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Community Vision- Center for Accessibility and Community Project

Total Grant Funds: \$76,742

Total Matching Resources: \$95,280

Contact Person: Valerie Plummer

Since 1989 Community Vision (CVI) has offered a network of individualized services helping people with disabilities live, work and thrive in whatever communities they choose. The Center for Accessibility and Community Project will use video technology: cameras and editing equipment, to creating video job resumes, media for training purposes, and produce video segments that highlight stories of individuals working with CVI. Besides helping individuals with disabilities contribute to the fabric of the local community and strengthening CVI’s partnerships with potential employers, videos produced by this project will be presented on PCM’s community access channels, helping create a more inclusive community in Multnomah County.

Flying Focus Video Collective (FFVC): Archiving Media Acquisition project

Total Grant Funds: \$1,950

Total Matching Resources: \$2,150

Contact Person: Barb Green

Flying Focus Video is a collective of volunteers who have produced programming for local community media since 1991. Their programming is focused on activism, community organizing and on many facets of local underserved communities. This grant will expand FFVC's computer equipment and archiving ability so FFVC can continue to produce meaningful media for local communities. FFVC's programming is cablecast weekly on PCM's community access channels.

[Friends of the Children: East County Educational Technology \(ECET\) project](#)

Total Grant Funds: \$218,798

Total Matching Resources: \$633,231

Contact Person: Mark Young

Since 1993 The Friends of the Children has worked to break the cycle of poverty for children facing the highest risks in inner NE Portland by helping them become healthy, productive members of the community. This grant will allow Friends of the Children to address the demographic shift of children in poverty to East County by helping build and equip an 8,500 sq. ft. facility in the Rockwood neighborhood of Gresham. The new facility will feature interactive remote tutoring capacity, mobile learning, and a high-tech Arts & Science Room to promote technology-based skill development that can lead to educational success and job readiness. The facility uses the I-Net through a partnership with Reynolds School District.

[Metro: Metro Council Chamber Broadcast Video Recording upgrade project](#)

Total Grant Funds: \$166,790

Total Matching Resources: \$196,290

Contact Person: Les McCarter

Metro is a regional government responsible for managing issues that cross city and county lines in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties. Meetings in the Metro Council Chambers are cablecast through PCM's government access channel, however, the current television production system, installed in the 1990's, no longer works. A temporary solution uses PCM's portable studio setup, a costly and labor intensive solution. The MHCRC grant will install new HD camera and studio equipment to allow the agency's ability to clearly communicate to the public over the Government Access channel.

[Metro: Metro Video Conferencing project](#)

Total Grant Funds: \$72,000

Total Matching Resources: \$113,519

Contact Person: Adam Karol

Metro is a regional government that operates a number of departments and business units throughout the tri-county Portland metropolitan area, including venues such as the Oregon Zoo, Portland's Centers for the Arts and the Oregon Convention Center. Currently collaboration amongst Metro managers and staff is stemmed by logistical issues, especially travel time. Funding through this grant will create four video conferencing rooms at key

Metro sites throughout Portland that will serve as hubs for a robust video conferencing system. This system will utilize the I-Net, and substantially reduce travel and time costs for staff while creating more efficient and better collaboration amongst Metro's 1,200 employees.

[MetroEast Community Media: Wood Village in Action project](#)

Total Grant Funds: \$25,827

Total Matching Resources: \$25,827

Contact Person: Rob Brading

Live coverage of local City Council meetings is a core element of Government Access. This grant will provide permanent robotic cameras and studio gear in the Wood Village Council Chambers to support ongoing live cablecasts. The MHCRC grant will provide greater transparency in local government by using Government Access Channels to reach out to residents with an unfiltered, first-hand view of elected representatives and government employees.

