February 25, 2010

Eugene Hainer
Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer,

I am the Division Director of Education for the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and oversee our Tribal Public Library housed in the Education Building. This letter is in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.

We are located in the far southwest corner of Colorado. Our rural, isolated location puts all our students at-risk. The high poverty and lack of formal education levels for adults adds to our challenge of convincing students of the need for continuing education beyond high school or a GED program. A large portion of the community lacks a high school diploma or even a GED. We also have a high abundance of diabetes and drug/alcohol addictions.

Most of our patrons use the library to access the many educational programs we have in small groups or on-line. We want to coordinate this project with our local school district so as to have public access to their card catalog. Our library is also the hub of continuing education and public health holds classes and workshops in our building.

Much of the community is too poor to afford computers and internet at home. Our library is the only place they have access to on-line programs and research. With our building being wireless, new laptop computers will draw patrons in that want to sit in comfortable chairs and relax while they experience on-line programs. We have talked of putting in an "internet café" concept with coffee and drinks being available. We want to make our Library a learning facility that is warm and inviting.

We also plan to collaborate with the local school district to share resources on-line. This will strengthen our relations with our local district and help with research accessibility for our students. After partnering with the local schools, we hope to include the City Library in Cortez.

All of these efforts are designed to increase the number of users by making it easier access to jobs, improve education, and improve health awareness.
As part of our participating in this grant application, the Ute Mountain Ute Public Library agrees to sustain all computing center services and programs including maintaining or enhancing the broadband service and maintaining the computer hardware and software. We will participate in training and partnerships to make the computer centers a long-term public resource for our community. We also certify that the library public computing center will be free and open to all.
We will work with the Colorado State Library to comply with all BTOP reporting requirements and we will comply with applicable federal, state and local laws applicable to the grant and related projects. Finally, if awarded the funds from NTIA will include in our operating budget a 10% match for the equipment provided in the grant.

The Ute Mountain Ute Public Library is excited to partner with the Colorado State Library on this important grant. We believe the impact on our community will be significant. We thank the National Telecommunications and Information Administration for this opportunity and for considering our important application.

Sincerely,
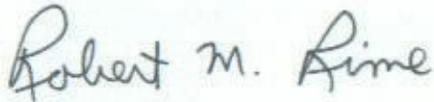
Robert M. Rime
Division Director of Education

WRAY PUBLIC LIBRARY

621 Blake Street   WRAY, COLORADO 80758

February 22, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

I am the Director at the Wray Public Library. On behalf of my library, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am particularly excited about the benefits, such as receiving computers, and updated Internet access at the Wray Public Library and what a difference that will bring to our community.

The Wray Public Library is located in Wray, Colorado, a geographically isolated town of approximately 2100 people in Northeastern Colorado nestled just 10 miles from the Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado borders. The public library serves this rural area and currently has over 4000 patrons in the system.

The library has three patron computers to use. Patrons use them for a variety of reasons including; on-line classes for continuing education, job seekers, unemployment filers, Medicare assistance, and school children doing research. The library turns away patrons on a daily basis from computer usage. Also with nearly 45% of our school district's students qualifying for the national student lunch program, the community clearly needs the public library to provide information services to all area residents.

The Wray Public Library currently uses 2200 square feet of the City's 1968 public building. On March 1, 2010 the library will acquire 5,500 additional square feet, which is access to the entire city building. Our goal is an expansion project including space for ten computers to help with patron demand. The expansion and computer upgrade will make a big difference to a community geographically challenged. We will be able to partner with the community college, school, hospital and work force center and hold classes to benefit our area residents.

If the Colorado State Library is awarded this funding, it will have a significant impact on both our community and others around the state.

The Wray Public Library appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Shara Berghuis
Wray Public Library Director

BTOP Public Computer Center Detail Template

Please complete the Public Computer Center Details worksheet. Add rows as necessa
accomodate all of the Public Computer Centers that will benefit from this project. All
should be given a type from the specified list. A Community Anchor Institution is conside
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BTOP Public Computer Centers Detail Template

Title: **Bridging Colorado's Great Digital Divide**

Easy Grants ID: 5159

Center Name	Organization	Address Line 1	City	State	Zip	Facility Type	Minority Serving Institution Type
Alamosa / Southern Peaks Public Library		423 Fourth St	Alamosa	CO	81101	Library	N/A
Burlington Public Library - Burlington Public Library		321 14th St	Burlington	CO	80807	Library	N/A
Canon City Public Library - Canon City Public Library		516 Macon Ave	Canon City	CO	81212	Library	N/A
City of La Junta - Woodruff Memorial Library		522 Colorado Ave	LaJunta	CO	81050	Library	N/A
Conejos County Library District - Antonito Branch		112 Main Street Northeast	Antonito	CO	81140	Library	N/A
Conejos County Library District - LaJara Branch		17703 Hwy 285	LaJara	CO	81140	Library	N/A
Cortez Public Library - Cortez Public Library		202 N. Park	Cortez	CO	81321	Library	N/A
Costilla County Libraries - Blanca Fort Garland County Library		17591 E. Highway 160	Blanca	CO	81123	Library	N/A
Costilla County Libraries - Costilla County Library		418 Gasper Street	San Luis	CO	81152	Library	N/A
Delta County Public Library District - Cedaredge Public Library		180 SW 6th Street	Cedaredge	CO	81413	Library	N/A
Delta County Public Library District - Crawford Public Library		545 Highway 92	Crawford	CO	81415	Library	N/A
Delta County Public Library District - Delta County Literacy Program		149 East Main	Hotchkiss	CO	81419	Other Community Support Organization	N/A
Delta County Public Library District - Delta Public Library		211 West 6th Street	Delta	CO	81416	Library	N/A
Delta County Public Library District - Hotchkiss Public Library		149 E. Main Street	Hotchkiss	CO	81419	Library	N/A
Delta County Public Library District - Paonia Public Library		140 Grand Avenue	Paonia	CO	81428	Library	N/A
Denver Public Library - Athmar Park Branch		1055 S. Tejon St. at W. Mississippi Ave.	Denver	CO	80223	Library	N/A
Denver Public Library - Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library		2401 Welton Street	Denver	CO	80205	Library	N/A
Denver Public Library - Byers Branch		675 Santa Fe Dr. at W. 7th Ave.	Denver	CO	80204	Library	N/A
Denver Public Library - Central Library		10 W. Fourteenth Ave. Pkwy.	Denver	CO	80204	Library	N/A
Denver Public Library - Ford-Warren Branch		2825 High St. at E. 28th Ave.	Denver	CO	80205	Library	N/A
Denver Public Library - Valdez-Perry Branch		4690 Vine St. at 47th Ave.	Denver	CO	80216	Library	N/A
Denver Public Library - Woodbury Branch		3265 Federal Blvd at W. 33rd Ave.	Denver	CO	80211	Library	N/A
Dolores County Public Library - Children's & Rico Branch Libaries		470 Main St.	Dove Creek	CO	81324	School / Public Library - Combined	N/A
Dolores Library District - Main Library		1002 Railroad Avenue	Dolores	CO	81323	Library	N/A
East Morgan County		500 Clayton St.	Brush	CO	80723	Library	N/A
Elbert County Library District - Simla Branch Library		504 Washington St.	Simla	CO	80835	Library	N/A
Fleming Community Library		506 Fremont Ave.	Fleming	CO	80728	School / Public Library - Combined	N/A
Fort Morgan Public Library - Fort Morgan Public Library		414 Main Street	Fort Morgan	CO	80701	Library	N/A
Fowler Public Library		400 Sixth St	Fowler	CO	81039	Library	N/A
Gunnison County Library District - Ann Zugelder Library		307 N. Wisconsin	Gunnison	CO	81230	Library	N/A
Haxtun Public Library		141 South Colorado Ave	Haxtun	CO	80731	Library	N/A
High Plains Library District - Kersey Public Computer Center		332 3rd Street	Kersey	CO	80644	Other Community Support Organization	N/A
High Plains Library District - LaSalle Computer Center		128 N. 2nd Street	LaSalle	CO	80645	Other Community Support Organization	N/A
High Plains Library District - Lincoln Park Library		919 7th Street Suite 100	Greeley	CO	80631	Library	N/A
High Plains Library District - Northern Plains Public Library		216 2nd Street	Ault	CO	80610	Library	N/A
High Plains Library District - Town of Keenesburg		140 South Main Street	Keenesburg	CO	80643	Other Community Support Organization	N/A
High Plains Library District - Town of Lochbuie Computer Center		501 Willow Drive	Lochbuie	CO	80601	Other Community Support Organization	N/A
High Plains Library District - Town of Mead Computer Center		441 3rd Street	Mead	CO	80542	Other Community Support Organization	N/A
High Plains Library District - Town of Milliken Computer Center		1109 Broad Street	Milliken	CO	80542	Other Community Support Organization	N/A
Holyoke / Heginbotham Library		539 S Baxter St	Holyoke	CO	80734	Library	N/A
Jackson County Public Library		412 Fourth Street	Waldon	CO	80480	Library	N/A
John C. Fremont Library District - Florence Place		120 Church Ave	Florence	CO	81226	Library	N/A
Kiowa County Public Library District		1305 Goff St	Eads	CO	81036	Library	N/A
Lamar Public Library		104 E Parmenter	Lamar	CO	81052	Library	N/A
Las Animas-Bent County Library		306 5th St	Las Animas	CO	81054	Library	N/A

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Alamosa / Southern Peaks Public Libra	14100	28	5	2	30	7.0	20.0	52	52	12	12	600	700	175	225
Burlington Public Library - Burlington P	4264	6	0	14	20	1.5	1.5	40	40	0	0	200	300	0	0
Canon City Public Library - Canon City	29188	21	0	26	47	7.0	7.0	43	43	7	7	450	690	60	100
City of La Junta - Woodruff Memorial L	10858	17	12	16	33	10.0	10.0	48	48	8	8	573	773	104	154
Conejos County Library District - Anton	4191	4	0	15	19	3.0	3.0	20	20	20	20	30	120	15	65
Conejos County Library District - LaJara	4191	6	4	10	16	3.0	3.0	52	52	7	7	75	150	15	45
Cortez Public Library - Cortez Public Lib	13655	28	10	1	29	17.0	17.0	47	47	6	6	380	430	84	94
Costilla County Libraries - Blanca Fort (	1751	5	5	4	9	3.0	3.0	34	34	4	4	90	140	8	13
Costilla County Libraries - Costilla Coun	1751	5	5	4	9	3.0	3.0	35	35	0	0	90	140	8	8
Delta County Public Library District - Ce	10567	12	0	14	26	5.0	5.0	32	32	5	5	161	301	25	30
Delta County Public Library District - Ce	1486	8	3	5	13	5.0	5.0	28	28	4	4	112	212	16	19
Delta County Public Library District - De	10567	27	12	9	36	5.0	5.0	37	37	0	0	84	384	0	0
Delta County Public Library District - De	10567	20	1	19	39	5.0	5.0	43	43	6	6	398	648	48	58
Delta County Public Library District - Ho	3824	9	0	13	22	5.0	5.0	39	39	0	0	169	319	0	0
Delta County Public Library District - Pa	3582	12	0	15	27	5.0	5.0	41	41	4	4	196	336	19	23
Denver Public Library - Athmar Park Br	87358	12	8	0	12	100.0	100.0	32	32	0	0	613	805	0	0
Denver Public Library - Blair-Caldwell A	87358	25	25	25	50	100.0	100.0	24	24	8	8	890	1240	222	322
Denver Public Library - Byers Branch	87358	7	7	20	27	100.0	100.0	32	32	8	8	365	615	73	118
Denver Public Library - Central Library	87358	124	78	43	167	100.0	100.0	44	44	12	12	4494	7554	1797	2697
Denver Public Library - Ford-Warren Br	87358	16	16	7	23	100.0	100.0	24	24	8	8	455	605	114	164
Denver Public Library - Valdez-Perry Br	87358	12	4	0	12	100.0	100.0	32	32	0	0	523	651	0	0
Denver Public Library - Woodbury Bra	87358	12	12	19	31	100.0	100.0	40	40	8	8	712	987	142	217
Dolores County Public Library - Childre	2014	9	6	8	17	7.0	7.0	38	38	0	0	200	260	0	0
Dolores Library District - Main Library	3754	12	5	4	16	1.5	1.5	44	44	6	6	251	267	29	39
East Morgan County	8072	5	1	8	13	1.5	1.5	51	51	7	7	177	327	20	40
Elbert County Library District - Simla Br	23296	5	0	13	18	1.5	1.5	50	50	5	5	47	97	8	23
Fleming Community Library	996	11	0	21	32	1.0	1.0	40	40	0	0	90	378	0	0
Fort Morgan Public Library - Fort Morg	15312	10	10	11	21	2.5	2.5	64	64	9	9	330	630	66	126
Fowler Public Library	2006	5	1	16	21	1.5	1.5	26	26	0	0	40	100	0	0
Gunnison County Library District - Ann	15259	9	5	6	15	7.0	7.0	49	49	6	6	250	325	40	60
Haxtun Public Library	1608	2	2	4	6	1.5	1.5	22	22	0	0	15	27	0	0
High Plains Library District - Kersey Pu	29652	6	6	6	12	0.0	1.5	36	36	0	0	50	130	0	20
High Plains Library District - LaSalle Co	29652	0	0	4	4	0.0	1.5	40	40	10	10	0	150	0	15
High Plains Library District - Lincoln Pa	29652	29	0	12	41	6.0	6.0	51	51	11	11	1800	2100	400	500
High Plains Library District - Northern	29652	6	6	5	11	7.0	7.0	50	50	3	3	59	94	15	25
High Plains Library District - Town of K	29652	0	0	3	3	0.0	1.5	40	40	8	8	0	40	0	10
High Plains Library District - Town of L	29652	0	0	5	5	0.0	1.5	40	40	10	10	0	40	0	10
High Plains Library District - Town of M	29652	0	0	3	3	0.0	1.5	40	40	8	8	0	40	0	10
High Plains Library District - Town of M	29652	0	0	9	9	0.0	1.5	40	40	10	10	0	150	0	20
Holyoke / Heginbotham Library	2990	3	0	11	14	0.5	0.5	27	27	4	4	50	125	5	20
Jackson County Public Library	1421	4	0	5	9	4.0	4.0	33	33	0	0	71	93	5	5
John C. Fremont Library District - Flore	9253	8	5	10	18	7.0	7.0	43	43	4	4	450	700	30	70
Kiowa County Public Library District	1128	5	1	0	5	100.0	100.0	35	35	0	0	23	23	0	0
Lamar Public Library	12503	26	4	9	35	6.0	6.0	48	48	7	7	314	414	44	69
Las Animas-Bent County Library	4905	10	9	0	10	0.0	0.0	36	36	4	4	100	125	20	25

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Limon Memorial Library		205 E. Ave	Limon	CO	80828	Library	N/A
Mancos Library District - Mancos Public Library		211 West First Street	Mancos	CO	81328	Library	N/A
Mesa County Library District - Central Library		530 Grand Ave	Grand Junction	CO	81501	Library	N/A
Montrose Regional Library District - Naturita Community Library		107 W 1st Street	Naturita	CO	81422	Library	N/A
Montrose Regional Library District - Town of Olathe		320 S 2nd St	Olathe	CO	81425	Other Community Support Organization	N/A
Ordway / Combined Community Library		1007 Main St	Ordway	CO	81063	School / Public Library - Combined	N/A
Nucla Public Library - Nucla Public Library		544 Main St	Nucla	CO	81424	Library	N/A
Pikes Peak Library District - Cheyenne Mountain Branch Library		1785 South 8th Street	Colorado Springs	CO	80905	Library	N/A
Pikes Peak Library District - Penrose Library		20 N. Cascade Ave.	Colorado Springs	CO	80903	Library	N/A
Pikes Peak Library District - Sand Creek Branch Library		1821 South Academy Boulevard	Colorado Springs	CO	80916	Library	N/A
Poudre River Public Library District - Harmony Library		4616 South Shields	Fort Collins	CO	80526	Library	N/A
Poudre River Public Library District - Main Library		201 Peterson Street	Fort Collins	CO	80524	Library	N/A
Pueblo City County Library District - Barkman Branch		1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.	Pueblo	CO	81001	Library	N/A
Pueblo City-County Library District - Rawlings Public Library		100 E. Abriendo Ave.	Pueblo	CO	81004	Library	N/A
Rangeview Library District - Brighton Branch		5754 S 8th St.	Brighton	CO	80601	Library	N/A
Rangeview Library District - Commerce City Branch		7185 Monaco St.	Commerce City	CO	80022	Library	N/A
Red Feather Lakes Community Library		71 Firehouse Lane	Red Feather Lakes	CO	80545	Library	N/A
Rio Grande Library District - Carnegie Library South Fork Branch		120 Jefferson ST	Monte Vista	CO	81144	Library	N/A
Rio Grande Library District - Del Norte Public Library		790 Grand Ave	Del Norte	CO	81132	Library	N/A
Rocky Ford Public Library		400 S. 10th St	Rocky Ford	CO	81067	Library	N/A
Silverton Public Library		1111 Reese St	Silverton	CO	81433	Library	N/A
Southern Teller County Library District - Victor Public Library		124 So 3rd Street	Victor	CO	80860	School / Public Library - Combined	N/A
Southern Ute Tribe - Southen Ute Cultural Center & Museum		14826 Highway 172 N	Ignacio	CO	81137	Other Community Support Organization (Tribal)	N/A
Spanish Peaks Library District - Spanish Peaks Library		323 North Main St	Walsenburg	CO	81089	Library	N/A
Sterling Public Library		420 N. 4th St.	Sterling	CO	80751	Library	N/A
Stratton Public Library		331 New York Ave.	Stratton	CO	80836	Library	Library
Swink School / Public Library		610 Colombia Ave	Swink	CO	81077	School / Public Library - Combined	N/A
Trinidad Carnegie Public Library		292 N. Animas St	Trinidad	CO	81082	Library	N/A
Upper San Juan Library District - Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library		811 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 849	Pagosa Springs	CO	81147	Library	N/A
Ute Mountain Tribal Library		450 Sunset Blvd.	Towaoc	CO	81334	Library (Tribal)	N/A
Wray Public Library		621 Blake St	Wray	CO	80758	Library	N/A

Totals:

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Limon Memorial Library	3649	13	9	3	16	8.0	8.0	44	44	4	4	200	250	40	90
Mancos Library District - Mancos Publi	3456	15	1	12	27	7.0	7.0	43	43	5	5	408	473	50	65
Mesa County Library District - Central	144440	53	12	14	67	7.0	7.0	53	53	12	12	1964	2759	461	641
Montrose Regional Library District - Na	832	7	0	13	20	3.0	3.0	42	42	5	5	150	250	20	35
Montrose Regional Library District - To	4406	33	6	0	33	7.0	7.0	58	58	11	11	1508	1568	288	298
Ordway / Combined Community Librar	6099	11	0	26	37	6.0	6.0	32	32	4	4	200	300	25	45
Nucla Public Library - Nucla Public Libr	1245	5	3	1	6	3.0	3.0	20	20	4	4	20	32	10	17
Pikes Peak Library District - Cheyenne	182354	15	12	0	15	80.0	80.0	52	52	8	8	709	917	146	178
Pikes Peak Library District - Penrose Li	182354	43	26	16	59	80.0	80.0	52	52	12	12	1526	3034	426	666
Pikes Peak Library District - Sand Creek	182354	37	0	12	49	80.0	80.0	52	52	12	12	1572	1972	479	579
Poudre River Public Library District - H	88488	40	0	1	41	30.0	30.0	55	55	11	11	718	718	216	216
Poudre River Public Library District - M	88488	30	0	21	51	30.0	30.0	54	54	11	11	718	968	216	291
Pueblo City County Library District - Ba	78695	11	0	14	25	20.0	20.0	57	57	9	9	700	1400	150	300
Pueblo City-County Library District - Ra	78695	60	0	33	93	20.0	20.0	57	57	13	13	4500	6500	1300	1900
Rangeview Library District - Brighton B	163806	42	0	26	68	10.0	10.0	52	52	8	8	6405	9905	1280	2280
Rangeview Library District - Commerce	163806	14	0	13	27	10.0	10.0	52	52	8	8	3090	4590	600	1000
Red Feather Lakes Community Library	1705	7	5	11	18	1.5	1.5	30	30	6	6	134	214	28	53
Rio Grande Library District - Carnegie L	6304	22	12	18	40	3.0	3.0	90	90	24	24	249	289	75	103
Rio Grande Library District - Del Norte	6304	4	0	5	9	1.0	1.0	32	32	0	0	45	85	0	0
Rocky Ford Public Library	4026	18	4	5	23	1.0	1.0	40	40	4	4	297	357	37	52
Silverton Public Library	544	9	3	5	14	20.0	20.0	34	34	7	7	150	200	50	60
Southern Teller County Library District	4346	23	0	19	42	4.1	4.1	76	76	0	0	416	616	0	0
Southern Ute Tribe - Southen Ute Cult	4832	0	0	23	23	0.0	3.0	80	80	30	30	0	200	0	50
Spanish Peaks Library District - Spanish	6498	12	5	22	34	1.5	1.5	42	42	4	4	160	410	60	160
Sterling Public Library	13553	19	5	4	23	5.0	5.0	56	56	12	12	325	365	80	95
Stratton Public Library	647	6	2	0	6	6.3	6.3	20	20	4	4	34	44	12	14
Swink School / Public Library	1215	8	8	5	13	15.0	15.0	45	45	0	0	65	80	0	0
Trinidad Carnegie Public Library	16085	12	2	15	27	1.5	1.5	48	48	7	7	124	224	24	44
Upper San Juan Library District - Ruby	11942	14	5	0	14	1.5	1.5	48	48	6	6	442	542	46	76
Ute Mountain Tribal Library	1401	16	16	6	22	100.0	100.0	49	49	0	0	125	150	0	0
Wray Public Library	3628	4	0	11	15	3.0	3.0	37	37	4	4	70	140	10	25
Totals:	**2533974**	**1184**	**404**	**808**	**1992**	**19.8**	**20.1**	**42.9**	**42.9**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**43001**	**64287**	**9736**	**14772**

BTOP Public Computer Center and Sustainable Broadband Adoption
Detailed Budget Template

Easy Grants ID: **5159**
Applicant: Colorado State Library
Project Title: Bridging Colorado's Great Digital Divide

