

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)

Grant Recipient: Southeast Regional Resource Center

Federal Tax ID: 92-0058572

Project Title:

Project Type: Information Systems and Technology

Southeast Regional Resource Center, Inc. - Technology Upgrade

State Funding Requested: \$63,700

House District: Juneau Areawide (3-4)

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

The Learning Connection (TLC) provides educational services to adult learners in Juneau. This project would upgrade the technology lab at TLC's downtown location.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$63,700

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Federal Funds	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
State Funds	\$0	0			\$0	0
Denali Commission	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Rasmuson Foundation	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Local Funds	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Other Funds	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Total						

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Learning Connection (SERRC's Adult Education Division) provides free GED tutoring, English as a Second Language classes, computer courses, family literacy programs and job search assistance programs. TLC's serves up to 800 students on any given year. The computers at TLC's main location (in downtown Juneau) are sorely in need of an upgrade. SERRC and TLC are non-profits that are funded entirely by grants and contracts. While TLC's grants support the agency's infrastructure, there are no funds available for technology. Without current technology in the lab, students are learning computer skills with antiquated equipment and software - neither of which prepare students for the current job market. With these funds, TLC will be able to purchase technology equipment that will in turn impact hundreds of adult learners every year. SERRC's Technology Team is comprised of professionals skilled in purchasing and integrating technology into Alaska's educational field - for students of all ages. Their expertise will enable TLC to purchase this equipment in a cost-efficient manner and implement and maintain the computers and other equipment as needed.

Project Timeline:

Upon receipt of funds, SERRC's Technology Team will purchase the computers and other equipment and install them upon delivery.

For use by Co-chair Staff Only:

\$63,700
Approved

6:23 PM 5/4/2010

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

SERRC - Alaska's Educational Resource Center

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No



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Richard Dormer, Principal

As the tech coordinator of a small (500 students k-12) rural district in SE Alaska I have had robust and outstanding positive relationship with SEERC tech folks for the past 10 years. Ryan Stanley has been superior in his ability to provide support and expertise in a positive and timely manner

SERRC provided an overall technology evaluation about 10 years ago. It provided the 'push' the school board needed to provide the monetary support needed to move the district forward. We are currently supporting a 1 to 1 initiative through out the district. Many of our classes are supported on line - via a Moodle supported web site – www.pcsdonline.org. The existence of the site and the initial training I received were through presentations SERRC made at the state level technology conference. Our current infrastructure is a direct result of SERRC (Ryan Stanley's) recommendations and support.

SERRC presentations at the state level conferences both to teachers (ASTE) and administrators have benefited the region and the state by leading the way in the use of new tools (WEB 2.0) and hardware (wireless and 1 to 1). Without their support and expertise the region would be very different technologically and educationally. The leadership and technological skill set enables all of us to function at a much higher level in today's digital world.

Don Holmes
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SERRC - Alaska's Educational Resource Center and The Learning Connection's Technology Upgrade Request

Item	Purpose	Cost	Qty	Total	Quote
Mini PC	student classroom and TLC general area	\$884.00	35	\$30,940.00	35-Minis.pdf
VGA Adapter	adapting monitor to Mini PC	\$29.00	35	\$1,015.00	35-Minis.pdf
Projector	student classroom and general TLC area	\$839.40	2	\$1,678.80	KVM-Print-UPS-Projector.pdf
VM Server	hosts student application, file, print servers	\$8,191.00	1	\$8,191.00	VM-Server.pdf
VM License	VM server host application software	\$1,248.75	1	\$1,248.75	Parallels-Server.jpg
Battery Backup	Server power protection	\$667.65	1	\$667.65	KVM-Print-UPS-Projector.pdf
Windows OS License	Windows operating system software	\$91.31	35	\$3,195.85	WinOffice35.jpg
MS Office License	Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint software	\$100.63	35	\$3,522.05	WinOffice35.jpg
Laser Printer	student classroom network printing	\$742.39	1	\$742.39	KVM-Print-UPS-Projector.pdf
Keyboard/Mouse	for use with Mini PC	\$28.89	35	\$1,011.15	KVM-Print-UPS-Projector.pdf
LCD Monitor	for use with Mini PC	\$199.29	35	\$6,975.15	KVM-Print-UPS-Projector.pdf
Admin PC	for administration/support of MiniPC TLC tech	\$4,458.00	1	\$4,458.00	AdminPC.pdf
				\$63,645.79	



