



2019 Community Technology Grant Award Recipients

City of Fairview

City of Fairview plans to engage a larger and currently underserved section of their community through live video technology upgrades designed to enhance and make more accessible their broadcasted public meetings. Through the installation of a large 80" display for presentations and 60" displays for additional viewing as well as closed captioning support for those that need it, the City of Fairview hopes to provide a more rich and accessible presentation experience and ultimately increase participation in the civic decision-making process. The events carried out in their Council Chambers, including public meetings, council meetings, planning commission meetings, and other similar governmental functions directly serve the communities of East Multnomah County.

Total Grant Funds: \$32,540
Total Matching Resources: \$33,674.97
Contact Person: Darren Riordan

Multnomah County Central Library- Mobile Computing Device Library Self Checkout

Multnomah County's Central Library patrons are greatly affected by the digital divide and less likely than other populations in the county to own their own computer or have Internet access where they live. In order to meet the needs of these patrons, this grant-funded project will enable the library to purchase two self-service mobile device stations (kiosks) and 48 Chromebook laptops to lend out to patrons. The laptops operate on public WiFi, which utilizes the Institutional Network (I-Net), to access online library resources and the Internet in general. The project builds on MLC's priority areas to remove barriers and provide "free access for all" – the kiosks will offer multiple language interfaces and will increase patron independence and self-sufficiency to get online when and where they need to. In addition, the kiosks will free up staff time to support overall patron digital literacy needs.

Total Grant Funds: \$122,360
Total Matching Resources: \$124,333.52
Contact Person: Jon Worona

Multnomah County Library- Welcome to Computers Teaching Kit

Building on Multnomah County Library, MetroEast Community Media and Free Geek's established free multi-week digital literacy training (entitled "Welcome to Computers") at community organizations across the Portland metro area, this grant-funded project will allow the library to purchase equipment for teaching kits to

offer the “Welcome to Computers” curriculum at library branches. These kits include 13 laptops, two rolling laptop travel cases, a projector, and charging accessories for the laptops which all will be used to give informative literacy trainings. Library staff will teach several cohorts of students (40 total) about the Linux Mint operating system over four program sessions in order to build comfort with the laptops provided by Free Geek at the completion of the program. The curriculum is ideal for beginners, and participants also receive one year of technical support, which has been shown as critical in address the digital divide.

Total Grant Funds: \$19,196
Total Matching Resources: \$45,744.11
Contact Person: Brian McGuirk

MetroEast Community Media

MetroEast uses a sophisticated internally developed tool to support staff in the complex task of scheduling programs to cablecast on the six cable television programs operated by the community media center. The technology supporting the scheduling tool is no longer supported, requiring costly upkeep and making it impossible for MetroEast to properly support distribution to more modern platforms such as video-on-demand and Internet streaming. After thorough sector research and through this grant-funded project, MetroEast will update and modernize their scheduling tool to create smoother, more efficient workflows around digital management. The tool will also allow staff to collaborate with other community media stations to develop best practices moving forward.

Total Grant Funds: \$114,830
Total Matching Resources: \$115,765.00
Contact Person: Jessica Holliday

Outside The Frame

Developed organically at peer organization Outside In as a response to youth’s desires for programming that went beyond basic needs and traditional education to provide emotional safety and high quality of life, Outside the Frame (OTF) exists to fill a gap in services to homeless young people in Portland. This grant-funded project builds on previous MHCRRC grants to expand filmmaking programs for homeless and marginalized youth through film internships, opportunities for equipment check-outs, and weekly training workshops taught by local film industry professionals. Through the purchase of additional cameras, furniture for editing rooms, editing equipment and software, OTF will reach more youth at their new studio space in Union Station. Further, the project supports increased staff capacity and film screenings which function as a celebration of participants’ work and an engagement tool to identify additional youth who could benefit from the program. Fifteen youth-created films will be shared out through community media stations.

Total Grant Funds: \$35,000
Total Matching Resources: \$165,292.00
Contact Person: Nili Yosha

Junior Achievement of Oregon & SW Washington

The “JA BizTown and BZTV Technology and Equipment Improvement Project” aims to provide predominantly low-income Multnomah County students from 4th through 6th grade with real life skills and experiences around technology, communications and media as a part of JA BizTown, Junior Achievement’s flagship elementary program. Junior Achievement (JA) is a nonprofit youth organization whose core purpose is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in the global economy. JA BizTown is their capstone elementary school program that blends in-class learning with a one-day economic simulation within an 8,500 square foot replica of an American city. This grant-funded project seeks to improve JA BizTown service delivery for 5,000

Multnomah County students, schools and community members through upgrading “BZTV”, JA BizTown’s broadcasting studio. This project will upgrade the equipment and technology resources used within BZTV to improve student learning outcomes in the areas of technology, video production and knowledge of multimedia careers. The content created will be shared with the community media stations.

Total Grant Funds: \$31,286
Total Matching Resources: \$59,344.00
Contact Person: Rachel Cline

Northwest Alliance for Alternative Media and Education

Keys, Beats, Bars grew out of onsite multicultural programming for youth offered at the MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility over the last four years. This music and video-based program’s mission is to empower justice-involved and at-risk minority youth through the use of music and multimedia education. This grant-funded project takes their developed programming to multi-site locations across Portland, offering ten-week-long workshops at partner organizations, as well as stand alone seasonal workshops at Sisters of the Road and Social Justice Action Center. The newly acquired audiovisual equipment will allow for hands-on experiential learning of both music and video production techniques in a positive social context. Guest instructors assist the youth in completion of group audiovisual projects, which will be aired on the community media stations. Long-term, the program seeks to provide a touchstone experience that will help youth navigate through the complexities of life.

Total Grant Funds: \$33,874
Total Matching Resources: \$88,000
Contact Person: Adam Carpinelli