SF-424A Object Class Category	General				Detail				
a. Personnel - List position, number of staff, annual salaries, % time spent on project	**Position**	**Federal Support**	**Matching Support**	**Total**	**# of Positions**	**Salary**	**% Time Spent on Project**	**Quarters Employed**	**Total**
Project Manager	1 FTE, employed for 2 years, full-time at a salary of $72,000	$91,549	$23,651	$115,200	1	$57,600	100.00%	8	$115,200.00
Trainer	3 FTEs, employed for 2 years, full-time at a salary of $60,000	$228,872	$59,128	$288,000	3	$48,000	100.00%	8	$288,000.00
Audit/Accounting	0.5 FTEs, employed for 2.5 years, at a salary of $72,000	$57,218	$14,782	$72,000	0.5	$57,600	100.00%	10	$72,000.00
CSL Oversight	0.2 FTEs, employed for 3 years, at a salary of $90,000	$0	$45,395	$45,395	0.2	$75,659	100.00%	12	$45,395.42
									$0.00
									$0.00
Subtotal		**$377,639.24**	**$142,956.19**	**$520,595.42**					

b. Fringe Benefits - Include salaries and fringe rate.	**Position**	**Federal Support**	**Matching Support**	**Total**	**# of Positions**	**Salary**	**% Time Spent on Project**	**Quarters Employed**	**Fringe Rate**	**Total**
Project Manager	1 FTE, employed for 2 years, full-time at a salary of $72,000	$18,310	$4,730	$23,040	1	$57,600	100%	8.00	20%	$23,040.00
Trainer	3 FTEs, employed for 2 years, full-time at a salary of $60,000	$45,774	$11,826	$57,600	3	$48,000	100%	8.00	20%	$57,600.00
Audit/Accounting	0.5 FTEs, employed for 2.5 years, at a salary of $72,000	$11,444	$2,956	$14,400	1	$57,600	100%	10.00	20%	$14,400.00
CSL Oversight	0.2 FTEs, employed for 3 years, at a salary of $90,000	$0	$9,079	$9,079	0	$75,659	100%	12.00	20%	$9,079.08
Subtotal		**$75,527.85**	**$28,591.24**	**$104,119.08**						

c. Travel - For significant costs, include details such as number and purpose of trips, destinations.	**Purpose of Trip**	**Federal Support**	**Matching Support**	**Total**	**# of Trips**	**Cost per Trip**	**Total**
Mileage (12 trips around state, 4,990 miles at .45 per round of state visits)	Provide local on-site implementation support and training	$21,414	$5,532	$26,946	12	$2,246	$26,946
Hotel (12 trips around state, 22 nights each round trip at $100 a night)	Provide local on-site implementation support and training	$20,980	$5,420	$26,400	264	$100	$26,400
Per Diem (12 trips around state, 22 per roundtrip at $44 a day)	Provide local on-site implementation support and training	$9,231	$2,385	$11,616	264	$44	$11,616
				$0.00			$0.00
Subtotal		**$51,625.00**	**$13,337.00**	**$64,962.00**			

d. Equipment Costs - List equipment with # of units and unit costs. Distinguish between equipment intended for applicant use versus equipment for the end user.	**Equipment Description**	**Federal Support**	**Matching Support**	**Total**	**#Units**	**Unit Cost**	**Total**
Applicant Equipment							
Service Contract	3 year Advanced Service Plan (24 hour phone support, ship-in repairs)	$127,787	$54,013	$181,800	1212	$150.00	$181,800
Mobile Computer Center Carts	Wheeled laptop cart, with network hardwire, WiFi 802.11b/g and power station	$96,571	$40,819	$137,390	55	$2,498.00	$137,390
Copies of Security Software	Symantec Protection Suite Small Business Edition or equivalent	$63,894	$27,006	$90,900	1212	$75.00	$90,900
Copies of Office Suite Software	Microsoft Office 2007 Standard Edition or equivalent	$85,191	$36,009	$121,200	1212	$100.00	$121,200
Network cabling and equipment	Includes (wireless) routers, network cabling, and new / upgrade of network switch	$36,540	$15,445	$51,985	28	$1,856.61	$51,985
Network Firewall	Physical network firewall (e.g. Barracuda WebFilter 210)	$1,054	$446	$1,500	1	$1,500.00	$1,500
Networking software	Software to manage network	$351	$149	$500	1	$500.00	$500
Server	Dell Poweredge 710 Tower w/ Windows Server 2008 / 2 TB of disk space or equivalent	$5,693	$2,407	$8,100	2	$4,050.00	$8,100
Power management tools (UPS and remote management)	Includes Uninterruptable Power Supply, and Remote Power Management Tool	$984	$416	$1,400	5	$280.00	$1,400
Equipment enclosure	Enclosure for networking equipment	$843	$357	$1,200	2	$600.00	$1,200
Microfilm Scanner / Reader	Canon microfilm scanner 500 or equivalent	$703	$297	$1,000	1	$1,000.00	$1,000
PC Reservation Machine and Software	PCC sign-in management	$4,217	$1,783	$6,000	3	$2,000.00	$6,000
Security Locks/Cables	Basic cable locks to secure laptops and laptop carts	$1,307	$553	$1,860	60	$31.00	$1,860
Training A/V Room Video Recording Setup	Panasonic Professional AG-HMC40 AVCHD Camcorder with 10.6MP Still and 12x Optical Zoom ($3000); 5 AZDEN ECZ-990 Super Cardioid Zoom Camcorder Microphones ($500); Westcott Photo Basics 503 Three-Light Kit ($500); Manfrotto Pro Video Kit w/3182 Professional Video Tripod Legs (Black), 516 Pro Video Fluid Head, 3282 Strap and MBAG120P Padded Case ($1000)	$7,029	$2,971	$10,000	2	$5,000.00	$10,000
Video projectors for training	ViewSonic PJD5111 2500 Lumens Portable DLP Projector or equivalent	$23,055	$9,745	$32,800	64	$512.50	$32,800
50" LCD monitor for training room	LG 55LH85 55-Inch 1080p 120Hz Wireless HDMI LCD HDTV or equivalent	$1,406	$594	$2,000	1	$2,000.00	$2,000
Digital whiteboard for training room	TS620 Interactive White Board and Stand for TS610 for training room	$4,214	$1,781	$5,995	2	$2,997.50	$5,995

User Equipment

		Federal Support	Matching Support	Total	#Units	Unit Cost	Total
Desktop PCs	Dell Studio One 19 Desktop or equivalent	$221,905	$93,795	$315,700	451	$700.00	$315,700
Laptop PCs	Dell Vostro 1720 Laptop Computer (Intel Core 2 Duo P8600 500GB/4GB) or equivalent	$437,766	$185,034	$622,800	692	$900.00	$622,800
Tablet computers	Panasonic Toughbook 18 Tablet PC or equivalent	$3,655	$1,545	$5,200	7	$742.86	$5,200
ADA-Compliant Workstations	Custom designed workstation with various hardware and software adapations for disabled users	$197,056	$83,291	$280,347	69	$4,063.00	$280,347
Network Grade Printers	HP Laserjet P3005 or equivalent	$27,765	$11,735	$39,500	79	$500.00	$39,500
Scanners	Epson WorkForce Pro GT-S50 or equivalent	$7,556	$3,194	$10,750	43	$250.00	$10,750
Headphones	Sennheiser Pc111 Over-The-Head Mono-Aural Headset or equivalent	$8,140	$3,440	$11,580.00	579	$20.00	$11,580.00
Speakers	Logitech R-10 Speakers or equivalent	$2,411	$1,019	$3,430	98	$35.00	$3,430
Webcams	Logitech QuickCam Orbit AF Auto Focus System or equivalent	$4,358	$1,842	$6,200	62	$100.00	$6,200
Detachable Screen Magnifiers	1.5X Fresnel magnifier or equivalent	$5,662	$2,393	$8,055	179	$45.00	$8,055
1 3-section 4' x 12' horizontal sliding whiteboard	Duo Track 4'x8' Horizontal Sliding Magnetic Panels Markerboard or equivalent	$1,617	$683	$2,300	1	$2,300.00	$2,300
Chairs	Includes adult and childrens chairs	$19,321	$8,166	$27,487	201	$136.75	$27,487
Desks	Sauder Computer Desk 408558 or equivalent	$26,908	$11,373	$38,281	127	$301.43	$38,281
Table top lamp	Daylight Art Lamp or equivalent	$422	$178	$600	6	$100.00	$600
Laptop workstation	Includes laptop workstations, tables and cart for storage	$28,730	$12,144	$40,874	96	$425.77	$40,874
Conference room table	Iceberg Oval Bullnose Conference Room Table Top, 96" Wide, Mahogany or equivalent	$9,546	$4,035	$13,581	12	$1,131.75	$13,581
21 inch monitors for digital historical photo viewing and manipulation	HP 2159M 21.5-Inch HD LCD Monitor or equivalent	$949	$401	$1,350	6	$225.00	$1,350
Miscellaneous peripherals, digital camera	Includes, spare batteries, privacy screen, USB drives, computer mice and digital camera with case	$1,216	$514	$1,730	45	$38.44	$1,730
				$0.00			$0.00
Subtotal		**$1,465,823.65**	**$619,571.35**	**$2,085,395.00**			

e. Supplies - List costs associated with materials/printing, curriculum, translations, and other supplies	Description	Federal Support	Matching Support	Total	#Units (If Applicable)	Unit Cost (If Applicable)	Total
				$0.00			$0.00
				$0.00			$0.00
				$0.00			$0.00
				$0.00			$0.00
Subtotal		**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**			

f. Contractual - List contractors with purpose of contract, hourly rate or total fixed rate.	Contractor	Federal Support	Matching Support	Total	# Hours (If Applicable)	Hourly Rate (If Applicable)	Total Contract
Network installation support	39 instances of installation Support (estimated 5 hours of support @ $100 per hour)	$13,707	$5,793	$19,500	195	100.00	$19,500
Electrical upgrades	Miscellaneous electrical upgrades to sockets, wiring, etc.	$46,173	$19,517	$65,690			$65,690
Equipment Installation Charge	4 instances of equipment installation at $3500 each	$9,841	$4,159	$14,000			$14,000
Internet Installation Fee	Single instance of internet set up	$141	$59	$200			$200
Subtotal		**$69,861.21**	**$29,528.79**	**$99,390.00**			

g. Construction - If applicable, list construction costs	Description	Federal Support	Matching Support	Total
Construction: Multi Jurisdictional - Ordway / Combined Community Library	Work would replace current old steps on the South entrance with a handicapped accessible ramp in addition to installing automatic doors designed for handicapped access	$3,866	$1,634	$5,500
Construction: Gunnison County Library District - Ann Zugelder Library	Work would re-model its main front desk to make it usable for the wheelchair-bound and move shelving to create space for an ADA-compliant computer workstation	$2,109	$891	$3,000
Construction: Upper San Juan Library District - Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library	Work would install an automatic door opener for wheelchair accessibility at the main entrance to the library	$703	$297	$1,000
Construction: Denver Public Library - Valdez-Perry Branch	Work would remove shelves and furniture to clear space for expanded public computing center space	$1,406	$594	$2,000
Construction: Holyoke / Heginbotham Library	Work would install a handicapped accessible ramp for the main entrance to the building	$1,406	$594	$2,000
Subtotal		**$9,489.15**	**$4,010.85**	**$13,500.00**

h. Other - List costs associated with grant subrecipients as well as other costs not listed above such as rent, technology (website hosting, internet connection), advertising (TV, radio, online), etc.	Description	Federal Support	Matching Support	Total	#Units (If Applicable)	Unit Cost (If Applicable)	Total
Outcomes Measurement	Cost for post-card survey and postage	$21,854	$5,646	$27,500			$27,500
Marketing (Professional Services):	Conceptual campaign development	$23,841	$6,159	$30,000			$30,000
Marketing (Professional Services):	Development of campaign collateral including media kits, local materials, print advertising, and radio or television spots	$39,735	$10,265	$50,000			$50,000
Marketing (Ad Placement):	Placement costs for advertising in local markets such as newspapers and radio stations	$39,735	$10,265	$50,000			$50,000
Budget for libs to enhance Spanish language-signage	Posters and signs in Spanish to improve navigation for Spanish-speaking users	$19,867	$5,133	$25,000			$25,000
Training and program support from UC/Denver NNoLoM	Costs to conduct training including trainer time, materials and travel expenses.	$0	$9,900	$9,900			$9,900
Survey data collection provided by CLRS College in Colorado	Resources from LRS team to collect and analyze survey data.	$0	$10,000	$10,000			$10,000
Training to library staff	CSL staff time, materials and travel expenses to conduct on-site training at PCCs.	$0	$40,252	$40,252			$40,252
PDC Expenses	Pre-application expenses paid by Gates Foundation	$0	$113,776	$113,776			$113,776
Subtotal		**$145,031.90**	**$211,396.10**	**$356,428.00**			

i. Total Direct Charges (sum of a-h)		$2,194,998.00	$1,049,391.51	$3,244,389.51	
i. Indirect Charges		$80,528	$20,804	$101,331.85	
Total Eligible Project Costs		$2,275,525.95	$1,070,195.41	$3,345,721.36	
Match Percentage		32.0%			

Explanation of Indirect Charges   Applied as a % rate of total personnel, contractual and programmatic costs. Year 1 rate: 11.20%, Year 2 rate: 12.00%, Year 3 rate: 13.00%. Year 1 rate was based on CSL rate calculated from appropriate Federal OMB circular, while Year 2 and Year 3 are estimates provided by the CSL finance department.

Additional Budget Notes   CSL management reviewed each request to ensure appropriateness versus library size, staffing level and need. Large

BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs

SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY

Grant Program Function or Activity (a)	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (b)	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget		
		Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal (e)	Non-Federal (f)	Total (g)
1.		$	$	$	$	$
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.　　Totals		$	$	$	$	$

SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES

6. Object Class Categories	GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY				Total (5)
	(1)	(2)	(3)		
a. Personnel	$	$	$	$	$
b. Fringe Benefits					
c. Travel					
d. Equipment					
e. Supplies					
f. Contractual					
g. Construction					
h. Other					
i. Total Direct Charges *(sum of 6a-6h)*					
j. Indirect Charges					
k. TOTALS *(sum of 6i and 6j)*	$	$	$	$	$
7. Program Income	$	$	$	$	$

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SECTION C - NON-FEDERAL RESOURCES

(a) Grant Program	(b) Applicant	(c) State	(d) Other Sources	(e) TOTALS
8.	$	$	$	$
9.				
10.				
11.				
12. TOTAL *(sum of lines 8-11)*	$	$	$	$

SECTION D - FORECASTED CASH NEEDS

	Total for 1st Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
13. Federal	$	$	$	$	$
14. Non-Federal					
15. TOTAL *(sum of lines 13 and 14)*	$	$	$	$	$

SECTION E - BUDGET ESTIMATES OF FEDERAL FUNDS NEEDED FOR BALANCE OF THE PROJECT

(a) Grant Program	FUTURE FUNDING PERIODS (Years)			
	(b) First	(c) Second	(d) Third	(e) Fourth
16.	$	$	$	$
17.				
18.				
19.				
20. TOTAL *(sum of lines 16-19)*	$	$	$	$

SECTION F - OTHER BUDGET INFORMATION

21. Direct Charges:	22. Indirect Charges:

23. Remarks:

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General Instructions

This form is designed so that application can be made for funds from one or more grant programs. In preparing the budget, adhere to any existing Federal grantor agency guidelines which prescribe how and whether budgeted amounts should be separately shown for different functions or activities within the program. For some programs, grantor agencies may require budgets to be separately shown by function or activity. For other programs, grantor agencies may require a breakdown by function or activity. Sections A, B, C, and D should include budget estimates for the whole project except when applying for assistance which requires Federal authorization in annual or other funding period increments. In the latter case, Sections A, B, C, and D should provide the budget for the first budget period (usually a year) and Section E should present the need for Federal assistance in the subsequent budget periods. All applications should contain a breakdown by the object class categories shown in Lines a-k of Section B.

Section A. Budget Summary Lines 1-4 Columns (a) and (b)

For applications pertaining to a *single* Federal grant program (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog number) and *not requiring* a functional or activity breakdown, enter on Line 1 under Column (a) the Catalog program title and the Catalog number in Column (b).

For applications pertaining to a *single* program *requiring* budget amounts by multiple functions or activities, enter the name of each activity or function on each line in Column (a), and enter the Catalog number in Column (b). For applications pertaining to multiple programs where none of the programs require a breakdown by function or activity, enter the Catalog program title on each line in *Column* (a) and the respective Catalog number on each line in Column (b).

For applications pertaining to *multiple* programs where one or more programs *require* a breakdown by function or activity, prepare a separate sheet for each program requiring the breakdown. Additional sheets should be used when one form does not provide adequate space for all breakdown of data required. However, when more than one sheet is used, the first page should provide the summary totals by programs.

Lines 1-4, Columns (c) through (g)

For new applications, leave Column (c) and (d) blank. For each line entry in Columns (a) and (b), enter in Columns (e), (f), and (g) the appropriate amounts of funds needed to support the project for the first funding period (usually a year).

For continuing grant program applications, submit these forms before the end of each funding period as required by the grantor agency. Enter in Columns (c) and (d) the estimated amounts of funds which will remain unobligated at the end of the grant funding period only if the Federal grantor agency instructions provide for this. Otherwise, leave these columns blank. Enter in columns (e) and (f) the amounts of funds needed for the upcoming period. The amount(s) in Column (g) should be the sum of amounts in Columns (e) and (f).

For supplemental grants and changes to existing grants, do not use Columns (c) and (d). Enter in Column (e) the amount of the increase or decrease of Federal funds and enter in Column (f) the amount of the increase or decrease of non-Federal funds. In Column (g) enter the new total budgeted amount (Federal and non-Federal) which includes the total previous authorized budgeted amounts plus or minus, as appropriate, the amounts shown in Columns (e) and (f). The amount(s) in Column (g) should not equal the sum of amounts in Columns (e) and (f).

Line 5 - Show the totals for all columns used.

Section B Budget Categories

In the column headings (1) through (4), enter the titles of the same programs, functions, and activities shown on Lines 1-4, Column (a), Section A. When additional sheets are prepared for Section A, provide similar column headings on each sheet. For each program, function or activity, fill in the total requirements for funds (both Federal and non-Federal) by object class categories.

Line 6a-i - Show the totals of Lines 6a to 6h in each column.

Line 6j - Show the amount of indirect cost.

Line 6k - Enter the total of amounts on Lines 6i and 6j. For all applications for new grants and continuation grants the total amount in column (5), Line 6k, should be the same as the total amount shown in Section A, Column (g), Line 5. For supplemental grants and changes to grants, the total amount of the increase or decrease as shown in Columns (1)-(4), Line 6k should be the same as the sum of the amounts in Section A, Columns (e) and (f) on Line 5.

Line 7 - Enter the estimated amount of income, if any, expected to be generated from this project. Do not add or subtract this amount from the total project amount, Show under the program

narrative statement the nature and source of income. The estimated amount of program income may be considered by the Federal grantor agency in determining the total amount of the grant.

Section C. Non-Federal Resources

Lines 8-11 Enter amounts of non-Federal resources that will be used on the grant. If in-kind contributions are included, provide a brief explanation on a separate sheet.

> **Column (a)** - Enter the program titles identical to Column (a), Section A. A breakdown by function or activity is not necessary.
>
> **Column (b)** - Enter the contribution to be made by the applicant.
>
> **Column (c)** - Enter the amount of the State's cash and in-kind contribution if the applicant is not a State or State agency. Applicants which are a State or State agencies should leave this column blank.
>
> **Column (d)** - Enter the amount of cash and in-kind contributions to be made from all other sources.
>
> **Column (e)** - Enter totals of Columns (b), (c), and (d).

Line 12 - Enter the total for each of Columns (b)-(e). The amount in Column (e) should be equal to the amount on Line 5, Column (f), Section A.

Section D. Forecasted Cash Needs

Line 13 - Enter the amount of cash needed by quarter from the grantor agency during the first year.

Line 14 - Enter the amount of cash from all other sources needed by quarter during the first year.

Line 15 - Enter the totals of amounts on Lines 13 and 14.

Section E. Budget Estimates of Federal Funds Needed for Balance of the Project

Lines 16-19 - Enter in Column (a) the same grant program titles shown in Column (a), Section A. A breakdown by function or activity is not necessary. For new applications and continuation grant applications, enter in the proper columns amounts of Federal funds which will be needed to complete the program or project over the succeeding funding periods (usually in years). This section need not be completed for revisions (amendments, changes, or supplements) to funds for the current year of existing grants.

If more than four lines are needed to list the program titles, submit additional schedules as necessary.

Line 20 - Enter the total for each of the Columns (b)-(e). When additional schedules are prepared for this Section, annotate accordingly and show the overall totals on this line.

Section F. Other Budget Information

Line 21 - Use this space to explain amounts for individual direct object class cost categories that may appear to be out of the ordinary or to explain the details as required by the Federal grantor agency.

Line 22 - Enter the type of indirect rate (provisional, predetermined, final or fixed) that will be in effect during the funding period, the estimated amount of the base to which the rate is applied, and the total indirect expense.

Line 23 - Provide any other explanations or comments deemed necessary.

BUDGET INFORMATION - Construction Programs

NOTE: *Certain Federal assistance programs require additional computations to arrive at the Federal share of project costs eligible for participation. If such is the case, you will be notified.*

COST CLASSIFICATION	a. Total Cost	b. Costs Not Allowable for Participation	c. Total Allowable Costs (Columns a-b)
1. Administrative and legal expenses	$	$	$
2. Land, structures, rights-of-way, appraisals, etc.	$	$	$
3. Relocation expenses and payments	$	$	$
4. Architectural and engineering fees	$	$	$
5. Other architectural and engineering fees	$	$	$
6. Project inspection fees	$	$	$
7. Site work	$	$	$
8. Demolition and removal	$	$	$
9. Construction	$	$	$
10. Equipment	$	$	$
11. Miscellaneous	$	$	$
12. SUBTOTAL *(sum of lines 1- 11)*	$	$	$
13. Contingencies	$	$	$
14. SUBTOTAL	$	$	$
15. Project (program) income	$	$	$
16. TOTAL PROJECT COSTS (subtract #15 from #14)	$	$	$

FEDERAL FUNDING

17. Federal assistance requested, calculate as follows:
    (Consult Federal agency for Federal percentage share.)
    Enter the resulting Federal share.

    Enter eligible costs from line 16c Multiply X [   ] % $

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This sheet is to be used for the following types of applications: (1) "New" (means a new [previously unfunded] assistance award); (2) "Continuation" (means funding in a succeeding budget period which stemmed from a prior agreement to fund); and (3) "Revised" (means any changes in the Federal Government's financial obligations or contingent liability from an existing obligation). If there is no change in the award amount, there is no need to complete this form. Certain Federal agencies may require only an explanatory letter to effect minor (no cost) changes. If you have questions, please contact the Federal agency.

Column a. - If this is an application for a "New" project, enter the total estimated cost of each of the items listed on lines 1 through 16 (as applicable) under "COST CLASSIFICATION."

If this application entails a change to an existing award, enter the eligible amounts *approved under the previous award* for the items under "COST CLASSIFICATION."

