recipients

Portland Public Schools: Web-Based Library Automation System

Total Grant Funds: \$346,666
Total Matching Resources: \$525,794
Contact Person: Ken Brock, 503-916-3023

In consultation with the Portland Association of School Librarians and Multnomah County Library, Portland Public Schools (PPS) will overhaul its antiquated system in the school-based libraries for circulation, research and accessibility of library materials. The project will replace PPS's inefficient library services delivery in all 83 school libraries. PPS has upgraded its network capacity among schools, making this 21st century library automation system possible, by receiving high bandwidth services over the Institutional Network (I-Net), a network services partnership among the City of Portland, Comcast and the MHCRC. Upon project completion, students and educators will have online access to physical and web-based resources and materials offered by any one of PPS's libraries in addition to Multnomah County libraries.

Project partners include: The Portland Association of School Librarians, Eugene School District No 4J, Maya Web, LLC, and Multnomah County Library.

Matching resources for the project total \$525,794.

The Skanner Foundation: The North Portland Multi-Media Training Center

Total Grant Funds: \$140,451
Total Matching Resources: \$281,661
Contact Person: Naomi Pierce, 503-285-5555

The Skanner Foundation will partner with The Skanner News Group and Portland Community Media (PCM) to develop a community-based, video production training center in North Portland. The North Portland Multi-Media Training Center will extend the multi-media services offered through PCM by providing video production classes and equipment availability at the North Killingsworth site. The production classes will incorporate technology and media literacy into the curriculum and focus on multi-media productions of north/northeast Portland news and events. The Skanner Foundation hopes to make the productions available to news and media groups in and around Portland in an effort to expand the voice and visibility of the African American and other North Portland communities.

Project partners include: The Skanner News Group and Portland Community Media.

Matching resources for the project total \$281,661.

Caldera: Careers in Creative Technology

Total Grant Funds: \$117,810
Total Matching Resources: \$476,951
Contact Person: Tricia Furnari, 503-937-7599

For the past ten years, Caldera's Careers in Creative Technology program has assisted students from low-income families to receive arts education, out-of-school learning and mentoring to prepare for college and careers in creative technology fields. Due to the program's success, students have worked alongside talented professional artists from well-known, local companies such as Nike and Wieden+Kennedy. Through the grant, Caldera will expand its technology capacity, currently based mostly on loaned equipment, to include extensive and mobile multi-media and digital video production equipment for hands-on use by students and mentors.

Project partners include: Five Portland Arts Partner Schools which include Harriet Tubman Middle School, Ockley Green Middle School, H.B. Lee Middle School and Open Meadow Middle School, and Nike and Wieden+Kennedy.

Matching resources for the project total \$476,951.

MetroEast Community Media: MetroEast RoboCam Studio

Total Grant Funds: \$103,520
Total Matching Resources: \$104,605
Contact Person: Charity Thompson, 503-667-8848 ext 316

With its RoboCam Studio project, MetroEast Community Media will lower the technological barriers faced by many community groups and individuals who want to use media to tell their stories. MetroEast will develop a simple-to-use video production studio and editing system to increase the community's access to modern-day communications tools.

Matching resources for the project total \$104,605.

Portland Public Schools, Lewis Elementary School: Telling Our Stories & Sharing Our Work with Our Community and the World

Total Grant Funds: \$46,680
Total Matching Resources: \$109,115
Contact Person: Tim Lauer, 503-916-6360

Through the grant, Lewis Elementary School's 4th and 5th grade students will experience the thrills of digital storytelling by integration of digital production technology into the school's strategies for teaching expository and narrative writing. The project hopes to enhance not only students' literacy skills, but to also increase students' skills in creative and critical thinking and media literacy. The project will benefit students and educators by capitalizing on students' fascination with technology to enhance and enliven instruction.

Project partners include: Buckman Elementary School, Portland Community Media's OLLIE.

Matching resources for the project total \$109,115.

Portland YouthBuilders: PYB Multi-Media Program Grant

Total Grant Funds: \$26,356
Total Matching Resources: \$33,255
Contact Person: Angela McMahon, 503-232-0398

Portland YouthBuilders (PYB) offers an array of educational, vocational and community service programs in support of students earning high school or general equivalency diplomas. The grant will help PYB integrate digital video and web-based media into its current curriculum in order to improve training and job readiness skills necessary for students to obtain entry-level employment in today's working environment. PYB's students will receive real-world experience by designing and creating media content and promotional materials for local, non-profit partnering agencies.

Project partners include: Looking Glass Digital, Westwind Farm Studio.

Matching resources for the project total \$33,255.

Portland Public Schools, Television Services: SDI Character Generator

Total Grant Funds: \$14,000
Total Matching Resources: \$14,300.
Contact Person: William Brosseau, 503-916-5838

Portland Public Schools Television Services (TVS) will purchase a new character generator for its production studio to improve the quality of productions it creates for Cable Channel 28. Matching resources for the project total \$14,300.