

COMMISSION FUNDS COMMUNITY AND EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS (FY1998-1999)

The Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission, TCI and Paragon Cable recently gave some local schools and community organizations a boost toward using advanced communications technology. The Commission granted funds to seven projects which use the cable system's interactive, enhanced capabilities to provide needed community and educational services. Project grants totaled over \$627,000.

GRANT PROJECT SUMMARY

Mt. Hood Community College: Distance Learning Innovations: Instructional Video Network for East Multnomah County

Total Grant Funds: \$270,000

Contact Person: Jacqueline McCrady, 491-7286

The Distance Learning Innovations grant supports a pilot project among four East Multnomah County High Schools, two of the area's largest businesses (Fujitsu and LSI) and MHCC's sites in order to create on-site, interactive instructional and informational offerings from the college. The project will increase access to education for high school students, employees of the business partners and community members. Learning opportunities will utilize digital and analog video, video conferencing, IP video and computer data exchange.

Project partners include Fujitsu Microelectornics Inc., LSI Logic Corp., Corbett School District, Gresham-Barlow School District and Reynolds School District. Matching resources for the project total \$259,844.

Portland Community College: Connecting People to Education and Technology

Total Grant Funds: \$141,294

Contact Person: John Sneed, 977-4398

Connecting People to Education and Technology project links three workforce training centers and three community centers with PCC's distance learning network in order to provide real-time, interactive learning opportunities to low-income residents in targeted under-served neighborhoods and at emerging neighborhood network centers. The project will use integrated video/audio/data network technologies supporting synchronous and asynchronous instruction and distance learners. Project partners include PCC's Central, Northeast and Southeast Workforce Training Centers, SE WORKS, The Urban League of Portland and Housing Our Families. Matching resources for the project total \$140,044.

Northwest Film Center: Nuestro Vision, Nuestro Futuro: The Oregon Latino Video Project

Total Grant Funds: \$30,383

Contact Person: Ellen Thomas, 221-1156

Nuestro Vision, Nuestro Futuro is a marriage of the Film Center's Filmmakers-in-the-Schools outreach program and the Oregon Council for Hispanic Advancement's Oregon Leadership Institute. The grant supports a two-year initiative focused on high-risk Hispanic youth from throughout Multnomah County. These teenagers will research, plan and produce television programs on subjects they select with guidance from teaching filmmakers from Portland State University programs. Grant funds provide video production equipment for the project. Project partners include Oregon Council for Hispanic Advancement, Oregon Arts Commission, National Endowment for the Arts and the MacArthur Foundation. Matching resources for the project total \$81,872.

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

Total Grant Funds: \$61,764
Contact Person: John Vingelen, 916-5100

The Contextual Learning project builds upon Benson High School's communications studies program (one of seven "majors" for student achievement) by adding television and video technology as a new emphasis. In addition, the video and on-line presence provide a cross disciplinary activity to encourage all students to learn technology skills. A partnership with Portland Cable Access will allow students the practical experience of producing on-air programming to complement classroom and laboratory study at Benson, enforcing the "school to work" experience. Matching resources for the project total \$78,605.

Portland Cable Access: Facility Addition to Include a Digital Editing/Voice-over Suite

Total Grant Funds: \$79,333
Contact Person: Robert Skelton, 288-1515

This grant supports a new digital editing and voice-over suite for digital video productions at PCA. The suite enables more community members and organizations to access state-of-the-art editing equipment in the transition to digital technology. Matching resources for the project total \$25,788.

Jefferson High School: Edit System Project

Total Grant Funds: \$41,109
Contact Person: Chris Poole-Jones, 916-3382

This grant supports new digital video production equipment at Jefferson High School in order to bring its current television program up-to-date with current industry technology. The improvements simplify the production process allowing more wide use by students. The upgrade supports a long-standing program at Jefferson in an area of traditionally under-served youth and provides a next-step approach to updating its existing facility. Jefferson students productions are aired on community access channels throughout Multnomah County. Matching resources for the

project total \$45,158.

Portland Public Schools: Television Services Satellite Dishes Upgrade

Total Grant Funds: \$3,395

Contact Person: Pete Scott, 916-5838

This grant provides additional satellite program capacity to enable PPS to provide educational video resources and interactive video conferencing to the District, teachers, students and the community. The enhanced satellite capabilities will receive the Anneberg/CPB Channel which carries K-12 math and science, language, cultural and other high quality educational programs. Matching resources for the project totaled \$17,896.