Column b. - If this is an application for a "New" project, enter that portion of the cost of each item in Column a. which is *not* allowable for Federal assistance. Contact the Federal agency for assistance in determining the allowability of specific costs.

If this application entails a change to an existing award, enter the adjustment [+ or (-)] to the previously approved costs (from column a.) reflected in this application.

Column. - This is the net of lines 1 through 16 in columns "a." and "b."

Line 1 - Enter estimated amounts needed to cover administrative expenses. Do not include costs which are related to the normal functions of government. Allowable legal costs are generally only those associated with the purchases of land which is allowable for Federal participation and certain services in support of construction of the project.

Line 2 - Enter estimated site and right(s)-of-way acquisition costs (this includes purchase, lease, and/or easements).

Line 3 - Enter estimated costs related to relocation advisory assistance, replacement housing, relocation payments to displaced persons and businesses, etc.

Line 4 - Enter estimated basic engineering fees related to construction (this includes start-up services and preparation of project performance work plan).

Line 5 - Enter estimated engineering costs, such as surveys, tests, soil borings, etc.

Line 6 - Enter estimated engineering inspection costs.

Line 7 - Enter estimated costs of site preparation and restoration which are not included in the basic construction contract.

Line 9 - Enter estimated cost of the construction contract.

Line 10 - Enter estimated cost of office, shop, laboratory, safety equipment, etc. to be used at the facility, if such costs are not included in the construction contract.

Line 11 - Enter estimated miscellaneous costs.

Line 12 - Total of items 1 through 11.

Line 13 - Enter estimated contingency costs. (Consult the Federal agency for the percentage of the estimated construction cost to use.)

Line 14 - Enter the total of lines 12 and 13.

Line 15 - Enter estimated program income to be earned during the grant period, e.g., salvaged materials, etc.

Line 16 - Subtract line 15 from line 14.

Line 17 - This block is for the computation of the Federal share. Multiply the total allowable project costs from line 16, column "c." by the Federal percentage share (this may be up to 100 percent; consult Federal agency for Federal percentage share) and enter the product on line 17.

Environmental Questionnaire Supplemental Attachment:

This attachment contains:

- Holyoke-Heginbotham Protected Lands
- Holyoke-Heginbotham Historic Site Photograph
- Gunnison Public Library Protected Lands
- Denver Public Library - Valdez-Perry Branch Protected Lands
- Screenshot of Fish and Wildlife Service Mapping Tool – currently down

List/Maps of Protected Lands within 1-Mile of Project Sites with Potential for Minor Construction

LOCATION	STATE	Protected Land (Historic)
Holyoke Heginbotham	CO	Heginbotham, W. E., House
Gunnison	CO	Edgerton House
Gunnison	CO	Fisher-Zugelder House and Smith Cottage
Gunnison	CO	Vienna Bakery--Johnson Restaurant
Gunnison	CO	Webster Building
Denver Valdez-Perry	CO	Bats Grocery Store
Denver Valdez-Perry	CO	Denver Medical Depot
Denver Valdez-Perry	CO	Riverside Cemetery

Holyoke-Heginbotham Library – Map of Protected Lands

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Holyoke Heginbotham

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Colorado

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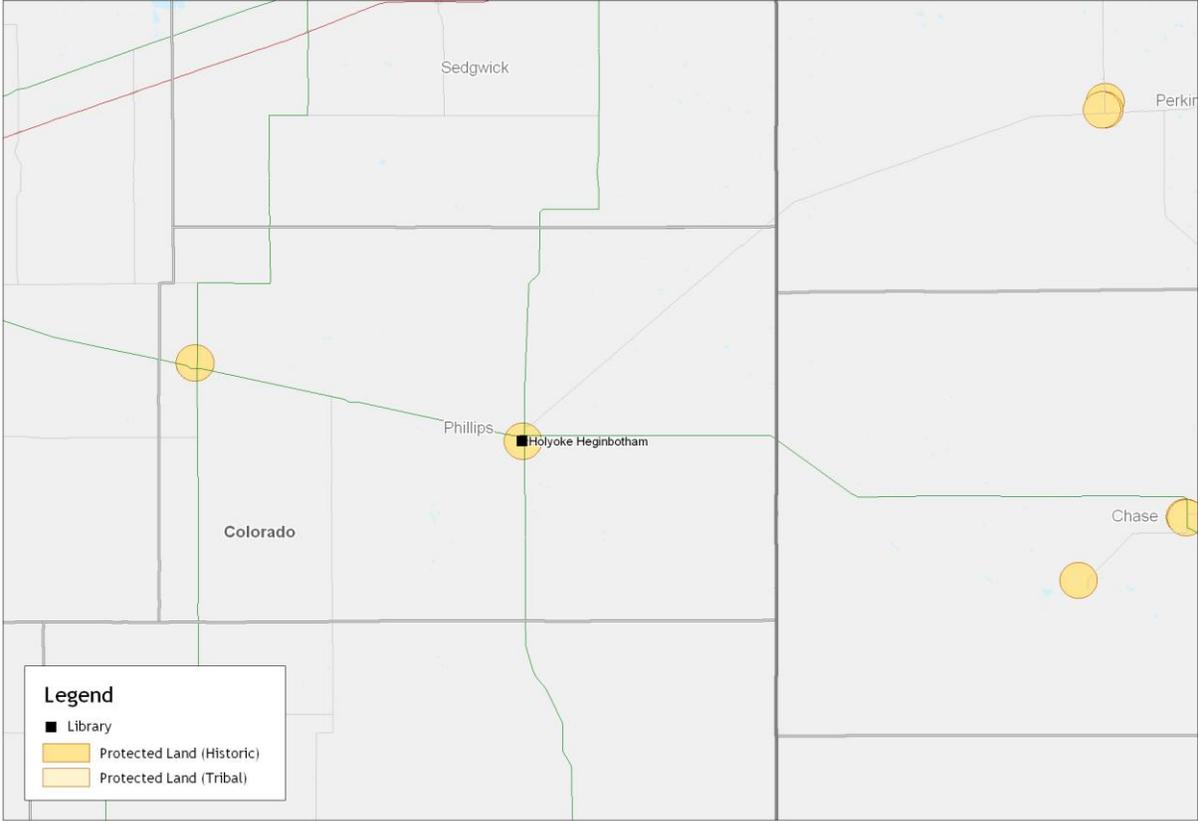
Holyoke-Heginbotham Library – Historic Site Photo

Gunnison Library – Map of Protected Lands

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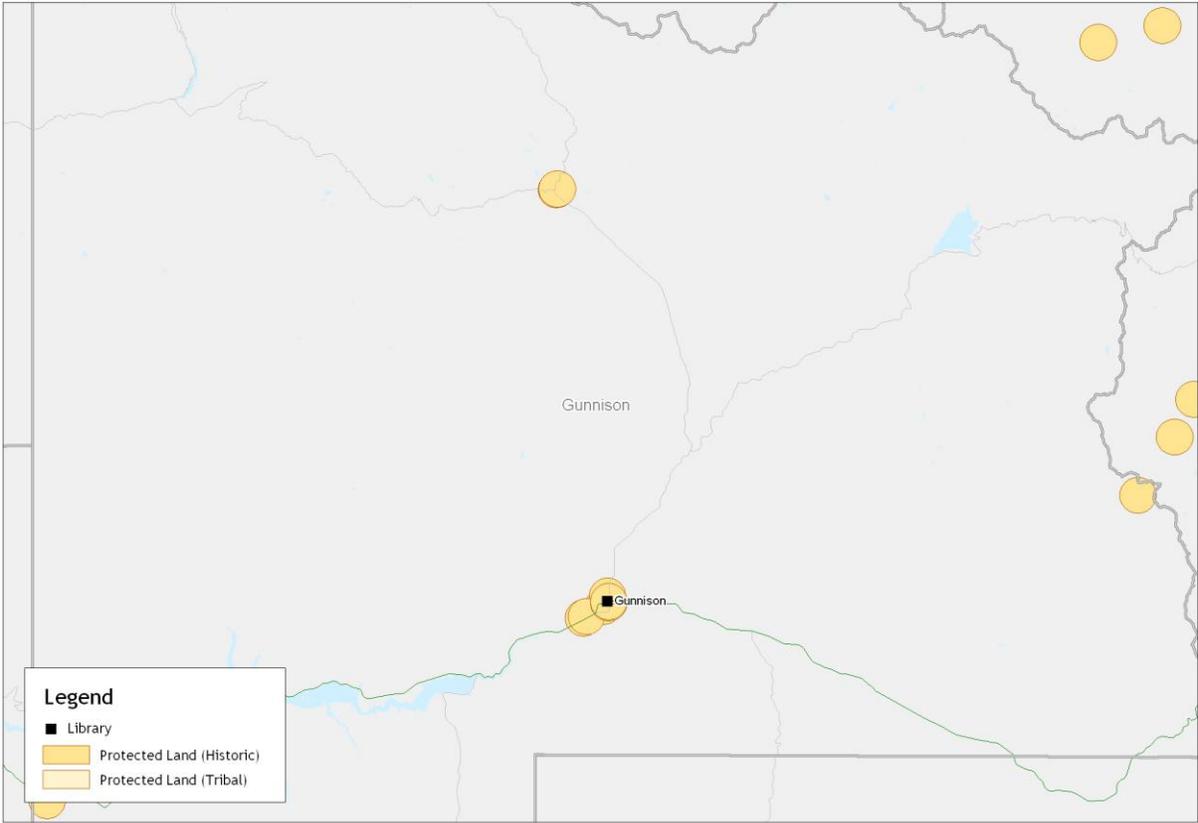
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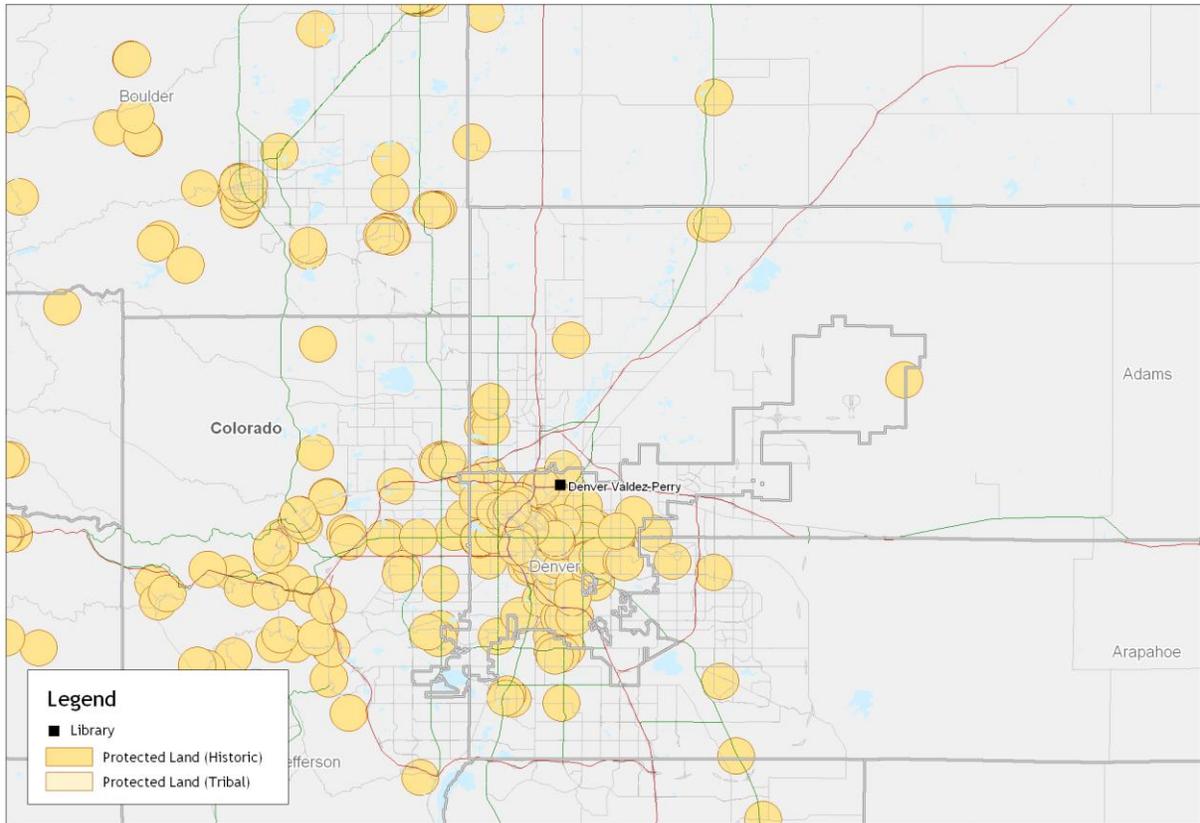
Screen Capture of Inoperable FWS Critical Habitat Mapper

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Participating Library	Entity	City	State
Statewide	Governor Bill Ritter	Denver	CO
Statewide	Senator Mark Udall	Washington	DC
Statewide	Representative John Salazar	Washington	DC
Statewide	Representative Jared Polis	Washington	DC
Statewide	Representative Diana DeGette	Washington	DC
Statewide	Assistive Technology Partners	Grand Junction	CO
Statewide	Special Populations and Issues Committee	Denver	CO
Alamosa-Southern Peaks	Blue Peaks Developmental Services	Alamosa	CO
Alamosa-Southern Peaks	Alamosa Chamber of Commerce	Alamosa	CO
Alamosa-Southern Peaks	Trinidad State Junior College - Valley Campus	Alamosa	CO
Alamosa-Southern Peaks	Mayor of Alamosa	Alamosa	CO
Burlington	Colorado Welcome Center in Burlington	Burlington	CO
Burlington	Burlington Public Library Board of Trustees	Burlington	CO
Burlington	Eastern Colorado Workforce Center - Burlington	Burlington	CO
Carnegie	City of Monte Vista	Monte Vista	CO
Carnegie	Rio Grande County Board of County Commissioners	Del Norte	CO
Carnegie	San Luis Valley Rural Electric Co-op	Monte Vista	CO
Carnegie	Valley Communications Companies	Monte Vista	CO
Carnegie	Trinidad State Junior College	Trinidad	CO
Carnegie	Trinidad School District #1	Trinidad	CO
Cortez	Southwest Colorado Workforce Center	Durango	CO
Cortez	Sleeping Ute Mountain Chapter of DAR	Cortez	CO
Cortez	Montezuma-Cortez School District	Cortez	CO
Cortez	Cortez Area Chamber of Commerce	Cortez	CO
Del Norte	Chamber of Commerce	Del Norte	CO
Del Norte	Rio Grande County Board of County Commissioners	Del Norte	CO
Del Norte	High Valley Community Center	Del Norte	CO
Del Norte	Del Norte Federal Bank	Del Norte	CO
Delta	Blue Sage Center for the Arts	Paonia	CO
Delta	Creamery Arts Center	Hotchkiss	CO
Delta	Delta Chamber of Commerce	Delta	CO
Delta	Friends of the Delta Public Library	Delta	CO
Delta	Family Literacy and Resource Program	Delta	CO
Delta	Hotchkiss Community Chamber of Commerce	Hotchkiss	CO
Delta	Kids Pasta Project	Paonia	CO
Delta	KVNF Radio	Paonia	CO
Delta	Meth-Free Delta County	Delta	CO
Delta	Paonia Chamber of Commerce	Paonia	CO
Delta	Rotary Club of Paonia Colorado	Paonia	CO
Delta	Town of Paonia	Paonia	CO
Delta	North Fork Vision Home and Community Program	Paonia	CO
Denver	Athmar Park Patrons	Denver	CO
Denver	Byers Patrons	Denver	CO
Denver	City of Denver - Chief Information Officer	Denver	CO
Denver	Jeanne Robb, Denver City Council, District 10	Denver	CO
Denver	City and County of Denver, Office of the Mayor	Denver	CO
Denver	Docent Letter	Denver	CO
Denver	Escuela Tlatelolco	Denver	CO
Denver	Community Technology Center Customers	Denver	CO
Dolores County	Dolores County Public Library	Dove Creek	CO
Dolores County	Dolores County Board of Commissioners	Dove Creek	CO
Dolores County	Dolores County Health Association	Dove Creek	CO
Dolores County	7th Street Elementary School	Dove Creek	CO
Dolores County	Dolores County School District Re-2J	Dove Creek	CO
Dolores Public Library	Southwest Colorado Workforce Center	Durango	CO
Dolores Public Library	Dolores Chamber of Commerce	Dolores	CO
Dolores Public Library	Dolores Community Center Association	Dolores	CO
Dolores Public Library	Dolores School District RE-4A	Dolores	CO
East Morgan	Brush Chamber of Commerce	Brush	CO
East Morgan	Friends Organization of East Morgan County Library	Brush	CO
East Morgan	Brush Public Schools RE-2J	Brush	CO
Elbert	Big Sandy School District 100-J	Simla	CO
Elbert	Town of Simla	Simla	CO
Elbert	Board of County Commissioners	Kiowa	CO
Elbert	Eastern Colorado Workforce Center - Elizabeth	Elizabeth	CO
Elbert	Colorado East Community Action Agency	Stratton	CO
Elbert	Agate School District #300	Agate	CO
Elbert	DOW, District Wildlife Manager	Elbert	CO
Fleming	Fleming Town Council - Dan Conn	Fleming	CO
Fleming	Frenchman RE-3 School District	Fleming	CO
Fleming	Fleming Town Council - Clay Gorman	Fleming	CO
Fleming	Fleming Library Association	Fleming	CO
Fort Morgan	Fort Morgan Senior Center	Fort Morgan	CO
Fort Morgan	Fort Morgan Workforce Center	Fort Morgan	CO
Fort Morgan	Morgan County Economic Development Corporation	Fort Morgan	CO
Fort Morgan	OneMorgan County	Fort Morgan	CO
Fowler	Tri-County Housing & Community Develoment Corporation	Fowler	CO
Fowler	Town of Fowler	Fowler	CO
Fowler	Chamber of Commerce	Fowler	CO
Gunnison	Literacy Action Program - GED	Gunnison	CO
Gunnison	City of Gunnison	Gunnison	CO
Gunnison	Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners	Gunnison	CO
Gunnison	Gunnison County Chamber of Commerce	Gunnison	CO
Gunnison	CSU Gunnison County Extension	Gunnison	CO
Gunnison	Early Childhood Council	Gunnison	CO
Gunnison	Western State College	Gunnison	CO
Lamar	Southeast Colorado Workforce Region - Lamar	Rocky Ford	CO
Lamar	Prowers County Board of County Commissioners	Lamar	CO
Lamar	Lamar Chamber of Commerce	Lamar	CO
Lamar	City of Lamar	Lamar	CO
Las Animas-Bent County	Bent County Board of County Commissioners	Las Animas	CO
Las Animas-Bent County	State Senator Ken Kester	Las Animas	CO
Las Animas-Bent County	Las Animas Elementary School	Las Animas	CO
Las Animas-Bent County	City of Las Animas	Las Animas	CO
Las Animas-Bent County	Bent County Development Foundation	Las Animas	CO
Limon	Eastern Colorado Workforce Center - Limon	Limon	CO
Limon	Limon Child Development Center	Limon	CO
Limon	Limon Chamber of Commerce	Limon	CO
Limon	John Balentyne Patron Letter	Limon	CO

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Limon	Janice Gill Patron Letter	Limon	CO
Limon	David Ratzlaff Patron Letter	Limon	CO
Mancos	Mancos Valley Chamber of Commerce	Mancos	CO
Mancos	Town of Mancos Trustee	Mancos	CO
Mesa County	Grand Junction Small Business Development Center	Grand Junction	CO
Mesa County	Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition	Montrose	CO
Mesa County	Business Incubator Center	Grand Junction	CO
Mesa County	Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce	Grand Junction	CO
Montrose	Montrose County Board of County Commissioners	Montrose	CO
Montrose	City of Montrose	Montrose	CO
Montrose	Western Workforce Region	Montrose	CO
Montrose	Montrose County School District RE-1J	Montrose	CO
Montrose	Montrose County Schools ESL/Migrant Coordinator	Montrose	CO
Nucla	Town of Nucla	Nucla	CO
Nucla	West End Public School District RE-2	Naturita	CO
Nucla	The Citizens State Bank of Ouray, Montrose County Branch	Naturita	CO
Nucla	West End Family Link Center	Nucla	CO
Nucla	West End 4-H Livestock	Nucla	CO
Ordway	Crowley County Nursing Center	Ordway	CO
Pikes Peak	Colorado Springs Senior Center	Colorado Springs	CO
Pikes Peak	Pikes Peak Community Action Agency	Colorado Springs	CO
Pikes Peak	Pikes Peak Community College	Colorado Springs	CO
Pikes Peak	Greater Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce	Colorado Springs	CO
Pikes Peak	Harrison School District 2	Colorado Springs	CO
Pikes Peak	Colorado Springs Economic Development Corporation	Colorado Springs	CO
Poudre River	CORE Center	Fort Collins	CO
Poudre River	The Family Center/La Familia	Fort Collins	CO
Pueblo	Pueblo Community College	Pueblo	CO
Pueblo	Southern Colorado Small Business Development Center	Pueblo	CO
Pueblo	El Pueblo Learning & Techology Services	Pueblo	CO
Pueblo	Fray Angelico Chapter, GSHA-Pueblo	Pueblo	CO
Pueblo	Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pueblo	Pueblo	CO
Pueblo	The Center for Disabilities	Pueblo	CO
Pueblo	City of Pueblo Office of the City Council	Pueblo	CO
Pueblo	Board of Pueblo County Commissioners	Pueblo	CO
Pueblo	Pueblo Workforce Center	Pueblo	CO
Rangeview	City of Commerce City	Commerce City	CO
Red Feather	Larimer County Board of County Commissioners	Fort Collins	CO
Red Feather	Red Feather Lakes Planning Advisory Committee	Red Feather Lakes	CO
Red Feather	Red Feather Lakes Fire Protection District	Red Feather Lakes	CO
Red Feather	Red Feather Lakes Elementary School	Red Feather Lakes	CO
Red Feather	Miramont Family Medicine of Red Feather Lakes	Red Feather Lakes	CO
Rocky Ford	Southeast Colorado Workforce Region - Rocky Ford	Rocky Ford	CO
Rocky Ford	Chris' Computer Connection	Rocky Ford	CO
Rocky Ford	Rocky Ford School District	Rocky Ford	CO
Silverton	Patron Letter	Silverton	CO
Silverton	San Juan Development Association	Silverton	CO
Silverton	Town of Silverton	Silverton	CO
Silverton	Silverton Area Chamber of Commerce	Silverton	CO
Southern Teller	Patron Letter	Cripple Creek	CO
Southern Teller	Cripple Creek-Victor School District	Cripple Creek	CO
Southern Teller	Aspen Mine Center	Cripple Creek	CO
Spanish Peaks	Las Animas Huerfano County Family Resource Center	Walsenburg	CO
Spanish Peaks	Huerfano Board of County Commissioners	Walsenburg	CO
Spanish Peaks	Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center	Walsenburg	CO
Spanish Peaks	City of Walsenburg	Walsenburg	CO
Spanish Peaks	Huerfano County Chamber of Commerce	Walsenburg	CO
Sterling	RE-1 Valley School District	Sterling	CO
Sterling	Eastern Colorado Workforce Center - Sterling	Sterling	CO
Swink	Swink School District	Swink	CO
Trinidad/Carnegie	Trinidad & Las Animas County Chamber of Commerce	Trinidad	CO
Trinidad/Carnegie	South Central Colorado Workforce Center	Rocky Ford	CO
Trinidad/Carnegie	Friends of Historic Branson	Branson	CO
Upper San Juan	Archuleta Board of County Commissioners	Pagosa Springs	CO
Upper San Juan	Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce	Pagosa Springs	CO
Upper San Juan	Archuleta County Education Center	Pagosa Springs	CO
Upper San Juan	Town of Pagosa Springs	Pagosa Springs	CO
Upper San Juan	Pagosa Springs Youth Center	Pagosa Springs	CO
Wray	Sampson Patron Letter	Wray	CO
Wray	Wray Public Library Board of Trustees	Wray	CO

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March 2, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
COLORADO STATE LIBRARY
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

I am the County Administrator for Prowers County. The Board of County Commissioners has authorized me to write this letter of support for the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. We are excited about the potential of 12 new laptop computers and wireless internet access being made available to enhance the computing and internet access at the Lamar Public Library to serve our residents.