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February 9, 2010

Ms. Sheryl Weinberg,
SERRC, Executive Director
210 Ferry Way
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Ms. Weinberg,

The Glory Hole whole heartedly supports The Learning Connection and its many programs that help people build a better life through education. The organization is efficient and effective and its impact on Juneau is significant.

The Glory Hole is an emergency homeless shelter, soup kitchen, and care center in Juneau. We have been serving the Juneau community since 1984. The mission of the Glory Hole is to provide food, shelter, and compassion to help achieve physical, emotional, and spiritual well being for those most in need. In the past, the Glory Hole has worked with SERRC to improve the lives of our clients through their various innovative programs. SERRC is instrumental to the self betterment for many of our patrons, whether through free classes, employment programs, individual personalized help with gaining marketable skills, or computer access. Additionally, I strongly believe that the number of our clients would increase dramatically, if SERRC and its capable, dedicated staff were not there to give people tools and alternatives to homelessness, poverty, and despair.

On behalf of the Glory Hole I urge you to support SERRC and its operations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mariya Lovishchuk".

Mariya Lovishchuk
Executive Director, TGH

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February 9, 2010

Sheryl Weinberg, Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Weinberg:

It is with pleasure that I write in support of your efforts to obtain funding for a technology upgrade for SERRC. As the director of TRiO Student Support Services at the University of Alaska Southeast, I appreciate the resources you have to offer our current and future students. The specific population of students that we serve is low income, first generation to college or disabled. Almost half of our students are from areas in rural Alaska and they come to UAS unprepared in some ways for college work. While we can lend them laptops to somewhat level the playing field, we need a resource like SERRC to be able to refer them for training in basic computer skills. If your equipment is not on a par with what is used at the university, our students will still be at a disadvantage.

During my tenure here at UAS, you have faithfully kept me informed about the resources you offer by regularly sending me informational newsletters, flyers about special offerings and of course the community wide advisory meeting that you host. Being so well informed enhances my ability to provide comprehensive services to our students. I hope you continue to be funded for the services you provide that fill in the gaps of other community agencies. You provide a central location where we can all come and discuss our needs and you have been very responsive to try to meet those needs. SERRC is at the center of inter-agency cooperation in Juneau and responsible, I believe, for making the whole greater than the sum of its parts.

In our partnership for student success, our services greatly compliment each other's and I feel that together we are making a difference in the number of Alaskans that can enroll in college, be retained and graduate. Again, I offer my unreserved support for your efforts to upgrade your technology so that we can continue to offer effective services to our students.

Sincerely,


Carol Comolli, PhD

STATE OF ALASKA

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February 10, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in support of The Learning Connection, its programs and services. The Learning Connection programs services are structure in a fashion which often mirrors the service offered through the job center network. The array services and the mission of the Learning Connection align with the mission and services provided through the job center. These shared values has strengthened an established a partnership between the agencies. We recommend the programs to customers who are an appropriate match for the services offered through the Learning Connection.

Our partnership with The Learning Connection program has been a successful collaboration for many years. We both seek to train and provide suitable work opportunities for adult and students in and effort to meet local and state workforce needs. The job center has acted as a host site for Learning Connection work experience placements through the years. Throughout this time the job center has hired participants from the program. The placements have lead to unsubsidized permanent fulltime work.

Staff and management of the job center support the Learning Connection programs and services. The services provided through their programs have proven to be beneficial to individuals, businesses, agencies and our community at large. The individuals in the program receive quality training, support and are able to transition back to the workforce with competence and confidence. I urge you to continue to support the Learning Connection, their programs and services.

Sincerely,

Michael Hutcherson
Manager, Juneau Job Center
Department of Labor & Workforce Development

