

2008 GRANT SUMMARIES

Harriet Tubman Young Women's Leadership Academy

Grant Amount: \$47,726

- Historically, in the United States, women and minorities have been underrepresented in the media industry with only 3% of what are considered “positions of power” in the media industry being held by women, according to the a report by the Annenberg Public Policy Center. The Harriet Tubman Young Women's Leadership Academy, the first all girls, college preparatory public school in NE Portland, received grant funding in support of giving young women the opportunity to learn media production and multi-media skills through classroom integration of media equipment into daily classroom activities.

Richmond Japanese Immersion Elementary School

Grant Amount: \$118,560

- Richmond Japanese Immersion Elementary School, a Portland Public Pre-K-5 language immersion school will acquire mobile technology labs to allow all teachers to integrate computer aided curriculum into daily classroom activities.

Multnomah County Animal Services

Grant Amount: \$5,972

- In an attempt to increase public awareness of services offered, Multnomah County Animal Services was awarded funding to support its production of *Animal Magnetism: Pet TV for Humans*, a half-hour monthly program series aired by MetroEast Community Media to residents of the county.

Flying Focus Video Collective

Grant Amount: \$6,350

- Since its creation in 1991, Flying Focus Video Collective has been producing videos about underserved communities in the Portland Metro area that has resulted in roughly 600 programs capturing such topics as civil, human and immigrant rights, environmental justice, domestic violence awareness, etc. The grant provides Flying Focus the opportunity to preserve programs in a digital format for distribution and exhibition of historical local programming.

Oregon Historical Society

Grant Amount: \$47,879

- To meet teachers' need for engaging primary source materials, the Oregon Historical Society (OHS) will utilize grant funds to launch the OHS Research Services Educational Outreach Project. Grant funds will be used to create and distribute programming, workshops and curriculum to Portland Public School (PPS) U.S.

History teachers in order to familiarize them with OHS primary source materials and enhance the quality of education provided to PPS's 2,700 high school U.S. history students.

Portland Public Schools (PPS) ESL/Bilingual Department
Grant Amount: \$40,628

- In an effort to close the achievement gap between English language learners and their native English-speaking classmates, the Portland Public Schools (PPS) ESL/Bilingual Department's eLearning for Teachers project will make high quality professional development more available to teachers through interactive distance learning tools.

BizTech High School
Grant Amount: \$183,805

- BizTech High School is an independent, public high school created in 2004 as part of the Oregon Small Schools Initiative carried out by E3: Employers for Education Excellence with financial support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Meyer Memorial Trust. Grant funds for the BizTech High School New Technology Initiative will support access to 21st century tools and career-related skills through integration of multi-media technology into Biztech's focused curriculum of business, technology, manufacturing and entrepreneurship.

ACE Academy
Grant Amount: \$200,489

- ACE Academy, co-chartered by Centennial, Gresham-Barlow, Parkrose and Reynolds school districts, is designed to bring together private sector partners and district teachers to provide at-risk juniors and seniors with hands-on, project-based learning around architecture, construction and engineering. Grant funds will provide students with laptop computers and wireless network capability in order for students and teachers to access curriculum from any of the Academy's four sites.

Jefferson High School
Grant Amount: \$124,588

- Jefferson High School, a Portland Public School, will use grant funds to revitalize the video production capabilities at Jefferson's studio and through mobile equipment. In an era of unprecedented technological advancement, Jefferson High School is working to keep pace by providing students an opportunity to expand their access to multimedia production equipment.

Portland Public Schools VoIP
Grant Amount: \$302,332

- Portland Public Schools will overhaul its antiquated voice communication system to reduce the disparity of access to communications and collaboration resources for PPS staff, students and parents. Grant funds will be used to replace the existing archaic and unstable phone system with state of the art Internet Protocol Telephony (IPT) service.

Portland Public Schools Television Services

Grant Amount: \$58,745

- With its Cool Lights Studio Project, Portland Public Schools Television Services (PPS-TVS) will move another step closer to completing its new studio. With the new equipment, PPS-TVS hopes to increase studio programming for Channel 28 viewers and save time and money for in-house productions.