While our population is declining, the needs of our residents continue to rise. The Lamar Public Library offers a variety of comprehensive services throughout Prowers County and serves all age groups. Our local economy has been struggling for quite some time, just like all of Colorado. In addition, we recently lost a large number of jobs to another Colorado community. We have yet to feel the full impact of those losses.

In difficult economic times, our residents rely even more on the Lamar Public Library for everything from access to the local community newspapers, internet access, as well as for affordable and educational programs for their children and grandchildren.

We are working with the Lamar Public Library, a library participating in the Colorado State Library proposal, and are hopeful that we are awarded these funds because of the significant impact on both our community and others throughout the State of Colorado.

Prowers County greatly appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

Sincerely yours,

PROWERS COUNTY

Regina J. Dorenkamp
County Administrator
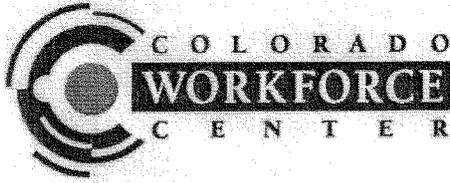
Southeast Colorado Workforce Region
Colorado Department of Labor & Employment
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February 24, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

I am writing to express my support of Lamar Public Library grant application of the Colorado State Library Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.

I believe that in coordination with Colorado Workforce staff, the funding of this grant, and working with other community partners, this will create a unique opportunity to provide capacity-building resources that will strengthen the local workforce. I am particularly excited about the benefits in our rural area, such as the ability to enhance computing and internet access that Lamar Public Library will bring to our community for job seekers as they explore educational opportunities and continue their job search activities. In addition, ADA Compliant work stations will be made available to support those who are blind, visually impaired, or have other challenges to using standard public computer stations.

Recently, The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment partnered with Microsoft to issue vouchers for Microsoft applications for Business Professionals and IT Professions, these vouchers are issued by the local Workforce Centers and can be accessed through any internet connection.

With the decline of resources available in rural underserved communities, opportunities such as this are imperative for us to thrive. I fully support Lamar Public Library grant application of the Broadband and Technology Opportunities to provide services directly to Southeast Colorado.

Lamar Public Library's plan for grant funding includes providing new computers and equipment to provide an additional resource to community members with their job searching, and to provide educational support for special needs population in a rural area.

My office has partnered with Lamar Public Library on numerous projects in the past and has been impressed by their success in being able to support the community. I strongly urge you to consider funding Lamar Public Library's grant request.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Betty Velasquez, Region Director
South Central Workforce Region

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DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

February 19, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

The Bent County Development Foundation is in full support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. This will allow the Las Animas-Bent County Library District to offer internet access and computing opportunities in our community.

According to the State Demography Office, the average annual wage for Bent County is $23,366 with a poverty rate of 28.2%. These statistics show many people in our community do not possess the financial ability to own their own computers or have internet access, proving a high need for assistance. In addition, if this funding is secured, the library will be given the opportunity to accommodate the disabled and foreign speaking patrons. There is a 33% Hispanic population in Bent County and 16.8% of the families speak a language other than English.

It is the hope of this organization that you will grant the Las Animas-Bent County Library District the funds they have requested. By having the funds available, the library will be given the opportunity to provide a much needed service in our community.

Thank you for giving consideration to this important request.

Sincerely,

Lisa L. Trigilio
Executive Director

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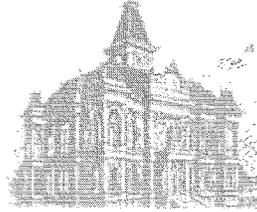
February 22, 2010

Mr. Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 East Colfax Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

It is my understanding that the Las Animas-Bent County Library District is submitting a grant request for funding under the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.

As Chairman of the Bent County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of the citizens of Bent County; I request your favorable consideration of their application.

We are a small rural community located in the Southeast part of Colorado and are thus far removed from the metropolitan area of the state. The best means by which our citizens can secure educational materials comes through the internet. The equipment now available to us through the local library is outdated and is in need of replacement. Demand for usage of the computers has also exceeded availability.

Access to a computer is, in many cases, only available through our local library. The ability to go "on line" to secure information on health, economic and educational issues fulfills a local need which would not be met otherwise.

Working with the Las Animas-Bent County Library, a library participating in the Colorado State Library proposal, we hope we are awarded these funds because of the significant impact on both our community and otherwise throughout Colorado.

Yours truly,

Bill Long
Chairman

CITY OF LAS ANIMAS

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February 22, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

I am Mayor of the City of Las Animas in southeastern Colorado. Please accept this letter of support from the City for the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. The computers in the Las Animas-Bent County Library are always in use and very often patrons must wait a significant amount of time before accessing the computers. Having the additional and enhanced computers will serve to address that problem. The preceding along with the provision for computer access for the disabled is exciting and will enhance the computer and Internet access available. Funding to help replace the roof above the computer bank is or extreme importance to prevent damage to the computers.

Our city constantly struggles economically to provide necessary services for our citizens and the current recession has made that even more of a struggle. The city has a high number of senior citizens who, along with others, are in poor straits financially. Educationally, the recession, it is estimated, will cause a reduction of about 1 million dollars in funding to our school system. We now have two medical clinics, a nursing home, and public health agency which meet many of our needs. However, the lack of a hospital and the absence of medical transportation are of great concern. Because our revenue source is primarily derived from sales taxes the scarcity of viable businesses restricts the revenue generated. Meeting the challenges presented therefore is very difficult.

The City provides financial support as well as in-kind services as needed because it recognizes the great value of the library in the community. By so doing the population being targeted is helped. And, of course, the city provides them along with the rest of our citizens with the typical services cities provide. We use computers and Internet access on a daily basis whether it is police business, public works, or City Clerk activities to conduct our business. Additionally, grants and loans are applied for via computers and the Internet.

Currently, our constituents use the computers in the library quite often and adding more computers will increase use greatly. Those of school age use the computers for research. Others certainly use them for job searches, for health information, for educational purposes, or simply, for recreation. The city will continue, along with the county, enthusiastically support our library and their efforts to enhance computer and Internet access as well as the library in general.

As mentioned in the preceding paragraph the city recognizes the great value of the library and will lend as much support both financially and by providing in-kind as is feasible. The impact of the program being pursued will be determined by receiving periodic reports from the library board and by observation. Currently, the city receives a comprehensive written report as to activities and accomplishments at the library on a yearly basis. Being a regular patron of the library I am well aware of the good work being performed and of the level of its services.

Working with the Las Animas-Bent County Library, which is participating in the Colorado State Library proposal, we are hopeful the funds will be awarded because of the significant impact on both our community and others throughout Colorado.

The City of Las Animas appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunication and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

Sincerely yours,
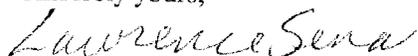
Lawrence Sena

Lawrence Sena, Mayor
City of Las Animas

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March 3, 2010

Colorado State Library
201 East Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

ATTENTION: EUGENE HAINER

Dear Mr. Hainer:

It is my privilege to write this letter in support of the grant submitted by the Las Animas-Bent County Library.

I have been the media tech at the Las Animas Elementary School for the past ten years. I see a crucial need for our public library and access to their computers and the internet for all of our students in Las Animas. We currently have a four day school week and many of our students do not have access to computer resources over their three day weekend that they may need for school reports or homework.

For many of our students in our school district, access to computers and the internet is only available through the school system or utilizing the Las Animas-Bent County Library. The Las Animas-Bent County Library fulfills this significant gap that our students encounter.

This grant could significantly impact many of our students in the school system. Thank you for your consideration of this grant for the Las Animas-Bent County Library.

Sincerely yours,

Susan Waring
Elementary Media Tech

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February 25, 2010

Colorado State Library
201 East Colfax Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80203

ATTENTION: EUGENE HAINER

RE: BROADBANK TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM

Dear Mr. Hainer:

I am writing in support of the grant request submitted by Las Animas/Bent County Library. As a resident of Las Animas for most of my life, I recognize the value of services provided by the Las Animas/Bent County Library.

Many of our senior citizens (approximately 30% of population) and a big segment of our school age children do not have computers and depend on the library to provide this benefit. Awarding of this grant (purchase of computers) to the library will provide.....

- added features for our school children
  access to on line schooling
  increased access by our disabled residents
  increased access by our foreign language residents
  added programs for community use – sites for job searching as an example

The library serves the Las Animas population of approximately 6,000, in addition to the surrounding area, and access to computers would certainly increase patronage of the library.

I will appreciate your consideration of the grant application for the Las Animas/Bent County Library.

Sincerely,
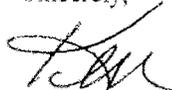
State Senator Ken Kester
Senate District #2

February 24, 2010

Eugene Hainer,   Assistant Commissioner

Colorado State Library

201 E Colfax Avenue

Denver, CO 80203

Dear Sir,

I am a local rancher in the Limon, Co area and use the computers at the Limon Library on a daily basis to not only check my e-mail and read the National and Local news, but I have a small internet business that I am able to run daily because the Limon Library Computer Room. DSL Broadband is not available out at my ranch and before I started coming into the Library, I was forced to use the slow dialup method of connection from my phone company (they do not provide DSL to my area). I am particularly impressed with benefits of having DSL Broadband available to use on modern equipment. On behalf of my Family, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.

Due to the size of the Limon community, we don't have as many options available to us as the larger Metropolitan areas nor the local resources to compete on a level playing field. Given the limited means to compete, it is a small wonder that we are able to offer many of the students and young families any of the modern high tech jobs or resources they would like to have and enjoy. Without the Computer Room at the Library, we would have even less to offer them.

As the Economy is suffering, jobs are being lost and more people like myself are placed on unemployment for the first time ever, having a free enterprise zone using the Public Library's Computer Room to engage with other members of the community through the computers is a necessary and much appreciated service to your patrons.

As my business organization grows through the use of the computers at the Library, this will draw more of the community that doesn't use the library currently and will allow more people to become aware of just what they can do here and what else is available to the community through their Local Library.

In closing, I think the Limon Libraries participation in the Colorado State Library proposal would be significant in the overall impact these funds would make in our community and others throughout Colorado.

My family and my business organization appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

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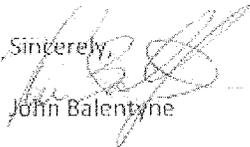
John Balentyne

February 25, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E Colfax Ave
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

I currently hold the position of President of the Limon Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Limon Chamber, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am very excited about the possibility of having a completely updated and accessible computer lab with enhanced computer and Internet access at the Limon Memorial Library.

As a rural community, we have not been immune to a deteriorating economy. Our limited job resources along with our limited access to technology put our community at a disadvantage and threaten our overall viability to remain a sustainable community. Shrinking tax bases and populations put increased pressure on our community as well. Now more than ever, we need help to maintain our stability.

The Limon Chamber has been trying to increase the visibility of what Limon Businesses have to offer. We are working hard to bring resources to our members in order that they may have the ability to maintain and increase their business viability. The availability of having an updated computer lab with high speed internet access will allow the Chamber to host educational training seminars to enhance our members business skills. Currently there is not a location that can accommodate our needs.

It is the Chamber's intent to do what it can monetarily along with in kind resources to aid in facilitating the acquisition of the computer lab. There is obvious value in this project and the Chamber will be an active participant. Working with the Limon Memorial Library, a library participating in the Colorado State Library proposal, we hope we are awarded these funds because of the significant impact on both our community and others throughout Colorado.

Limon Memorial Library
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The Limon Chamber appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Timothy S. Andersen
Limon Chamber of Commerce

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March 1, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commission er
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, Cao 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

I am the Director at the Limon Child Development Center. On behalf of my organization, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am particularly excited about the benefits, such as the preschoolers and their parents having the chance to experience up-to-date technology, that enhanced computing and Internet access at the Limon Memorial Library will bring to our community.

In our rural small town community, our center serves 76 children and families. They are about 62 % low-income, meeting Head Start or CCCAP standards. We employ about 20 people and are the only preschool, child-care center in Lincoln County. Our program not only prepares the children for public school but we also work with the parents on goal setting, accessing community programs, and improving education, job skills, and advocating for their children. Most of our families cannot afford computers or internet access due to low income.

One of our goals for the preschool children is to expose them to computer and library facilities so they will be life-time users. We currently take the preschool classes to the library for computer lab every 2 to 4 weeks on a rotation schedule. We are also encouraging staff to continue their education through on-line programs to complete Associate or Bachelor degrees. These degrees are not offered locally. The same situation is true for parents of the preschoolers. Because of our location, it is not possible for adults to attend classes in person. The on-line programs become very important. Part of the funding for our organization requires an in-kind match. We are able to count visits to the library as part of this match.

We would like to continue to take the preschoolers to the library to not only use the computer lab but to also learn the other options the library offers, such as: book check-out, information on topics of interest to the class, etc. We would also like to refer staff and parents to the library for on-line classes, reference materials, current periodicals, etc. Currently there is limited space for on-line use at our library.

Working with Limon Memorial Library, a library participating in the Colorado State Library proposal, we hope we are awarded these funds because of the significant impact on both our community and others throughout Colorado.

The Limon Child Development Center appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Cindy L. Ferree
Director
Limon Child Development Center / Limon Head Start

February 24, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

I am a Labor and Employment Specialist at the Limon Workforce Center. On behalf of my organization, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am particularly excited about the benefits, such as updated computers and the ability then to use for classes to help the citizens of our community become computer literate, that the enhanced computing and Internet access at the Limon Memorial Library will bring to our community.

Our community faces many disadvantages economically, especially with the current state of our economy. Un-employment is at an all time high in our county. With the increased unemployment rate there are far more people searching for jobs. We have had many business closing and lay-offs in the last two years that have impacted our community greatly. For the first time many citizens who have worked steady for years have now found themselves unemployed and needing to find work in other areas. Our organization assists clients with becoming registered to search for jobs online. Most of our clients unfortunately do not have computers, internet access and or the computer skills necessary to utilize this feature and so they are limited in their search. If the library received these updated computers and broadband access it would help the community greatly with our members being able to search for jobs as well as receive training to become computer literate.

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The library is a central hub in our community and the new improved computer lab would benefit our community in many positive ways. Our organization provides basic computer training through various courses offered in conjunction with Morgan Community College, but we lack the ability to help more than two clients at a time at our location, so classes are currently given in the library.

The internet connection is slow and some of the computers are old enough that they do not operate efficiently in a class setting. If the library received new computers we would be able to serve a greater amount of our citizens together with great efficiency. By teaching basic computer skills we are hopefully facilitating the extra edge that they may need to seek employment in a new field in our community.

Working with Limon Memorial Library, a library participating in the Colorado State Library proposal, we hope we are awarded these funds because of the significant impact on both our community and others throughout Colorado. The Limon Workforce Center appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunication and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Paula Lamphier

L&E Specialist II

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March 1, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
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Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

I am an RN who is currently searching for jobs using the computers at the Limon Public Library. On behalf of this library, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am particularly excited about the benefits, such as ADA compliant work stations in our library, that enhanced computing and Internet access at the Limon Public Library will bring to our community.

The town of Limon is in Lincoln County; one of the poorest counties in the state. The Public Library is one of only two public computing centers in the town. We have only two computers in the library today that are compatible with a flash drive. On any given day only one to two of the modern computers are even working. We don't have any software current enough to save a pdf file to. This is very frustrating to anyone trying to use this computer center for anything as necessary as a job search. We are also challenged by the fact that there is only one librarian here who can train any computer user on the equipment here. Everyone in the town who doesn't have internet access at home has to use these computers for everything from pre-school to college education to internet searches for health information.

I am personally facing Carpal Tunnel Release surgery and do not have ergonomically correct equipment to use here. This is hazardous to my health. We need work stations that we can raise and lower so that people can use computers while standing. We need voice activated software such as Dragon Naturally Speaking along with someone who is trained at using it to train others. A tutorial would be beneficial for those who can self-study. Ergonomically correct keyboards and "mice" are needed. The mouse with a movable thumb-roller would be especially beneficial. Long cords are needed from the mouse to the tower to accommodate those who use a mouse with their left hand. Ball chairs are also good for proper ergonomics. If I become trained at DNS, or a similar software, I will be willing to train other residents of Limon to use the same.

All of these improvements would contribute to easier access to jobs, improved educational opportunities and improved health awareness. Some of the town residents also use computers at the Colorado Workforce, which has different hours from the library. That facility is often filled to capacity.

Working with Limon Public Library, as a participant in the Colorado State Library proposal, we hope we are awarded these funds because of the significant impact on both our community and others throughout Colorado.

The Limon Public Library appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

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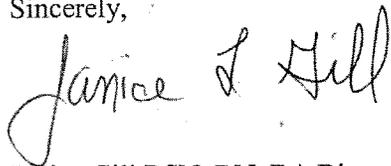
Janice Gill BSN, RN, BA Bio

02/24/2010

Dear Sirs or, Ladys,

To Whom It May Concern;

I am an online student in a Graduate class and use the Limon Public Library as my main source of connecting with the internet college I am enrolled in. The staff at the library are always more helpful than a person could ever expect, I wish to convey to you the exceptional help that the library has been to me in my education. Without the library and its help my education would not be as good as it has turned out to be.

Because Limon is such a small community, such as or compared to Denver or Colorado Springs the need for computers at the library is a priority for the student s of the city as well as over the traditional age students as myself. I am a disabled individual myself and live on a limited, set income, without the library and their computers I would not have the opportunity to continue my education.

Part of the reason that I am continuing my education is; I hope someday to open an agency in Limon that will help developmentally disabled individuals to live a more meaningful lifestyle as well as increasing their education and life experiences. I am not sure if this has any affect upon your decision but I certainly hope that you will find it in your heart, and mind to assist the library in Limon so that they may continue to aid individuals such as me.

The students and individuals in Limon have been affected by the recent economic downward slide in the United states and the use of the Limon Public Library's computers would greatly enhance the lifestyles of the communities inhabitants. I sincerely appreciate your time and patience. Thank You,

Appreciatively, David Ratzlaff

March 5, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

I am the President of the Mancos Valley Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of my organization, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am particularly excited about the benefits, such as a mobile computer lab, that enhanced computing and Internet access at the Mancos Public Library will bring to our community.

The Mancos Valley is a small, rural, depressed area. There are not too many jobs in town, and many residents need to drive to other communities for work.

Currently, we have 1 Chamber computer with Internet access, which is used by our Office Manager. Any other computers we use are our personal or business property. We are interested in offering some type of computer instruction or Internet marketing workshops to our members; however, we do not have access to multiple computers at this time.

If the Mancos Public Library would receive this grant, we are excited to think of the benefits we could offer to our members. We could use computers with Internet Access to improve online marketing efforts, as well as continue to draw new businesses to town.

The Chamber would like to work with the Mancos Public Library to offer workshops to our members to help them grow their business in the age of the Internet. We will help to recruit effective teachers of workshops, as well as help with marketing the workshops to our members, and other interested parties.

The Mancos Valley Chamber of Commerce appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Betsy Harrison
President, Mancos Valley Chamber of Commerce

PO Box 494 Mancos, Co 81328

03-05-2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

I am a trustee for the Town of Mancos, Colorado. I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am particularly excited about the benefits that enhanced computing and Internet access at the Mancos Public Library will bring to our community.

Paragraph #1: Description of Community Needs – consider answering the following questions as appropriate

- Our community is simply behind the times with regards to high-speed broadband. The economic challenges that we face are tough when compared to the rest of the area. Many of our residents have to commute to neighboring communities in order to find work that will provide them a living wage. 2000 census data showed our population at 1119 residents with a median house holds income of just over $25,000 per year. Our poverty rate as of the last census was over 11%. The largest industry in our area is construction employing an estimated 20% as of 2000 census. With our current economic downturn, this industry has been hit hardest.

- Some of the reasons that our community has had difficulty addressing these challenges are a lack of funding. With the housing bust hitting full on in Mancos and the surrounding area many or our bread winners are unemployed.

Paragraph #2: Brief description of how your organization addresses these needs for its constituents – consider answering the following questions as appropriate

- The town of Mancos is comprised of 6 trustees and 1 mayor. As with most towns, we provide basic infrastructure and law enforcement for our residents.

- My hope as a trustee is to provide the support to our local library so they can provide a mobile computing platform to our current and future residents.

Working with the Mancos Public Library, participating in the Colorado State Library proposal, we hope they are awarded these funds because of the significant impact on both our residents and our community.

March 5, 2010
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On behalf of myself as a trustee for the Town of Mancos, I appreciate the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

Sincerely,
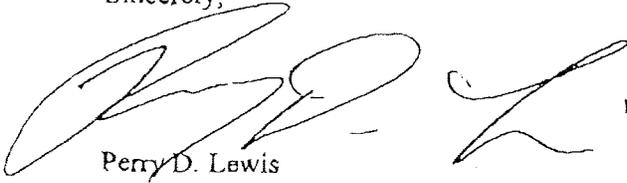
Perry D. Lewis

Trustee, Town of Mancos, Colorado

February 12, 2010

Dear Colorado State Library Representatives:

The Business Incubator Center supports the Mesa County Public Library's initiative to increase public internet access and to purchase a new mobile laptop lab. Expanded access to these technologies is important to the small business clients we serve.