[NW Children's Theater and School: Community Cable Access for main Stage Productions at NWCT](#)

Total Grant Funds: \$48,292

Total Matching Resources: \$173,053

Contact Person: Nick Fenster

NW Children's Theater and School (NWCT) is a Portland based non-profit which educates, entertains and enriches the lives of young audiences with fully-produced plays cast with adult and youth actors. This grant provides the professional equipment necessary to cablecast NWCT productions through Portland Community Media. Through this grant, NWCT hopes the programming will reach hospital patients, library patrons, and children at schools who might otherwise be unable to attend live performances. The project will also train and involve students from NWCT's InternsNW as video crew. InternsNW is one of a series of specially developed programs designed to provide advanced training to students with the experience, talent and desire to continue professional instruction in the performing arts. This project will provide valuable knowledge to aspiring theater professionals; and use PCM community access channels to reach children and families throughout Multnomah County who might otherwise be unable to attend live performances.

[NW Film Center: Heroes Magnifico Video project](#)

Total Grant Funds: \$47,258

Total Matching Resources: \$54,045

Contact Person: Ellen Thomas

The HEROES MAGNIFICO video project is a collaboration between the Northwest Film Center, whose education and exhibition programs serve a broad range of Multnomah County constituents, and the Miracle Theatre Group, Oregon's largest Latino arts organization. The

project will focus on the “Magnificent Heroes” living in our midst: the young Latinos who put the needs of others ahead of their own, defining their success in terms of how they support others. These unsung heroes, largely unnoticed and without validation, form a safety net and a cultural infrastructure of great strength and possibilities. The stories will be gathered and reported by 40 Latino young adults, who will work with Film Center and Miracle Theatre teaching artists to learn the art and craft of visual storytelling. The project will give voice to the Multnomah County Latino population by showing resulting programming on PCM’s community channels.

[Our United Villages Legacy Stories and Community Video Booth project](#)

Total Grant Funds: \$34,499

Total Matching Resources: \$181,548

Contact Person Sean O’Conner

Our United Villages is a non-profit that operates the Rebuilding Center in N Portland and the Community Legacy Program, a resource for sharing community-building stories, strategies and ideas. The Legacy Stories and Community Video Booth project will collect stories to strengthen the social and environmental vitality of local communities. The stories will be shown on interactive kiosks placed in the Rebuilding Center. The interactive Story Booth will also collect original stories from community members visiting the Rebuilding Center, which will be edited by and combined with material captured by volunteers and OUV staff in the in-house production studio. The stories will also be cablecast on PCM community access channels; enriching, helping inspire and enacting real change in local people and practices around Portland.

[PSU.tv Student Empowerment Through Video Production](#)

Total Grant Funds: \$101,500

Total Matching Resources: \$101,505

Contact Person: Jyunmi Hatcher

Portland State Television (PSU TV) is a non-profit student media organization focused on using video production to gather and share stories that matter to the PSU community. This grant will replace and expand outdated video equipment. Through an accompanying training program PSU students will have an opportunity to develop relevant communication skills that can take to the real world. The project will also generate high quality, community relevant videos that will be cablecast on PCM community access channels.

The SKANNER Foundation: NPMTTC's 2015 Vanport Multimedia Project

Total Grant Funds: \$53,480

Total Matching Resources: \$

Contact Person: Bernie Foster

The North Portland Multimedia Center, a project of The SKANNER Foundation since 2006, is a year round training center to teach filmmaking through story gathering. The NPMTTC has collected, recorded and disseminated to the public oral histories of Vanport, a town just north of Portland that was destroyed by a flood in 1948. The 2015 Vanport Multimedia Project continues this training and hopes to record more survivor stories. Updated and expanded equipment will support the training of more volunteers to capture more stories from survivors. As the flood destroyed Vanport almost 70 years ago, there is an urgency to record survivors' historical experiences while living in Vanport, one of the first established integrated communities in North America. The resulting stories will be cablecast on PCM community access channels.

Young Audiences of Oregon & SW Washington Teaching Artist iPad Library & Curriculum Development

Total Grant Funds: \$28,384

Total Matching Resources: \$37,962

Contact Person: Cary Clarke

Young Audiences is an arts-in-education organization offering a full range of educational arts programming in multiple disciplines and cultures. A mobile iPad library will be established and curriculum will be developed for teaching technology-integrated arts. The program will be implemented in 3 to 5 middle schools with large concentrations of low-income students and will serve nearly 400 students. This program will use the I-Net and technology to inspire young people and expand their learning through the arts and help address the technology gap that exists between schools within Multnomah County.