This letter is written in support of the Mesa County Public Library grant application to your organization. The Business Incubator Center, located in Grand Junction, Colorado serves a mission to accelerate the successful development of businesses from start-up, through the growth stages, and on. Entrepreneurs receive an array of targeted resources and services through the Small Business Development Center, the Business Loan Fund of Mesa County, the Incubator Center, and the Kitchen Incubator. The Incubator Center offers business owners, or those who are considering starting a small business, free individual consultations, and low cost workshops, sources of needed working capital, and even office or manufacturing space. We have 50 businesses located on our campus and work with approximately 500 clients each year.

The Business Incubator Center values the access to technology and information that the Mesa County Public Library provides for small businesses and our staff members. Our organization works will every client to ensure that they have sound industry and market research before they launch a new product or service. The Mesa County Public Library resources play **a critical role** is this research. The Business Incubator Center routinely refers entrepreneurs to Mesa County Public Library staff and resources. The Mesa County Library also provides training to our staff and volunteers in how to use those resources to assist our client companies.

If you would like additional information, you can telephone me at (970) 243-5242.

Sincerely,

Christina Reddin
Executive Director

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March 1, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
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Dear Mr. Hainer:

On behalf of the Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (CIRC), I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am very excited about the benefits that an additional computer language lab with internet access at the Mesa County Libraries will bring to our community.

Over the last several years I have had the opportunity to collaborate with the Literacy Center of the Mesa County Libraries on a variety of community activities focused on community and immigrant integration. The services and resources provided by the Mesa County Libraries are extremely important to Grand Valley for diverse reasons. Most importantly, the Literacy Center is the only organization in the entire valley that provides ESL, citizenship preparation and computer literacy programs for non-native English speakers. These programs are necessary for ensuring that our immigrant population integrates into the larger community as active participants in society. Individuals within this population usually hold low wage jobs, and often times have equally low education levels, meaning that technology skills do not exist for these individuals and if they do, there is no access at home to computer and Internet.

CIRC works with both the US born and immigrant communities and access to language learning and computer literacy is critical to our work. Due to a growing immigrant population in Mesa County, there is a high demand for services offered at the Literacy Center and there are continuous waiting lists of individuals wishing to participate in English as a Second Language, citizenship and other services. The library has become a hub for our immigrant community, not only for the services offered, but for the information available and the safe environment that exists, and must be able to keep up with the growing demand for services. For this reason, expansion of technology services at the Mesa County Libraries is crucial to the work that we are doing.

Working with the Mesa County Libraries, a library participating in the Colorado State Library proposal, we hope we are awarded these funds because of the significant impact on both our community and others throughout Colorado. The Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition and Mesa County greatly appreciate the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Karen Sherman Perez
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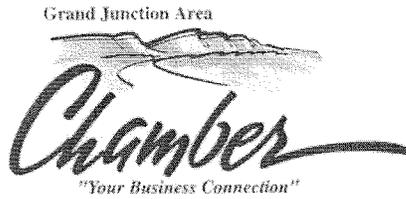
Eugene Hainer
Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer,

As the President of the Grand Junction Area chamber Of Commerce I am writing this letter in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.

The Mesa County Public library has always been supportive of the business community by offering resources needed by small and startup companies. That support took a major leap forward when the Grand Junction Area Chamber was able to partner with them in securing a license to RefUSA, a database that has proven to be extremely helpful to our small businesses.

Training our members how to use the database has been done utilizing the Library's computer lab and having an adequate and updated lab is vital to that effort. One drawback has been the limit in the number of computers available for each training. Another is the capability of "taking the show on the road" to provide the training at our Chamber functions.

This grant will help address those drawbacks and help us better utilize the investment in data mining that both the Library and the Chamber have made that will ultimately lead to business growth and job creation.

I urge you to act favorably on this grant request.

Sincerely,

Diane Schwenke

President/CEO

February 12, 2010

Dear Colorado State Library Representatives:

This letter is written in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. The Colorado SBDC Network is a vibrant network of fourteen Centers strategically positioned throughout the state to ensure that residents of every county have access to small business assistance. The Grand Junction SBDC is dedicated to helping small businesses throughout Mesa County and parts of Rio Blanco County achieve their goals of growth, expansion, innovation, increased productivity, management improvement and success.

We combine the resources of federal, state, and local governments with those of the educational system and private sector to meet the specialized and complex needs of the small business community. Management, financial and marketing experts work in partnership to provide entrepreneurs with crucial information that can mean the difference between success and failure, and Mesa County Public Library resources play a critical role.

The Grand Junction SBDC routinely refers entrepreneurs to Mesa County Public Library resources as they (the entrepreneurs) put together feasibility studies and business plans to launch, expand, and streamline their businesses. The Mesa County Library has also provided our business counselors, both staff and volunteer, with training in how to use those resources to assist our client companies. Expanded computer trainings and public computer access at Mesa County Libraries will increase the likelihood that the entrepreneurs in our community will have the technological competencies they need to establish solid businesses. Additional access to technology and training through Mesa County Libraries will allow them to build the skills they need to sustain small businesses in our current difficult economy.

In 2009, Grand Junction SBDC clients reported 119 jobs created, 45 jobs retained, 17 business starts and $4,468,102 in capital formation, and part of the credit goes to the Mesa County Public Library for the technology and information resources they provide to the small business community. Please feel free to contact me at (970) 243-5242 or jmorey@gjincubator.org if you have questions.

Respectfully,

Julie Morey, Director
Grand Junction Small Business Development Center

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March 4, 2010

Mr. Eugene Hainer
Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

On behalf of the City of Montrose, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's *Bridging Colorado's Great Digital Divide* application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. This grant will help provide residents of the City of Montrose with electronic resources and services to meet their information and learning needs, all while increasing their access to employment, self-sufficiency and personal fulfillment.

Public access computers at Montrose County libraries receive more than 110,000 uses annually. Most users are local residents who do not have home computers or Internet access, and library staff members observe that many of them lack basic computer skills. Montrose County's demographics likely contribute to this, as the population is older and has lower income and educational attainment levels than state and national averages, factors that have been shown to reduce computer literacy.

With the tightening labor market, library staff members also have seen more patrons using the library computers to search job databases, complete online applications, and prepare résumés. Currently, the library's reference department is responsible for assisting these patrons, but staff has limited time to provide the individualized instruction needed. The City of Montrose has few computer instruction options for residents, and those that exist are either for senior citizens or charge a fee. There are no free, ongoing, comprehensive classes for all residents.

With funding from the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program, the Montrose Regional Library District will purchase computers and equipment to provide weekly basic, intermediate, and advanced computer classes for all ages. Topics will range from mouse and keyboard fundamentals and basic email, to website design and digital photography. Through these classes, the District hopes to improve computer literacy skills for area residents so that they can increase their access to employment and improve job performance; enhance their ability to communicate with friends and family; increase library usage by bringing people to the library who might not visit otherwise; and enrich their lives through improved access to the digital world.

The City of Montrose appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application. These funds will have a significant impact on our local community and other communities throughout Colorado.

Sincerely,

Mary L. Watt
City Manager

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February 25, 2010

Mr. Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 East Colfax Avenue
Denver CO   80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

The Montrose County Board of County Commissioners support the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.

Public computers at Montrose County public libraries receive more than 110,000 uses annually. Most users are local residents who do not have home computers or Internet access, and library staff members observe that many of them lack basic computer skills. Montrose County's demographics likely contribute to this, as the population is older and has lower income and educational attainment levels than state and national averages, factors that have been shown to reduce computer literacy.

With the tightening labor market, library staff members also have seen more patrons using the library computers to search job databases, filling out online applications, and preparing résumés. Currently, the library's reference department is responsible for assisting these patrons, but staff has limited time to provide the individualized instruction needed. Montrose has few computer instruction options for residents. The Montrose Recreation District offers free, occasional classes for senior citizens, and Mesa State College has some classes for a fee; however, there are no free, ongoing, comprehensive classes for all residents.

With funding from the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program, the Montrose Regional Library District will purchase computers and equipment to provide weekly basic, intermediate, and advanced computer classes for all ages. Topics will run the gamut from mouse and keyboard fundamentals and basic email, to website design and digital photography. Through these classes, the District hopes to improve computer literacy skills for area residents so they can increase their access to employment and improve job performance, enhance their ability to communicate with friends and family, increase library usage by bringing people to the library who might not visit otherwise, and enrich lives through improved access to the digital world.

The Montrose County Board of County Commissioners appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application. Award of this funding will have a significant impact on our community.

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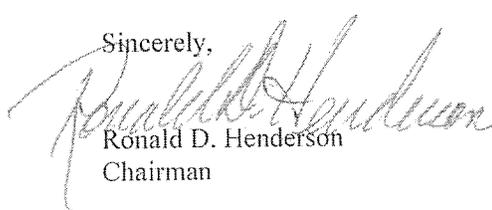
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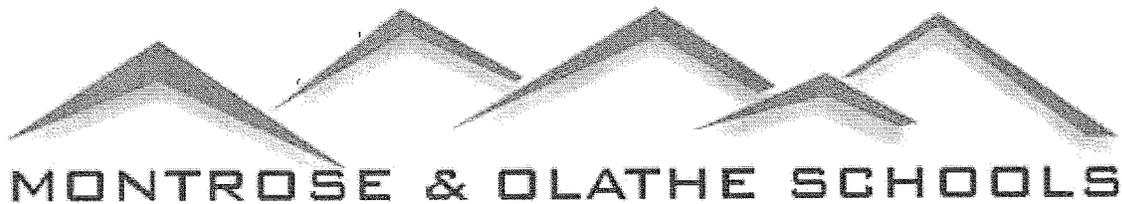
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March 3, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

I am the ESL/Migrant Coordinator at the Montrose County School District RE1-J. On behalf of my organization, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am particularly excited about the benefits, such as providing more people internet access to continue with their education and more information available for our Spanish speaking immigrants that enhanced computing and Internet access will bring to our community.

Montrose County is located in rural southwest Colorado. Our community extends over 2,200 square miles in the Uncompahgre River and Paradox Valleys. Montrose County School District RE-1J (MCSD) covers 1,121 square miles and serves the City of Montrose and the Town of Olathe, which is approximately 12 miles north of Montrose. Montrose has not been sheltered from the recent economic downturn, with an unemployment rate in November 2009 of 7.8%, which is above the state average. There are 6,521 students in attendance in Montrose County School District. Of those students, the ethnicity trend line for the district is 64% White, 31% Hispanic and 5% other minorities. According to the 2009 Student October Report, 51.70% of K-12 students qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch.
There are 946 students served through the English as a Second Language (ESL) program with 1410 students from Spanish speaking households. The Colorado Department of Education 2008-2009 CSAP Comparison Data shows a 27.0% minority gap in district reading scores. Without significant improvement in the skill level of both low literate parents and their children, the cycle of low educational achievement and poverty is not likely to be broken. Research shows that the major risk factors to children's academic success are:

- Parents with low literacy skills;

- English as a second language home;
- Poverty;
- Lack of a print-rich environment;
- Lack of parents' involvement in children's education;
- Not being read to or talked with.

Currently there are adult GED preparation and ESL classes available in the district through the Adult Basic Education Department. To accommodate additional parents, we would like to broaden the selection of educational opportunities by offering a Plaza Comunitaria, an online program through Instituto Nacional Para La Educación De Los Adultos (INEA). This program is indorsed by the Mexican Consulate and provides educational support in Spanish to students in order to develop competencies and skills for life and work which includes educational content to improve their personal, family and social life. They will also learn skills for employability and job seeking. Many of the parents in our community can speak Spanish, but do not know how to read or write it. The Consulate program will enable those parents to earn certificates at various levels to indicate that they have completed this education. In addition, research has shown that people who can read and write in their native language are much more successful learning to read and write a second language.

In addition, there is a large demand from our community to participate in a Spanish as a second language program.

In partnership with the library on this grant we would like to educate parents in their native language, and help them to continue their educational program in Spanish and learn English.

Working with the Montrose Library District, a library participating in the Colorado State Library proposal, we hope we are awarded these funds because of the significant impact on the immigrant population we serve.

The Montrose County School District RE-1J appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

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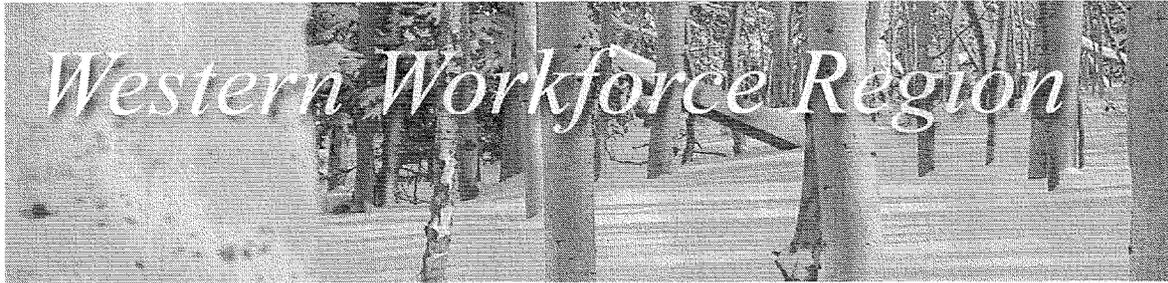
February 28, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

On behalf of the Western Colorado Workforce Centers, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's *Bridging Colorado's Great Digital Divide* application for the **Broadband Technology Opportunities Program**. The Colorado Workforce Centers provide employment and training services in the Western Workforce Region which includes the Montrose Library District. The Workforce Centers have worked collaboratively with the Montrose Library District in serving the needs of our mutual patrons in the past. This grant would provide much needed funding to improve computer literacy for patrons of the Montrose Library District and be a valuable resource to Colorado Workforce Center customers.

Public access computers at both the Montrose County libraries and Workforce Centers are heavily used and receive more than 110,000 uses annually. Most users are local residents who do not have home computers, internet access, and lack basic computer skills. The lack of basic computer skills is a major barrier to employment for many and puts them at a disadvantage in today's competitive job market.

With the tightening labor market and the increase number of people unemployed, both the Montrose County Libraries and Western Workforce Centers have experienced a significant increase in the demand for their services. The number of people wanting to use computers to search job databases, fill out online applications, and prepare résumés increases daily. With the increased demand and limited staff resources, many individuals do not have access to computers nor receive the individual training that is needed to improve their basic computer skills. Additionally Montrose County has few computer instruction options for residents, and those that exist are either for senior citizens or charge a fee. There are no free, ongoing, comprehensive classes for all residents.

The Colorado Workforce Centers are very supportive of the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. The program would enable the Montrose Regional Library

District to purchase additional computers and equipment to provide much needed resource computers and computer instruction that is not currently available in our area.

The Western Colorado Workforce Centers are excited about the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application. These funds will have a significant impact on our community and fill a significant need in our area.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Ray Lucero
Colorado Department of Labor and Employment
Western Workforce Region Regional Director
Western Colorado Workforce Centers
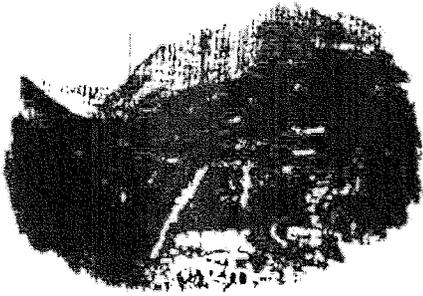
THE CITIZENS STATE BANK
OF OURAY

February 26, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 08023

RE: Letter of Support

Dear Mr Hainer,

I am Vice President of Citizens State Bank of Ouray and on behalf of the bank, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am particularly excited about the benefits, such as assistance for the unemployed population in our community to access their unemployment resources, research facilities available to the students (including adults) in our area and resources available to those in need of Health and Human Services assistance, that enhanced computing and Internet access at the Nucla Public Library will bring to our community.

The Nucla Public Library can provide our bank customers with access to their accounts online and give them access to information during non banking hours, when it may be more convenient for them.

Citizens State Bank of Ouray has a long history of donating financial assistance to the Nucla Public Library and we continue to applaud the excellent work of the Library Board and Staff. We will continue to support their efforts any way we can.

The Citizens State Bank of Ouray appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Terri Tooker
Vice President

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March 3, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
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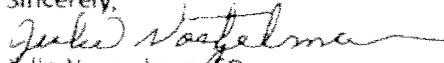201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

I am Elizabeth Smith, Town Clerk for the Town of Nucla. On behalf of our municipality, we are writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. We are particularly excited about the benefits of higher education and learning that enhanced computing and Internet access at the Nucla Public Library will bring to our community.

Our rural community is located in Montrose County in southwestern Colorado. According to the 2000 US Census Bureau, the town has a total area of 0.7 square miles and 311 households. The per capita income for the town is $12,982. About 17.0% of the population is below the poverty line. Not only is this area an economically depressed area, it is also an isolated area. Travel to any major town is two hours away.

If our local library had ADA Compliant work stations, laptops and computers our whole community would be able to benefit from information received through advanced technology. Not only will the young person benefit but so will our senior citizens. The library staff is very knowledgeable and able to assist its patrons with advanced technology. Our library plays an important part in our community. It is a place where everyone can gather to search for answers to health questions, jobs, education and fun.

The Town of Nucla is willing to work with the Nucla Library so that not only our community can take advantage of this technology for training and access to information but also anyone who visits our town will also have the opportunity to invest in their future and not feel the isolation or secluded ness of the area.

The Town of Nucla appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the national Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application. We hope we are awarded these funds because of the significant impact on both our community and others throughout Colorado. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Nucla Town Board of Trustees
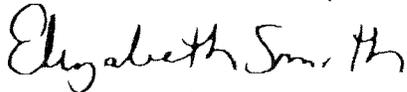
Elizabeth Smith
Town Clerk

March 2, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
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Dear Mr Hainer:

I am the organizational leader of the West End 4-H Livestock. On behalf of my organization, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am excited about the benefits, such as new computers for our library, that enhanced computing and Internet access at the Nucla Public Library will bring to our community.

We live in a rural area, that is dependent on the construction and mining industries for jobs. Both of these industries have slowed down. Causing a large amount of the area adults to be jobless. Parents can not afford to buy a computer let along have Internet access in there homes. If they live in the outlaying areas of Nucla, then the connectivity issues arise.

The children in our 4-H club need to use computers and the Internet to do record books, and research animal husbandry for their informative speech. The Nucla Public Library fills that need for these children.

If the Library had enhanced computing capability, our club could go in as a group and I could access the Colorado State University web site and we could do our Meat Quality Assurance, and other learning activities.

We are willing as a non-profit group to help by donating our time to further the Nucla Public Library, in fund raising activities.

Working with Nucla Public Library, a library participating in the Colorado State Library proposal, we hope we are awarded these funds because of the significant impact on both our community and others throughout Colorado.

The West End 4-H Livestock appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

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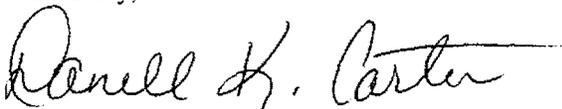
Danell K Carter
Organinzational Leader
West End 4-H

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February 26, 2010
Mr. Eugene Halner, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer,

I am the Executive Director at the Family Link Center family resource center. On behalf of my nonprofit organization, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. The possibility that the Nucla Public Library will have enhanced computing and Internet access to better meet the needs of this isolated population is exciting.

Nucla Public Library is located in an isolated area in the southwestern part of the State that is economically depressed. There is a limited amount of resources available locally for those seeking jobs or job skill training, seeking educational advancements or health related information. At least 35% of homes in the west end of Montrose County do not have enough income to make ends meet. About 60% of the west end of Montrose County school students, k-8, qualify for free or reduced lunches; 45% of those over 65 years live on a fixed income that is at or below poverty level. Service coordination for the people living here is a challenge due to travel distances (2 hours on 2-lane roads over mountainous and canyon roads that can be rough in bad weather).

The library plays an important role in the community by having the ability to bring the outside world in the form of higher technology to youth and adults. This population would otherwise not have access to computers or Internet to further job searches, gather health information or gain educational opportunities. The Family Center's mission is to give the people of our community a helping hand by providing resources, tools and strategies to strengthen families and individuals. We see the need of people in this community as well as the lack of resources.

We are very supportive of the Nucla Public Library's forward thinking in applying for this grant that will ADA Compliant work stations, laptops and computers that will allow the community to take advantage of advanced technology for training and access to information. The Family Link Center will be able to send clients to the library to use the computer work stations to do the research they need for specific issues. I can see the library and Family Link Center partnering to do projects that will assist the many families and seniors that we assist.

I am hopeful that you will seriously look at the Nucla Public Library's application and its huge impact on this isolated rural area.

Sincerely,

Julie Noetzelman/ED

West End Public School District, RE-2

March 2, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

I am the superintendent for the West End School District, Montrose County. On behalf of the District, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am particularly excited about the benefits, such as public access to technology, that enhanced computing and Internet access at the Nucla Town Library will bring to our community.

The demographics of our area include a high level of residents at or below the poverty line. The Nucla/Naturita area is one of Colorado's lowest in college graduates per capita. Geographically, the area is isolated, far from the telecommunications infrastructure of more densely populated areas and is reliant for services upon a locally owned and operated service provider.

The school district is actively pursuing increased utilization of distance learning programs in order to provide students with a broad an educational experience as possible. As the district expands its offerings both additional internet bandwidth and increased quality of service is anticipated.

Distance learning is of considerable importance to the District and is highly technology dependent. This technology dependence coupled with demographic, geographic, economic, and cultural factors imposes significant constraints in the strategic pursuit of the District's goal of expanding class offerings at the high school level and college level. The District's strategy at this point is one of researching alternative technologies, alternative funding and the possibility of partnerships with other governmental agencies and/or private sector entities.

The West End School District appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

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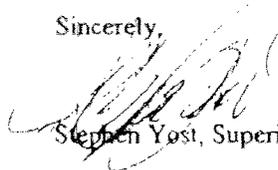
Stephen Yost, Superintendent

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February 24, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner

Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
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Dear Mr. Hainer:

I am the Director at the Crowley County Nursing Center in Ordway. On behalf of my organization, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am particularly excited about the benefits, such as providing better computer availability and skills education that enhanced computing and Internet access at the Combined Community Library will bring to our community.

Combined Community Library is the only public library serving Crowley County. We are a population with a high percentage of elderly. The elderly often require computers for both business (forms, taxes, etc.) and personal (e-mail, health care and other research) purposes. ADA compliant work stations would be of great benefit to the handicapped and elderly. Laptops that could be brought to our Center for special training would be very beneficial.

Many of our employees could benefit from computer classes and access to internet resources as well.

Working with Combined Community Library, a library participating in the Colorado State Library proposal, we hope we are awarded these funds because of the significant impact on both our community and others throughout Colorado.

The Combined Community Library appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

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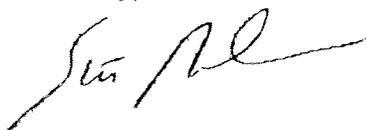
THE CHAMBER
colorado springs

March 2, 2010

Mr. Eugene Hainer
Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

As the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to you in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. The benefits to our community will be immense. To provide expanded access to job search information, for example, would be invaluable. Enhanced computing and Internet access at the Pikes Peak Library District locations will bring opportunities and success to many individuals who are currently unable to help themselves.

We will be working with the Pikes Peak Library District, a library participating in the Colorado State Library proposal, to promote awareness of this program if we are, as we hope, awarded these funds.

The Greater Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

David P. Csintyan
President and Chief Executive Officer
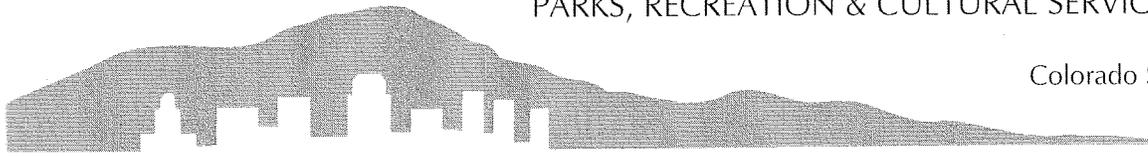
March 1, 2010
Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
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Dear Mr. Hainer:

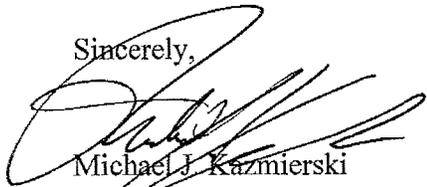I am the Director at the Colorado Springs Senior Center. On behalf of my organization, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am particularly excited about the benefits, such as computer classes and public access to computers, that enhanced computing and Internet access at the Penrose and East Branch Libraries will bring to our community.

Due to extreme budget constraints, the Colorado Springs Community Centers will be experiencing either closures, or limited public access. This will seriously impact the accessibility for seniors to use computers or the internet. The Senior Center offers computer and internet access for both classes at the center and for the public to use as they deem necessary. The Pikes Peak Library District's computer classes are heavily attended by the senior population, who use the internet with increasing frequency to gain knowledge, stay connected with family and investigate service options.

Working with the Pikes Peak Library District, a library participating in the Colorado State Library proposal, we hope we are awarded these funds because of the significant impact on both our community and others throughout Colorado.

The Colorado Springs Senior Center appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Mendy Putman

Director
Colorado Springs Senior Center
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Pikes Peak Community Action Agency

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Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner   March 2, 2010
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

The Pikes Peak Community Action Agency (PPCAA) is pleased to submit this letter of support for Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am particularly excited about the benefits that enhanced computing and Internet access in the Pikes Peak Library District will bring to our community.

Like many cities throughout the nation, Colorado Springs is facing a budget deficit this year and is looking at closing several community centers which will result in a loss of several public programs. The absence of these programs would create an undesirable burden on our community as low-income individuals remain in the "poverty cycle" which directly contributes to higher crime rates, homelessness, unemployment, and poor health. Self-sufficient citizens become a viable and contributing part of our community, making the Pikes Peak region a better place for everyone to live. New computers and equipment will give citizens the opportunity to receive support for job searching, work force development, educational support, and access to reliable health information and e-government websites will help to offset the loss of some of these programs which are vital to helping people get back into the workforce and become self-sufficient.

For over 46 years, Pikes Peak Community Action Agency serves well over 18,000 citizens annually throughout El Paso County. PPCAA assists low-income individuals to become self-sufficient which results in the development of good citizens who make valuable contributions to our community. Empowering citizens is the greatest outcome of our programs.

PPCAA strongly supports your favorable consideration of Colorado State Library's submission to the Nation Telecommunication and Information Administration.

Sincerely,

Laura Price

Laura Price
Office Manager

The Promise of Community Action: *"Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other."*
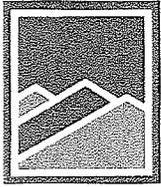
Creating Quality Jobs for a Quality Community Since 1971

March 2, 2010

Mr. Eugene Hainer
Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

As the President and CEO of the Colorado Springs Regional Economic Development Corporation and on behalf of our organization, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am particularly excited about the benefits that enhanced computing and Internet access will bring to the Pikes Peak Library District and to everyone in our community.

As we promote the quality of life in our community to businesses looking to expand, it is important that our community have excellent educational resources available to all of our citizens. The access to computer technologies on-site also helps to stimulate usage and assist those who are unemployed in their job search.

We strongly endorse the application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Pikes Peak Library District and request your support of the proposal. This effort will have a significant impact on both our community and others throughout Colorado.

Please contact me at (719) 471-8183 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Kazmierski
President and CEO

SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO
HARRISON

Character Through Diversity,
Challenge & Accomplishment

1060 Harrison Road
Colorado Springs, CO 80905-3586

F. Mike Miles
Superintendent of Schools

March 2, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

On behalf of Harrison School District Two, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am particularly excited about the access to laptop computers for our students. Skills in the application and development of technology will be an expanding field over the next 30 years. We have a successful 21st Century Curriculum Program within the district and the computing center will create additional opportunities for our students to develop these critical skills. Our school district represents a lower socio-economic demographic and access to these technology resources will increase the likelihood of developing technology skills. The enhanced computing and Internet access at the Sand Creek Branch Library in particular will benefit our students' academic progress.

Access to technology is growing in importance for students to be able to compete in this information age. However, with state and federal resources to schools declining, the technology resource gap appears to be growing. Approximately 80% of our students qualify for free & reduced lunch. Most do not have computers at home. The computing centers will expand access for at-risks youths and provide them with opportunities many other communities or families take for granted.

The Harrison School District has partnered with the Sand Creek Branch Library to support our students and to provide them with a place to extend their learning. Most recently, we worked together on the Harrison Family Reading Program to promote access to the local library. Added technology resources will help attract even more students and families to the branch.

Working with the Sand Creek Branch Library, a library participating in the Colorado State Library proposal, we hope we are awarded these funds because of the significant impact on both our community and others throughout Colorado.

Harrison School District Two appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Mike Miles
Superintendent
Harrison School District Two
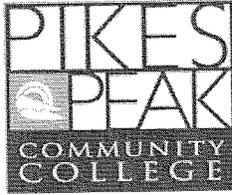
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March 1, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

I am the President at Pikes Peak Community College. On behalf of my organization, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am particularly excited about the benefits, such as the addition of ADA compliant work stations and laptop labs that enhanced computing and Internet access at the Penrose Library will bring to our community.

One of the four PPCC campuses is in the downtown area just next to the Penrose Library facility. Many of the students who attend our Downtown Studio Campus do so because they are persons with disabilities and that campus has easy access to the city bus terminal. Although we have a computer lab at our Downtown Studio Campus, and we do have limited computers with software designed to support those students who are blind, Deaf or have other physical challenges, our funding to expand computer support to the disabled population we serve is extremely limited. In fact, this year, PPCC has had to absorb a 53% reduction in our state appropriation. As I'm sure you can imagine, cuts of this magnitude severely limit our ability to expand computer technology to support all of our students.

At the same time that Colorado Community Colleges have been faced with unprecedented budget cuts, our enrollments are skyrocketing. Citizens who have been laid off or downsized are returning to college to brush up on their skills and be more marketable when the job market becomes more favorable. These students are specifically seeking high-tech programs and access to the latest technology. They also require more job search support. All of these are areas in which we could partner with the Pikes Peak Library District should their grant application to expand public computer centers be funded.

Working with the Pikes Peak Library District, a library participating in the Colorado State Library proposal, we hope we are awarded these funds because of the significant impact on both our community and others throughout Colorado.

Pikes Peak Community College sincerely appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

Very respectfully yours,
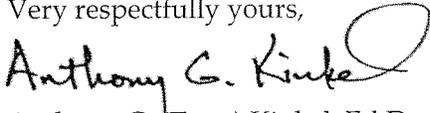
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Dear Members of the Grant Review Committee,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of support for the Poudre River Public Library District and the Colorado State Library in their request to fund their computer literacy project. Providing computers on-site at our Center will be an excellent complement to our programs and services, particularly by supporting our efforts to increase access to computer-based learning opportunities and Internet access for youth and adults from our target communities.

The neighborhoods in the North Fort Collins community continue to be characterized as the most "academically at-risk" because of their high rates of poverty, low educational attainment level, and cultural and language and literacy differences. The opportunity to establish a community-based computer lab in the CORE Center will respond to the increasing need for technology-based learning to youth and adults who currently attend the educational programs at CORE. In addition, the new equipment will address the digital divide for the neighborhood residents who have expressed their interest developing computer literacy skills (identified as the top priority in a needs survey conducted by the CORE Center in 2006). The CORE staff and community partners, including the staff from the Poudre River Public Library, continue to recognize that technology resources remain limited for populations characterized by poverty. With the benefit of this new computer equipment, students who are at-risk of school failure will have convenient access to computers to become engaged in their learning and increase their educational success.

We value the partnership that has been established between the Poudre River Public Library District and the CORE Center, and strongly encourage your thoughtful consideration of this grant proposal. Your grant award will provide educational and technology resources for a greatly underserved population. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or if you may need further information.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Thayer, Director

March 2, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

I am the program supervisor on the Board of Directors for the The Family Center/ La Familia. On behalf of my organization, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am particularly excited about the benefits, such as global communication, job opportunities and basic computer skills, that enhanced computing and Internet access at the Poudre River public library will bring to our community.

The Fort Collins community is currently facing a broad array of challenges. The recent change in the economy has affected the economic level of many of our residence, which in turn has created various challenges for the community and our organization. Approximately 91% of the families we serve live below the area median income level, and 37% live below the federal poverty level. With unemployment rates rising, enrollment rates at The Family Center/ La Familia (TFC) have declined over the past year. Since ongoing enrollment in our pre-school generates a significant percentage of our revenue, the decrease in enrollment has significantly decreased our revenue stream, thus decreased the quality of the programs and education that we strive to provide. This happens to coincide with the time that our target population- low-income, at-risk families with children under the age of 18 and non-English speaking families- need our support and services the most.

The Family Center/La Familia is a high-quality, bilingual education center that provides support, education, and information to all families who desire to improve the quality of their lives. The Family Center seeks to strengthen and stabilize low-income, at-risk families and non-English speaking families through the provision of support services, coordination and collaboration with other service providers. With a decrease in funding, these services are at risk of being lost. Currently, TFC has 5 refurbished computers for our after school program. With very few programs installed on them, they do not offer much more than to serve as a "typewriter" for our school ages children. If TFC were to collaborate with our local library, we could offer many services to our target population. With the support of a mobile technology library we could offer help and support for people wishing to do a job search, fill out job application, communicate free of charge to family members in other countries. We could help students work on research papers or simply gather information on topics of interest to them.

TFC would like to provide a "place" to set up the computers and be accessed by our targeted population during non business hours. The location of our center is on the north end of town, far from any library or center with free computers. It would allow an entire population of citizens access to the internet that may otherwise not be allowed the opportunity due to transportation constraints or working hours. This would ultimately result in raising the awareness and education levels of these citizens. By simply giving them access to the World Wide Web, providing them with user-friendly tools to maximize the use of the technology and the amount of information that is available to them, expands their knowledge exponentially.

The Family Center/ La Familia is very excited to partner with our local library to provide technology to families who otherwise may never have access to it. Working with The Poudre River public library, a library participating in the Colorado State Library proposal, we hope we are awarded these funds because of the significant impact on both our community and others throughout Colorado.

The Family Center/ La Familia appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Margarita Samelson

Program supervisor, Board of Directors
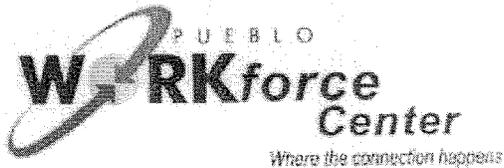
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February 23, 2010
Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

The Pueblo Workforce Center is writing this letter in support of the effort to secure funds for the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am particularly excited about the benefits the mobile computer labs and presentation equipment will bring to our community..

Pueblo is definitely feeling the affect of the recession. People have lost jobs in our community and many discouraged job seekers simply can't find a job at all. 7,557 households out of 41,785 in the city of Pueblo get food stamps. In 20% of those households there was no worker in the past 12 months (Census, 2008). Their computer skills are poor, or nonexistent, some cannot read well enough to find work (the graduation rate in District 60 is only 68%, so 32% are not graduating here.) Most have no access to up-to-date computers at home, so they must come to the library or to us, to search for work, create applications, apply for unemployment benefits, all those things people who can afford home computers and the Internet take for granted. Others may not speak English well (16% of families speak a language other than English at home, Census, 2008), have disabilities or learning problems, need to complete a GED or become a US citizen before they are employable.

The Libraries have been working with us to address the needs of the unemployed or underemployed for quite some time. In fact the Pueblo Chieftain wrote an article about our partnership subtitled "The local library and Pueblo Workforce agency have made it easier to look for a job" (4/24/08). A Workforce regional director, visiting Pueblo, called the partnership a "model" for other libraries and Workforce centers around the state. Basically, we treat the library as a "branch" for our clients that is open when we are not, chiefly evenings and weekends. We supply weekly job listings and information on our programs and the library supplies public access computers, links to our office and job sites on their Webpage, and librarians who provide "Find Work @ Your Library" tours.

With the new labs, we could perhaps expand our partnership. Classes that are taught here at our building could be repeated at the libraries, for instance. With these mobile computing labs, the partnering prospects between us are greatly improved. I should note that the libraries have partnered with our sister agencies for years. TANF recipients met in the library for over a year when their building was damaged. Rocky Mountain SER teens have helped out in their Teen Central area repeatedly and thus been given a job and job training. Clearly supporting our libraries is supporting the people of Pueblo, and we are ready to help, by working with the libraries. Last year almost 1,000,000 people visited the library. Many of them are our clients.

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Sincerely,

John Martinez,
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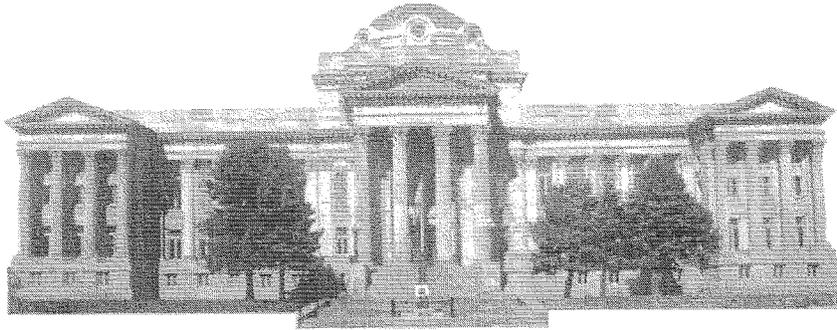
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BOARD OF PUEBLO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 25, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
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Denver, CO 80203

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Commissioner

February 23, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

I am Joe Mahoney, the Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pueblo. On behalf of my organization, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am particularly excited about the benefits the mobile computer labs and presentation equipment will bring to our community, greatly enhancing computing and Internet access at the Rawlings and Barkman branches of the Pueblo City-County Library District, as well as that of partnering organizations throughout Pueblo.

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Sincerely,

Joe Mahoney

Executive Director

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Center For Disabilities

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

Dear BTOP Proposal Reviewer,

This is a letter of support for the Colorado State Library's grant proposal for Public Computing Centers in Colorado libraries.

The Colorado State Library (CSL) grant proposal includes the acquisition of ADA public work stations at each participating library. This inclusion of hardware and software to meet the needs of the blind, vision impaired and physically disabled is vital to serving the needs of this large and often underserved population.

Our agency, The Center for Disabilities provides training and support for those with disabilities in Colorado. The addition of ADA work stations in public libraries will greatly augment the services and training we provide to our clientele. It is of particular value in outlying and rural communities where Information Access is severely limited for most of our consumers.

The Center has also identified the need for such ADA work stations in our analysis of the small communities we serve. One of the training opportunities we offer is an Introduction to MS Word, Internet and email for our visually impaired consumers. The application of these grant funds by CSL would be invaluable as a support for us in our mission of Independent Living for persons with disabilities.

The Center for Disabilities has reviewed and provided input into the components of these work stations that the CSL intends to place in the libraries.

We believe the specific components are standard solutions which would meet the needs of many Colorado's residents with disabilities. Because many of our consumers are unable to afford computers, the addition

equipment and assistive software at home, we look forward to sending them to the public library as an option during and after their work with us.

Having these ADA workstations will significantly increase the libraries' ability to provide the ADA community with both informal access to computers and the Intranet as well as with the formal training and computer support which is also a part of this grant application.

We offer our solid support for, and belief in the success of this proposal. This is an excellent forum for collaborative efforts of like-minded service agencies and organizations. It is the opportunity for interagency support in quality and quantity of service delivery.

The Center for Disabilities facilitates 7 Outreach support groups in SE Colorado; currently meeting the needs of approximately 100 consumers through these groups' activities and services. We are always seeking means for providing maximum service through partnering with other agencies and organizations.

We are enthusiastic and dedicated in our support of the Colorado State Library in seeking these funds for ADA workstations in the public libraries.

Thank you,

Deborah Houchin: Case Manager/OIB Specialist

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OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

February 25, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

We, the City Council Members of Pueblo, Colorado, are writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. We are particularly excited about the benefits the mobile computer labs and presentation equipment will bring to our community, greatly enhancing computing and Internet access at the Rawlings and Barkman branches of the Pueblo City-County Library District, as well as that of partnering organizations throughout Pueblo.

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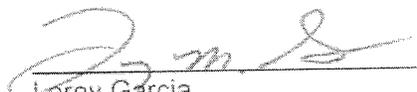
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February 26, 2010
Mr. Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax, Denver Co, 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

The mission of the El Pueblo Learning & Technology Services through our Public Computer Centers is to assist low income and disadvantaged citizens by helping them to achieve financial self-sufficiency and educational goals. Our center assists those in need through offering Educational and Career programs such as GED, High School Diplomas, Job Training and Personal Development services. These programs cannot be accomplished without new computer technology, software and broadband access. We often network with organizations that provide these types of services, especially our local library district.

This is a base for many clients who need to gain access to these technologies in order to complete their goals of self-sufficiency through technology. As our local community gains more access to these resources we expand the services we can offer especially, to those most at risk and economically disadvantaged. It is in this capacity that we pledge our support to the Pueblo Library in the hope that they receive some of the economic stimulus money allotted by the current administration. The El Pueblo Learning & Technology Services supports this BTOP Grant proposal for funding. As a partner in this new endeavor we have the opportunity to reach many thousands of Puebloans who do not have access to Broadband Technology through computer centers, mobile labs and other technology based resources. If we are going to compete in a global economy we have to ensure that all of our citizens have access to the latest technology available.

This grant gives our local Library the ability to reach out to many who currently do have these most important assets. Recognizing that programs alone cannot solve all problems, this BTOP Grant brings together our agency with other partners to address community needs. Thank you in advance for your careful consideration of this proposal. Pueblo is a community where collaborations are important and approval of this grant will make a significant impact in our serving those in need.

Respectfully,

Will Carrero
Project Director,
El Pueblo Learning & Technology Services Inc.
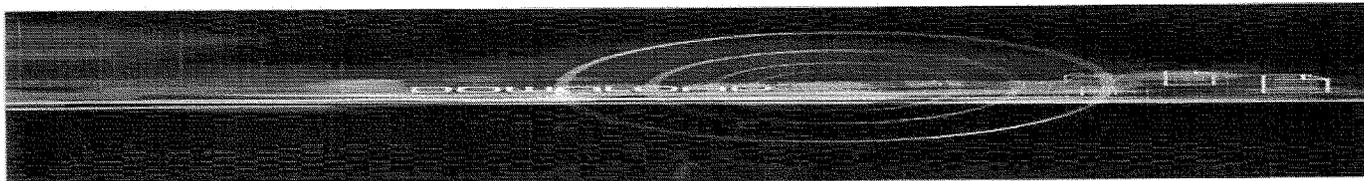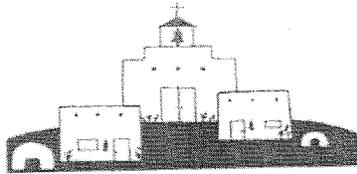
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February 27, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
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Dear Mr. Hainer:

I am Rita Morales, the president of the Fray Angelico Chavez Chapter (FACC) of the Genealogical society of Hispanic America (GSHA). On behalf of my organization, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am particularly excited about the benefits the mobile computer labs and presentation equipment will bring to our community, greatly enhancing computing and Internet access at the Rawlings and Barkman branches of the Pueblo City-County Library District, as well as that of partnering organizations throughout Pueblo.

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Sincerely,

Rita Morales
President

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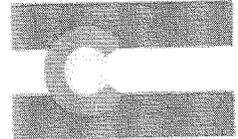
March 1, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

I am Phyllis M. Duran, President of LULAC Council 3043, in Pueblo, Colorado. On behalf of my organization, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am particularly excited about the benefits the mobile computer labs and presentation equipment will bring to our community, greatly enhancing computing and Internet access at the Rawlings and Barkman branches of the Pueblo City-County Library District, as well as that of partnering organizations throughout Pueblo.

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March 2, 2010

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pueblo Community College's (PCC) serves an area that encompasses the Colorado counties of Pueblo, Fremont, Custer, Montezuma, Dolores, La Plata, Archuleta, and San Juan. These eight counties are in a service area with a predominately low population, (2008 figures for : Archuleta 12,684; Dolores 1,986; La Plata 50,482; Montezuma 25,384; San Juan 552; Fremont 47, 283; Custer 3,999; and Pueblo 156,737) and four cities of considerable size: Pueblo, Durango, Canon City, and Cortez. U. S. Census Bureau State & County Quick Facts, accessed 1 February 2010, indicate smaller population areas can mean lower per capita income. This is the case in these counties. For some counties the population is 2.4 persons per square mile. As a result, most of the 17 libraries are unable to provide robust computer access for their citizens (see Attachment 1). These Colorado counties have demographics that include high percentages of high school drop outs, low income residents, and minority populations.

All future college students living in rural areas need access to up-to-date information to make informed decisions regarding which institutions of higher education to attend, what courses of study are available, and types of classes offered online, through hybrid formats require in-class attendance. Rural citizens need internet access to apply for college, have web based advising sessions, and even register for classes. Financial Aid and scholarship applications are online and require reliable high speed internet connectivity. In addition to the pre-college internet services and necessary for a student to apply and register for college classes, rural county students also need reliable high speed access to online and hybrid courses. PCC online courses require students to access online instruction, view video clips, use online chat rooms, take online exams, and use other high tech supplements. Student retention in distance education classes can be positively impacted with student engagement through use of wikis, blogs, podcasts, and social networking sites. Students benefit from interactive experiences that simulate real-world situations. These technologies mirror the in-class experiences and would give rural students the same educational advantage. Broadband access is important in student use of many online course supplements. Rural college students are at a disadvantage without this access.

PCC students need access to the state data bases offered through PCC and their state and local libraries. The Colorado State Library (CSL) plan would address this access. PCC students who have computers and high speed internet services at home would have a back-up learning environment at local public libraries if their computers and/or internet services went down. This access would allow people to complete online employment applications, apply for Colorado government resources and services, create digitally

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based resumes, and access Colorado employee web-based insurance applications and other internet exclusive access. In addition to the Pueblo Metropolitan Statistical area, PCC also serves:

- Southwest Colorado Community College (a division of Pueblo Community College) serves a five-county region in the Four Corners area with more than ten separate cities and towns. The reality is that the small branch campuses in the region cannot handle the access needs of students alone. SCCC relies on the public libraries throughout the region to offer students an option for internet access for education. For example, the computer labs at the East Campus in Durango has only 24 computers available for student use, yet over 450 students are enrolled at that location. There is no space in the facility to add another lab even if the machines were available. In addition, utilizing the computers at public libraries throughout the region can save students significant amounts of driving time, as many students must travel more than an hour to reach one of the PCC campuses. Most area towns have small public libraries that offer services to local residents, and in some cases, these libraries are one of the few connections to places beyond the immediate community. For example, Silverton Public Library serves a population of 548 residents in the remote town; however, the annual circulation of materials is approximately 36,000 items, or approximately 65 items per resident per year. In this location, internet accesses to education maybe the only option for students during a significant portion of the year.

- PCC's Fremont Campus serves a two-county region in which Canon City is the largest municipality. Part of PCC's mission, specifically through outreach at our branch campuses, is to provide access to higher education opportunities to underserved populations. The Fremont Campus currently serves about 800 students. Although the campus is located in Canon City, many of the students reside in rural, non-incorporated areas or small town, which do not have public library computer labs.

For these reasons, PCC fully supports the CSL Plan to increase accessibility and Bandwidth to rural public libraries. Increased access to broadband internet in remote rural areas would help to better serve PCC students and will help provide increased access to education as many services, courses, and programs are increasingly available through the internet. Addition of mobile computer labs would be especially useful to the communities that PCC serves, reducing hours of driving (one gravel mountainous roads) for many individuals accessing computer labs at campuses, or the public libraries.

Collaborations have a strong place in the communities PCC serves. We know that working together allows for a better use of resources versus doing it alone. PCC supports this effort to reduce the digital divide that occurs in rural areas of Colorado and in our service area counties.

Sincerely,

Cliff Richardson, Interim President
Pueblo Community College

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February 25, 2010
Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
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Dear Mr. Hainer:

I am Caroline Parra, the Director of the Southern Colorado Small Business Development Center (SCSBDC). I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am particularly excited about the benefits the mobile computer labs and presentation equipment will bring to our community, greatly enhancing computing and Internet access at the Rawlings and Barkman branches of the Pueblo City-County Library District, as well as that of partnering organizations throughout Pueblo.

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Sincerely,

Caroline Parra
Southern Colorado SBDC Director

March 1, 2010

Eugene Hainer
Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
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Dear Mr. Hainer,

I am writing to express to you Commerce City's support of the expansion of computing capabilities for the Commerce City Library, a branch of the Rangeview Library District (RLD). As well as our enthusiasm in the prospect of RLD's participation in the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program which will almost double the computing capacity for the Commerce City branch of the Library.

The Commerce City Library is a key asset in our community providing access to public computers, computer training, assistance in job searches, as well as support for families and children among other invaluable services. The Commerce City Library provided computers for over forty-seven thousand people in 2009, which is nearly a 100% increase in computer use from 2008. With the additional twelve laptops requested for the library through this grant, RLD will be able to meet the increase in demand by expanding computer access for our community.

In addition, RLD is currently undergoing a renovation, which we believe will add value to our City as a key urban development project. In order to maintain continuity of access to library services during the renovation, the City of Commerce City is partnering with RLD to ensure transitional library services from the City's Derby Resource Center. This partnership is based on the principle that our citizens depend upon access to computers that the library provides. And, a large portion of our population has no other access to public computing for information, job search, and electronic communication.

In short, we are thrilled to continue to partner with RLD in improving the lives of Commerce City residents; and fully support their application to the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. Please do no hesitate to contact me should be further assistance in securing an award for RDL.

With Deepest Regards,

Paul Natale
Mayor

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March 2, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
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Dear Mr. Hainer,

As Larimer County Commissioners, we are writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. We are particularly excited about the enhanced computing, Internet access and capability this grant program will offer to Red Feather Lakes Community Library and the Red Feather Lakes residents.

It is our understanding that if these funds are awarded to the Red Feather Lakes Community Library, the extra computers, equipment, support and training provided will increase public computer access for area residents. This grant will also allow the Red Feather Lakes Community Library to have a fully compliant ADA computer station, along with computer screen magnification for low vision patrons.

The Red Feather Lakes Community Library is in an ideal location to be the information and technology hub for the Red Feather Lakes area. It also plans to work in close partnership with Red Feather Lakes Elementary School, Red Feather Medical Clinic and Red Feather Volunteer Fire Department to meet the needs of its residents.

The program will have a significant impact on Red Feather Lakes and the surrounding area. The Larimer County Commissioners on behalf of Red Feather Lakes appreciate the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Steve Johnson
Chair

Tom Donnelly
Commissioner

Lew Gaiter III
Commissioner

Red Feather Lakes Fire Protection District

February 25, 2010

Re: Red Feather Lakes Library grant request

I am writing this in support of the Red Feather Lakes Library's endeavor to increase the scope of their computer facilities for our community. As an officer and a fire fighter in the volunteer Fire Department here in Red Feather, I am very much aware of the impact that this increased connectivity could bring to operations and training in an isolated rural community such as ours.

Their expanded computer lab could help us improve our training programs by allowing our Department better access to online webinars & training programs. We currently use a State approved interactive computer program to train our new fire fighters in the S130, S190 curriculum and have occasionally run into problems with individuals having limited or no access to computers. The library's new facilities could eliminate that problem.

It could also be of benefit during area emergencies. Red Feather Lake's Community Wildfire Protection Plan designates the village area as a potential Command Center and as such would need to provide facilities for local, County, State and Federal inter-agency communications. The increased computer access could be a huge asset in such a situation.

It is our opinion that an expansion of the Public Computer Center at the Red Feather Lakes Library will not only support the informational & education needs of our little community, but it's emergency preparedness as well.

Sincerely,

Steve Robinson
Chief
Red Feather Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

March 1, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO. 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer,

As a physician with Miramont Family Medicine of Red Feather Lakes, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am particularly excited about the enhanced computing and Internet access and capability this grant program will offer to Red Feather Lakes Community Library and the Red Feather Lakes residents.

It is my understanding that if these funds are awarded to the Red Feather Lakes Community Library, the extra computers, equipment, support and training provided will increase public computer access for area residents. This grant will also allow the Red Feather Lakes Community Library to have a fully compliant ADA computer station, along with computer screen magnification for low vision patrons, which is a great aid to many of our patients. A mobile laptop lab that can be used at the library or at individual agencies, such as the medical clinic, is another valuable portion of this grant that will benefit our area residents. Since Red Feather Lakes is a rural mountain village, it would be a great advantage to our patients to have access to accurate and reliable medical research and information that this grant opportunity will provide with improved public access computers for our local, public library.

I hope that the Red Feather Lakes Community Library is awarded these funds since it will have such a significant impact on Red Feather Lakes and the surrounding area. The Miramont Family Medicine of Red Feather Lakes appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

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February 26, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
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Dear Mr. Hainer,

As chairperson of the Red Feather Lakes Planning Advisory Committee (PAC), I am writing in support
of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology
Opportunities Program. I am particularly excited about the enhanced computing and Internet access
and capability this grant program will offer to Red Feather Lakes Community Library and the Red
Feather Lakes residents.

The Red Feather Lakes PAC was established and appointed by the Larimer County Commissioners to
provide a community forum and communication link to the Commissioners to promote the well being
and vitality of the Red Feather Lakes community. As chairperson of the Red Feather Lakes PAC, it is
my understanding that if these funds are awarded to the Red Feather Lakes Community Library, the
extra computers, equipment, support and training provided will increase public computer access for
area residents. This grant will also allow the Red Feather Lakes Community Library to have a fully
compliant ADA computer station, along with computer screen magnification for low vision patrons. A
mobile laptop lab that can be used at the library or at individual agencies and locations is another
valuable portion of this grant that will benefit our area residents.

Red Feather Lakes is an unincorporated village located approximately 45 miles northwest of Fort
Collins. The village is a geographically isolated, rural mountain community adjacent to Roosevelt
National Forest. Red Feather Lakes and the surrounding area has a number of businesses, restaurants,
real estate companies, a volunteer fire department, a part-time medical clinic, residential areas and a
small public library. The Red Feather Lakes Community Library is in a central, ideal location to meet
the technical and informational needs of the residents of Red Feather Lakes. The library also plans to
work in close partnership with Red Feather Lakes Elementary School, Red Feather Medical Clinic and
Red Feather Volunteer Fire Department.

I hope that the Red Feather Lakes Community Library is awarded these funds since it will have such a
significant impact on Red Feather Lakes and the surrounding area. The Red Feather Lakes Planning
Advisory Committee on behalf of Red Feather Lakes appreciates the Colorado State Library's
submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of
this application.

Sincerely,

Ted Carter, Chairperson
Red Feather Lakes Planning Advisory Committee

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DISTRICT

Judy Viola
Red Feather Lakes Community Library
Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter of support for the Red Feather Lakes Community Library to secure funding for new technology and training.

For a local school to be successful it must have the support of its local library. We are very fortunate to have that support in Red Feather Lakes. If the library were to receive this grant it would open many more wonderful opportunities not only for our families but other community members as well. As we prepare students for the 21st century with the skills and knowledge to be successful, it is paramount that the library be able to support this endeavor. With the possibility of Red Feather Lakes Library obtaining new technology and support many more pathways can be reached by our families in the pursuit of learning and education. We could have a very powerful partnership in the community to support everyone and their learning.

The Red Feather Lakes library has always been a valued commodity in the area. With this opportunity on the horizon it can truly become a leader in the community with these new advancements in technology and training. It is my hope that your committee will strongly consider Red Feather Lakes Community Library for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kind
Red Feather Lakes Elementary Principal

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
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Dear Mr. Hainer:

I am the owner of Chris' Computer Connection here in Rocky Ford, Colorado. On behalf
of my business, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public
Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opporunities Program. I am
particularly exicted about the benefits, such as the computing systems for the blind
and audio impaired, that would provide an enhanced computing and internet experience
at the Rocky Ford Library.

Many of our citizens struggle with finanical needs as well as those with physical
disabilties. These financial barriers make it incredibly difficult for those with
physcial impairments to gain access to websites that could help them with their
daily needs. During the recent economic decline, transporation between Rocky Ford
and La Junta, where the Community College and Hosptial are located, was terminated.
This has left many of our citizens, including the elderly, without access to thes
resources these facilities provide.

Our goal at Computer Connection is to help bring people closer to these technoligies
in whatever way possible. I have had several customers with physical and mental
impairments utilize various resources that I can help provide to them, such as voice
recognition software, web cameras for sign language and track ball mice for those
without full hand mobility.

Today's vision of a Public Library has dramatically changed throughout the years,
but unfortunately in small communites they often fall years behind larger cities in
the ways of technology. We hope we can help all of our citizens, those with and
without disabilities, gain access to information such as health information,
employment opportunities, higher education and unlimited information resources.

Working with the Rocky Ford Public Library, a library participating in the Colorado
State Library Proposal, we hope we are awarded these funds because of the
significant impact on both our community and others throughout Colorado. We
appreciate your time and attention in this matter involving our friends and
neighbors in Rocky Ford and would hope you would consider this application.

Sincerly,

Chris Williams
Owner, Chris' Computer Connection

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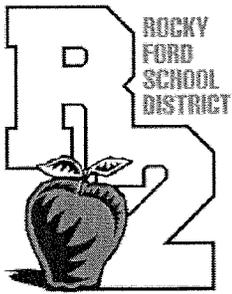
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Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
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Dear Mr. Hainer:

I am the superintendent of the Rocky Ford School District. On behalf of my organization, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am particularly excited about the benefits that enhanced computing and Internet access at the Rocky Ford Public Library will bring to our community.

Our community is challenged due to the low socio-economic status of many families, 75% of our students qualify for free or reduced lunches. The District's assessed valuation is also low, making it difficult to pass a mill levy override or a bond issue. This, naturally, applies to the City of Rocky Ford as well.

Our goal is to educate all students so they can be successful in whatever post secondary experience they choose. Recently, the District received Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds which we used to purchase technology equipment for our classrooms and teachers. This will enable students to be better prepared.

Students still will benefit from having access to computers outside of school hours. Thus, if the local library is better equipped, our students could complete homework assignments and research using the libraries' computers. Many students already take advantage of the computers at the public library.

Working with Rocky Ford Public Library, a library participating in the Colorado State Library proposal, we hope we are awarded these funds because of the significant impact on both our community and others throughout Colorado.

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The Rocky Ford School District appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

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Nancy Aschermann

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February 24, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

I am writing to express my support of The Rocky Ford library grant application of the Colorado State Library Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.

I believe that in coordination with Colorado Workforce staff, the funding of this grant, and working with other community partners, this will create a unique opportunity to provide capacity-building resources that will strengthen the local workforce. I am particularly excited about the benefits in our rural area, such as the ability to enhance computing and internet access that the Rocky Ford Library will bring to our community for job seekers as they explore educational opportunities and continue their job search activities. In addition, ADA Compliant work stations will be made available to support those who are blind, visually impaired, or have other challenges to using standard public computer stations.

Recently, The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment partnered with Microsoft to issue vouchers for Microsoft applications for Business Professionals and IT Professions, these vouchers are issued by the local Workforce Centers and can be accessed through any internet connection.

With the decline of resources available in rural underserved communities, opportunities such as this are imperative for us to thrive. I fully support The Rocky Ford Library grant application of the Broadband and Technology Opportunities to provide services directly to Southeast Colorado.

The Rocky Ford Library's plan for grant funding includes providing new computers and equipment to provide an additional resource to community members with their job searching, and to provide educational support for special needs population in a rural area.

My office has partnered with The Rocky Ford Library on numerous projects in the past and has been impressed by their success in being able to support the community. I strongly urge you to consider funding Rocky Ford Library's grant request.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Betty Velasquez, Region Director
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March 2, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
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Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer,

I am the Executive Director at Tri-County Family Care Center. On behalf of my organization, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am particularly excited about the benefits the enhanced computing and Internet access the Rocky Ford Public Library will bring to our area. This would include having laptops on hand to use with 1-on-1 budgeting, job searches, access to reliable health care and educational support. The library will also become ADA compliant.

Description of Community Needs:
Our main focus is on low income families, single & teen parents, and other at-risk families. As indicated by the statistics available, our rural area is economically disadvantaged.
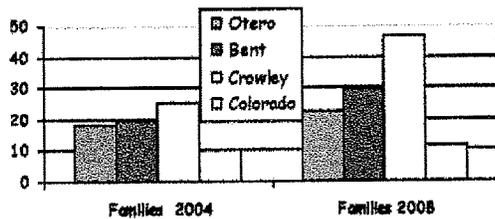
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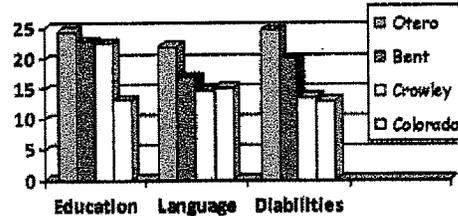
Census shows the percent of those with no diploma,
persons who speak other than English at home
and those over 5 years with a disability

How we address needs:
We offer the "Wants vs Needs, Making the Right Choice" class to clients we assist with utilities, rent, etc. Helping clients with budgeting is much easier on a computer. We can have the form set and they can use it each payday to keep their budget on track, using a jump drive. Many of our clients do not own or have access to a computer. Having computers at a central location will give them the chance to stay on track. Also possibly having mini classes about different software would be beneficial.

The Community Hub:
Many in the community use the few computers at the library. If there were more computers, we could do more intense budgeting with several families at once. Being able to check personal e-mail for job notifications would possibly help with the unemployment problem. The computers will give the community a quick and easy way to find up-to-date facts about health; give students the opportunity to get homework finished on time; and the community to become more computer literate.
We would like to see mini-classes on MS Word, Excel, using the Internet safely, etc. Tri-County Family Care Center would help to set up the trainings and find presenters for classes, as needed.

The Rocky Ford Public Library is participating in the Colorado State Library proposal. We hope they are awarded these funds, because of the significant impact on both our community and others, throughout Colorado.

Tri-County Family Care Center, Inc. appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunication and Information Administration's consideration of the application.

Sincerely,

Sarah Dillon
Executive Director

March 2, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E Colfax Ave
Denver CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer,

I am the Manager of the Silverton Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center. On behalf of the Chamber Board of Directors, I write to you in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. Having additional computers and software at the Silverton Public Library would be an important contribution to our small, isolated community in Silverton.

Many members of the Silverton community find themselves unable to have their own internet access, yet have the need to communicate via this medium. Most have only seasonal employment and need the internet not only during their unemployment, but year-round. I address this from my own recent experience of unemployment. I was most grateful to be able to use the library during that time. I know others are grateful as well.

The Chamber receives requests for both employment and housing needs. The library is a referral for these needs.

Knowing already the importance of the library for computer needs in the community, we wholeheartedly support upgrading the computers for those needing to use them. We are blessed to have Jackie Kerwin as our librarian, given her ongoing assistance to the community. I can personally attest to all she has done to make sure all of us have access to the internet.

The Chamber hopes that the Silverton Library is awarded the requested funds to help our community. Thank you for making this submission to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

Sincerely,

Rose Raab
Manager

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March 2, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer,

I am a citizen of Silverton, Colorado, and a patron our excellent Silverton Public Library. On behalf of the general citizenry of our small town, I encourage you to support the Library's request for funding fin the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. We are pleased to have the opportunity to enhance computing and Internet access locally in our own library.

As an isolated community located deep in the San Juan Mountains, the citizenry is physically cut off from information and opportunities available elsewhere in the state and nation. Presently, the School offers the only technology network in the community (outdated T1 frame relay from QWEST). It is estimated that only 25% of the resident population may have access to computers.

Centrally located within the community, our Library is now a natural gathering spot for education, social, and cultural networking. The addition of expanded technology equipment and access will greatly increase the utilization of the Library as the one stop shop or hub for innovation/technology for all ages. The new computers/equipment proposed for the Library will enhance job searches, health investigations, government information, distance learning, and research in general.

I appreciate your consideration of this application to assist a small, mountain community currently underserved in the technological realm. A positive award will provide a tremendous impact to the quality of life, education, and general well-being of this citizenry.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan R. Morris
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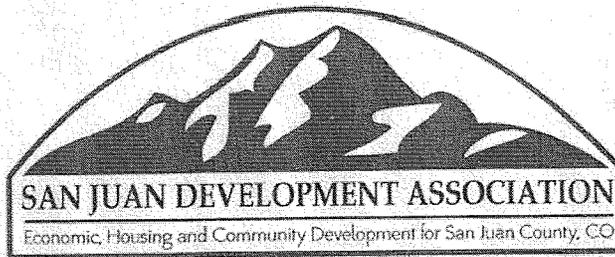
March 2, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr Hainer:

I am the Executive Director of the San Juan Development Association, San Juan County's economic development organization. On behalf of my organization, I am writing in support of the Colorado Public Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am excited about the benefits enhanced computing and Internet access will bring to the Silverton community through the Silverton Public Library.

San Juan County is among the smallest and poorest communities in the State, and because many families do not have a computer or Internet access at home, the Silverton Public Library's computers are greatly utilized. As a result, the Silverton Public Library is already a very important community hub.

In my role as an economic developer, we frequently refer clients to the Silverton Public Library for the computing resources they need to draft business plans, do market research, and complete tasks needed in order to apply for loans through our organization. However, the Library's computing resources are several years old, are too few to meet demand. Our clients and other community members would be able to work much more efficiently and with less frustration with access to newer and more computers that this grant will provide.

The San Juan Development Association appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Buck, M.L.S.
Executive Director

San Juan Development Association
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March 4, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203
Re: Silverton Public Library NTIA Grant

Dear Mr. Hainer,

I am writing you on behalf of the Town of Silverton in support of our public library's pursuit of grant funding under the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program in order to upgrade its increasingly insufficient and outdated Computer Center resources.

As a community with a strong entrepreneurial spirit and high ambitions for itself – but technologically and geographically isolated in many ways – the community benefits served by our Town's only full-time public IT facility cannot be overstated.   Though the library is blessed with excellent T-1 and wireless connectivity, both the software and hardware resources that utilize these connections are in significant need of expansion and improvement in order to realize the facility's full potential.

The library itself is an extraordinary public space that is utilized not only by our year-round populace, but also by the droves of visitors and seasonal residents we receive, mostly in summer months. The demand on the library's computer services during these months has now outpaced the capacity it offers and it thus finds itself unable to meet the needs of those that rely on this public resource for purposes including, but not limited to, maintaining their small businesses, exploring and making use of educational and grant opportunities, and employment seeking.

The infusion of a mere $10,100 into this vital resource in our small but eager community would help us to realize benefits down the road that far exceed this modest investment. As such, I again wish to express my enthusiastic support for Silverton Public Library's role in this exciting grant opportunity and invite you to follow up with me on our community's needs at any time if you wish. Otherwise, I thank you for your support and look forward to what I hope will be a successful application.

Most Sincerely,

Jason S. Wells, Town Administrator
Town of Silverton

COMMUNITY OF CARING FOUNDATION

March 2, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

I am the coordinator of the Aspen Mine Center. On behalf of my organization, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am particularly delighted about the benefits which may come from this grant opportunity such as: enhanced computing and Internet access, equipment, and technical support to the libraries in our area. The program can bring immediate benefits to our students and their families by bringing about improved technological services to our community, increasing the role of the library in the economic development of the area, and in creating renewed partnerships between the library and other community organizations.

Our Community Needs

Teller County is rural, with 61% of its population residing in unincorporated areas, and 89% of county-maintained roads remaining unpaved. The Census Bureau estimates showed that the population of Teller County increased 6.6% from 2000 to 2005 and, according to 2006 estimates, is currently 22,836. Of that population, 5,181 are age 0-18, Ten percent of which live at or below the federal poverty level (FPL). Of the total population, 7.6% live at or below FPL and 19.2 % live at or below 200% of FPL. Teller County's unemployment rate has increased from 3.6% in December 2006 to 9.1% in December 2009, well above the state rate of 7.5 %. The average wage for the county is $14.10 per hour or $29,328 annually, which is less than 150% of the federal poverty level for a family of four ($30,975). This is significantly lower than the state average wage of $44,616.

The 1992 introduction of limited stakes gaming to Cripple Creek brought a new set of challenges to the area. One major impact is the increase in school size from 312 in 1990 to 513 in 2007. At Cripple Creek-Victor Schools, 54% of all students qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch program.

About Us

In 2002, the Community of Caring Foundation, a Colorado tax exempt nonprofit incorporated in 1998, opened the doors of the Aspen Mine Center to provide a "one-stop resource shop" for residents of southern Teller County and the surrounding area. The AMC now houses over two dozen nonprofit service organizations, either full or part time, along with a number of others who pop in from time to time, often on the Commodities Day, the last Friday of each month, when the place is really jumping with people and activities.

Aspen Mine Center Programs-Education

Our first major program, run in conjunction with the Cripple Creek-Victor School District, is the Mountain Alternative School, an alternative school program which is operated within RE-1 and physically across the street from the high school in its own building and with its own director. The alternative school has made graduation possible for a number of students who otherwise would have simply dropped out forever. It has a high success rate.

A second off-site program is the Summer Enrichment for Kids, also a collaborative venture, this time working with Cripple Creek Parks & Recreation. The Parks & Recreation building is located next door to the Aspen Mine Center.

A third program, a GED program put on by Community Partnership out of Divide, Colo., which has been provided in prior years at the Aspen Mine Center, was reinstated here in February 2009. By May, it already had three graduates receiving their diplomas. Community Partnership has a weekday morning GED program running in Divide. The Aspen Mine Center program operates weekday evenings, Tuesday through Thursday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The program centers primarily on one-on-one teaching until students graduate. Child care is provided on-site.

Employment

Employment assistance to help young people and those reentering the work force is based on the Pikes Peak Workforce Center facility upstairs at the Aspen Mine Center. The Workforce Center staffed five days a week.

Job Fairs have been held at the Aspen Mine Center for casinos and local businesses seeking employees. Job fairs, for local employers, have been held at least semi-annually and perhaps quarterly.

Commodities Assistance

The last Friday of each month, the Aspen Mine Center hosts COMMODITIES DAY, run entirely by volunteers. There are 100 families, 200 to 300 individuals including seniors

and low-income individuals served each month through the program, with food from the federal government and Care and Share.

Technology Uses at the Aspen Mine Center

The Aspen Mine Center provides computers for resume creation, computer use for accessing the various Colorado jobs banks, applying for unemployment compensation, and the posting of local employment opportunities. Even a self-guided typing course is available. Each of these activities promotes our goal of help for children, young people, seniors and the needy; those with challenges physically, mentally or emotionally; pregnant moms and their infants; the unemployed; those living below the poverty level, which is a high percentage in southern Teller County; and those in transition of any kind.

Enhanced Computer Capabilities at the Library

Many local residents connect to family and friends by use of the computers available at our local libraries. Information is easily obtainable with the aid of a computer. The local libraries provide Internet, database use, word processing, and information services free of charge to both residents and non-residents. Many of the visitors from larger cities have expressed a wish for wireless connectivity within the library. It is evident that if more computers, a wireless network, or the availability of laptop systems were available for public use, these would be quickly utilized. Benefits for our local community would include: easier access to employment opportunities, improved access to online classes, and improved health awareness.

Partnering with Local Libraries

The Aspen Mine maintains partnerships with Community Partnership, Peak Vista Community Health Center, Pikes Peak Mental Health Center, Pikes Peak Workforce Center, Salvation Army, Teller County Social Services, and Teller County Public Health. Our local libraries

provide computers for conducting job searches, filing unemployment claims, beginning and completing online high school and college courses. Franklin Ferguson Memorial Library offers adults beginning and advanced computer classes, Internet basics, and e-mail free of charge. A partnership with the libraries of our community is a very possible since both our organizations were established to serve the needs of community members.

Measuring Impact and Evaluation

The libraries within our district are accountable to the community, state and federal government for budgetary information. The evaluation process would be data driven using information compiled both before and after the addition of the new technologies. Additionally, student use as well as community use can be evaluated based class signups, individual student sign in, and daily patron computer use counts. Data on computer usage

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is currently collected by the library staff for the Colorado State Library Resource Service for both the public and school annual surveys. Evaluative measures would include, but not be limited to, the effect of improved student performance; possible improvement in CSAP scores.

Working with Victor Public Library, a library participating in the Colorado State Library proposal, we hope we are awarded these funds because of the significant impact on both our community and others throughout Colorado.

The Aspen Mine Center appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Ted Borden
Aspen Mine Center Coordinator

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Cripple Creek-Victor School District RE-1

March 1, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

Dear Mr. Hainer:

The Southern Teller County Library District made up of Franklin Ferguson and Victor Public Libraries is seeking funding through the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program to provide broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment, and support to the libraries in our area. The program can bring immediate benefits to our students and their families by bringing about improved technological services to our community, increasing the role of the library in the economic development of the area, and in creating new partnerships between the library and other community organizations.

History and Community Needs

Established on May 9, 1898, the Cripple Creek-Victor School District has a rich history spanning over 100 years. The first high school class from Cripple Creek High School graduated in 1897 and from the Victor High School in 1898. At its peak in 1903, the district had 19 schools with 120 teachers and an enrollment of 3,849 pupils. America's entry into World War I marked the beginning of the decline for the Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mining District as well as for the School District. Despite a brief rebound in the early 1930s, the communities could not recover to their former glory days, and in 1954 the remaining schools combined. The elementary school for the district was located in Victor and the junior/senior high school was located in Cripple Creek. In 1975, a bond issue was passed approving the construction and equipment for a new K-12 combined school for the district.

The School District currently serves Cripple Creek, Victor and the Southwest Teller County areas with an enrollment of 454 students. Beginning with the advent of limited stakes gaming in 1991, the district experienced an increase in the transient population and in the number of at-risk students enrolling in the school. Recent economic conditions have greatly impacted the community, increasing the number of families participating in the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program. During the 2009-2010 school year, 81% of the Elementary School students, and 41.6% of the Jr/Sr High School students are participating in the program. This is indicative of the level of poverty in our community and surrounding areas.

School Solutions

A major community concern is a lack of health care and availability to obtain current health care information for Southern Teller County residents. A subcommittee of the CCV Community Advisory Committee completed a community needs assessment in preparation for the construction of a health center. Parents, students and school staff were surveyed regarding the perceived needs of the community, current resources available to meet them, and what the respondent would like to see. The most frequently cited barriers to accessing medical care were transportation and cost. In the parental surveys, 72% indicated that they did not have private health insurance, and 42% reported having problems accessing medical care for their children. 77% of parents reported that their children missed school for medical visits, while over 50% of them reported having to miss work themselves with their child's last trip to the doctor. Many parents in the Cripple Creek-Victor area work evening and night shift hours in the gaming industry. Only 1% of parents indicated that they would be unwilling to use the MHC for their children.

In student survey responses, 23% reported seeing a medical provider in the last 12 months, but it was not specified if this visit was within a medical home or was an isolated encounter. 42% indicated they utilized non-traditional/no medical home forms of health care (i.e. school nurse, school sponsored athletic physicals, and emergency centers). 40% of students reported missing school or had parents missing work to take them to a medical provider.

With preliminary planning and implementation funding from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), and a three year operating grant from the Colorado Trust, the Cripple Creek-Victor School District was able to open the Cripple Creek-Victor Mountain Health Center (MHC) at Cresson Elementary School on January 12, 2009. The MHC provides primary medical, dental and behavioral health care. This includes school and athletic physicals, well child physicals, immunizations, acute care, chronic disease maintenance (asthma, seizure care, diabetes), first aide, injury care; primary dental care; and individual, group and family counseling. Primary dental care is provided on site through Peak Vista's Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, a mobile dental facility staffed by a dentist, a hygienist, and a dental assistant.

Libraries in the area have provided medical and health databases which address basic questions of health, diet, exercise, and prescription medications.

Computers are an integral part of the Cripple Creek-Victor School District. Currently the school district uses mobile phone technologies and a Voice over IP phone system to connect classrooms with instant access to school administration, emergency personnel, and parents. Phone trees help the school district communicate non-emergencies quickly. School staff uses computers to communicate grades, assignments, and attendance questions to parents. School based E-mail notifies teachers of future student absences so that teachers can prepare assignments for students in advance. Health, behavioral, or absence issues can be dealt with quickly with rapid communication provided by school technology. Computers aid in student learning from our

online courses for high school students, databases, Internet access, word processing programs for reports, and PowerPoint presentations completed by students and staff.

Library's Use and Enhanced Computing Capabilities

Libraries are an important source in the education of our students at CCV. Our teacher/librarian instructs elementary grades three through six daily in information literacy skills, database use, as well as computer programs such as Microsoft Office. For our Jr/Sr high students, computer and research skills are customized to each assignment.

Community members use library computers to obtain information, check e-mail, pay bills, and check our library's resources. A survey conducted by Southern Teller County into its library users in 2009 confirmed library staff opinion that most of the users of the computer systems in the library were between the ages of 18 and 30. Two-thirds of all library visitors came to the library not for books but to use the computers. Our library staff believes that if we have sufficient numbers of computers available that teachers will have their students use them more often. More systems mean more usage.

Enhanced Computer Services

Improved computer services would be individual areas of the library with specific computers fulfilling specific roles. One bank of computers could be used to access the library's print and media resources, a second area could be Internet workstations, a third area for class use with Internet and database access, a smaller area of multimedia computers offering scanning, CD-ROM access, CD-R recording, DVD playback, and foreign language material support. A wireless service area could round out improved library services for the community. Each of these areas could be utilized by both students and community members for specific projects from school work to job searches to putting together a scrapbook of photographs. These computer centers would allow training areas for teacher lead assignments, local business demonstrations and instructional classes for employees. Overall, a library enhanced computer system would create reduced wait times, an increase in the number of users, and the ability for library visitors to quickly access information. Community residents would have easier access to online educational opportunities, health information, and access to local employment opportunities.

Measuring Impact and Evaluation

The district is accountable to the community, state and federal government for budgetary information. The evaluation process would be data driven using information compiled both before and after the addition of the new technologies. Additionally, student use as well as community use can be evaluated based class signups, individual student sign in, and daily patron computer use counts. Data on computer usage is currently collected by the library staff for the Colorado State Library Resource Service for both the public and school annual surveys.

Evaluative measures would include, but not be limited to, the effect of improved student performance; possible improvement in CSAP scores.

Working with both Franklin Ferguson and Victor Public Libraries, both participating in the Colorado State Library proposal, we hope we are awarded those funds because of the significant impact on both our community and others throughout Colorado,

The Cripple Creek-Victor School District appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Holmes
Superintendent of Schools

March 3, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 East Colfax Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

I am writing this letter in support of the Colorado State
Library's Public Computer Center application for the
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.

Of all the libraries I have been a patron of, Franklin
Ferguson Memorial Library exemplifies a model approach to
meeting the needs and concerns of our community. The staff
provides the very best in customer services. It is clear
that the entire organization operates with the patron in
mind providing services with little red tape and always
seeking to think like their customers.

While you may find some libraries with similar
characteristics, I challenge you to find one that actually
works hard to bring a community together. The library is
an attractive place where each generation of our community
finds something of interest. Many of our school children
go there on a daily basis after school to broaden their
studies, check their e-mail, play online games, or view
their face book accounts.

Seniors go there to learn computer basics, learn how to
safely surf the Internet, and read e-mails from their

families

Our middle-aged library users find resources on the library
computers in support of college/technical studies; look for
job opportunities, and also to find an interesting DVD or
new best seller. Library computers link our community with
loved ones, provide information, entertain, and assist us
in our personal lives. The library provides all these
services and more, free of charge.

It's a unique place that mothers, fathers and their
children have in common. It is also something we take
pride in.

I understand that the grant you are pursuing is for
technologies that many small Colorado libraries cannot
afford on their own. New computers, high speed Internet,
wireless networks, and mobile computer labs. I don't really
understand a lot about these things but I do know that
whatever equipment and services come from the grant that
the Colorado State Library is writing, they will be
welcomed and used by our local communities in Colorado.

Sincerely,
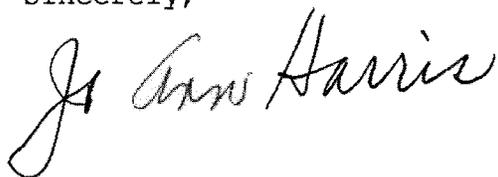
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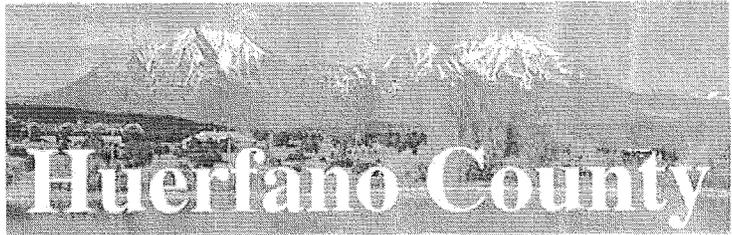
Board of County Commissioners Huerfano County

March 3, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

The Huerfano County Commissioners wish to express their support for the Spanish Peaks Library District in their application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.

Huerfano County has historically been a depressed economy within Colorado. The recent announcement of Correction Corporation of America to close the private prison in Walsenburg will add another chapter to this saga. The prison represents over 12% of the private workforce and will ripple through the local economy. In order to stop the bleeding, Huerfano County must utilize every resource available. The education of our youth is paramount in developing a competitive workforce. Technology is a key component of education, as you well know. With the community and county facing 15% or higher unemployment, we need to find resources now to help keep our community from withering on the vine.

The Spanish Peaks Library has been very effective in providing outreach to the underserved populations within the County. Their utilization of an abandoned high school gives credence to their creative use of resources. The Library Board has the backing of the community as further evidenced by the recent passage of a mill levy specifically dedicated to library enhancements. Getting resources on the ground is a critical part of any effective program. These folks can do it.

Please give every consideration you can to this application.

Sincerely,
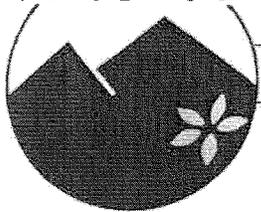BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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March 4, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

The City of Walsenburg wholeheartedly supports The Spanish Peaks Library and the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center in their efforts to secure funding for the Broadband Opportunities Program.

The City of Walsenburg, with an AMI of approximately $22,000, is a small, impoverished community with many families without the ability to provide computers, or internet service in their homes. The library has become a great resource for all of our citizens. In this day, practically everything is done online, from employment opportunities and shopping to university level classes and research.

Having the ability for students to be more competitive with their applications for college, and for the ability to take college classes while they are in High School will be greatly enhanced. The training that will be provided, should the library receive funding will be of paramount importance to all students and employees in the city. Becoming and remaining technologically literate, as a community is necessary for us to remain viable and sustainable.

The City of Walsenburg appreciates the Coronado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Bruce A. Quintana
Mayor

Huerfano County Chamber of Commerce
400 Main Street
Waisenburg, CO 81089

March 5, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Ave.
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

I am the president of the Huerfano County Chamber of Commerce. This letter is in support of the Spanish Peaks Library District in their request for a grant for new computers and equipment.

As we are losing the second largest employer in the county, we are in need of resources to help the people who will be unemployed. Many of our population live in poverty and do not have computers. They are in need of access to these for job seeking and also training.

As a chamber we are interested in drawing new business into our community. One of the reasons that we cannot attract new businesses is because we lack a trained work force. With the help of the Spanish Peaks Library we are hoping that we will have people who are trained and ready to work.

We would also like to use the public computer center to keep our current businesses up to date on the latest knowledge for making them more profitable. In doing this as they grow they can start adding people to their payrolls, which in turn helps the community.

Thank you for considering the application of the Spanish Peaks Library District.

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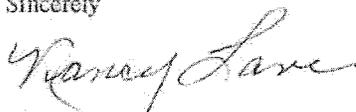
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President, Huerfano County Chamber of Commerce

March 2, 2010

Mr. Eugene Hainer
Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

I am writing to you today as Director of the Las Animas Huerfano County Family Resource Center. The Family Center serves the community with parenting, family and youth programs and counseling services. This letter is in support of the Spanish Peaks Library District's application for the Broadband Technology Program.

As stated in Ms. Birrer's application, Huerfano County is a low-socio economic community that has been further complicated by current economic conditions. Many of our local businesses have closed or are preparing to close. The jobless rate in our community has now reached over 10%.

We have collaborated with the SPLD on numerous occasions and this program would allow our clients to make significant use of the planned technology enhancements that the library is proposing. This would allow our clients to further their education and have easier access to jobs.

The Las Animas Huerfano County Family Resource Center appreciates the consideration of the SPLD's application and will continue to support the library's endeavors.

Sincerely,

Sandy Majors, MSW, CAC III
Director

Cc: M. Birrer, SPLD

March 1, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Spanish Peaks Library District

Dear Mr. Hainer:

I am the President and CEO of the Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center in Walsenburg, CO. On behalf of my organization, I am writing in support of the Spanish Peaks Library's participation with the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. Through this participation, our community will see a significant impact as a result of the benefits that enhanced computing and Internet access afford.

Huerfano County is the third poorest county in Colorado. In the 2000 Census data, 14% of all families in our county were living in poverty. Our unemployment rate has been amongst the highest in the State, and we were just notified last month that the Corrections Corporation of America facility, the second largest employer in the county, will be terminating its operation in March. The Huerfano Re-1 School District reports that less than 10% of the families in their district have computers in their homes and an even smaller percentage has Internet access. At this time, the library serves as the primary resource for public computer access, but their resources are limited.

As a business executive in our community, improving our community's computer awareness and skills will be beneficial to my organization. We are currently moving forward with implementation of an Electronic Medical Record. This will require the vast majority of my personnel to have computer skills to be successful in their employment at Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center. I anticipate that the Spanish Peaks Library's ability to assist in developing these skills will be key to my organization's success.

If successful in receiving these funds, the Spanish Peaks Library District, a library participating in the Colorado State Library proposal, will result in a significant positive impact on our community. The Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Todd B. Oberheu, FACHE
President and CEO
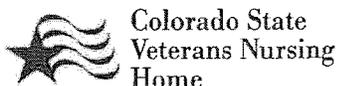
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March 2, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
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Dear Mr. Hainer:

As the Director of the Eastern Colorado Workforce Region, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am particularly excited about all of the positive benefits that enhanced computing and Internet access at the Sterling Public Library will bring to our community.

Many of the job search services of the Colorado Workforce Center are available via www.ConnectingColorado.com, as well as information and applications to Unemployment Insurance Benefits filing are available at www.colorado.gov/CDLE. For both of these reasons, it is vital that our customers have access to computers and quality Internet access. Many employers are also asking applicants to apply for job openings via on-line applications or emailing resumes.

As a Colorado Workforce Center we also acknowledge the importance of on-line distance learning and how that can benefit people in our communities by training workers quickly and enhancing their skill levels for employment, advancement, or a career change.
Virtual job fairs, training programs and opportunities will certainly be an important part of the future of workforce development programs and services.

Working with the Sterling Public Library, a library participating in the Colorado State Library proposal, we hope we are awarded these funds because of the significant impact on both our community and others throughout Colorado.

Eastern Colorado Workforce Region appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Celia Hardin
Regional Director
Eastern Colorado Workforce Region

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March 1, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
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Dear Mr. Hainer:

As RE-1 Valley School District Superintendent of Schools, it is my pleasure to write this letter of support for the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am particularly excited about the benefits that will support students and education, such as access to computers and Internet for student research and learning. Additionally, I understand there is potential for technology use training that will help both students and parents utilize the proposed enhanced system at the Sterling Public Library and the RE-1 Valley community.

The City of Sterling and the RE-1 Valley School District are located in Northeastern Colorado. The area faces challenges that are not found in more urban areas. The City of Sterling worked with Logan County officials to try and improve technology access; neither entity could come up with the required funding to bring cheap Internet access to the communities. A new, upgraded system at the Sterling Public Library will impact not only students but parents and community members because of improved access to equipment connected to the Internet. This system will allow parents that do not have technology at home to access their child's information about school and school activities on the computers at the Sterling Library.

The public school system and the Sterling Public Library work closely together to support students and learning in the RE-1 Valley community. The Library provides materials and learning opportunities for students and families. They coordinate efforts with instructional staff to supply library materials for student activities. The upgraded computer system will allow for even better joint opportunities to support student learning. The Sterling Library always has space for community activities both organized by the Library or by other groups. The access to computers and Internet will only enhance these activities for school families.

The Sterling Public Library is utilized by many patrons. These proposed technology upgrades will result in benefits to the RE-1 Valley community. Parents will have the opportunity to utilize the computer center while students take part in Library activities. The potential use by parents and family manners will be increased over time with training and understanding of the system. The RE-1 Valley School District will continue to work with the Sterling Public Library to support needs of students and their families in the use and development of the computer opportunities at the library.

RE-1 Valley staff will continue to work with and support Sterling Public Library activities. This will include the use of the computers and Internet access that will be part of this grant. District students use the library for study, for research, and for literacy purposes. Training on the computers and Internet will be required for parental support because parents do not have the same training on computer literacy that students have in school. Library staff will have information about district technology standards so they know expectations for students in our Preschool to grade 12 technology efforts.

Because of the close work between the Sterling Public Library, a library participating in the Colorado State Library proposal, and the RE-1 Valley School District, we hope they are awarded these funds because of the significant impact on both our community and others throughout Colorado. The RE-1 Valley School District appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Dr. Betty Summers, Superintendent of Schools

Swink School District

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February 24, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

I am the superintendent of the Swink School District # 33 in Swink Colorado. On behalf of my organization, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am particularly excited about the benefits, such as replacing the hardware in the library, and installing ADA stations for our clients to use. Also, this grant will enhance computing and Internet access at the Swink School and Public Library that will bring to our community. This library was built as a partnership between the Town of Swink and Swink School District. It serves both parts of our community.

Swink is a small rural community in south east Colorado with hardly any businesses or natural resources. This area is mainly agricultural based with very low assessed valuation. Because of the low assessed valuation we were able to bond to the maximum in 2007. Swink School District is located in a very low assessed valuation area of the state. The assessed valuation for the taxable year 2008 was $14,286,267 and an actual value for all taxable property was $85,633,647. We asked for a mill levy of 36.419 for 2009 to operate our school. We just finished a building project that depleted the cash balance. This project cost was $3,450,000. The district passed a bond election in November of 2007 for the maximum bonding capacity of $2,500,000. This bond is for 20 years and we will not be able to ask the community for any other bonds during this time. Because of the low assessed valuation, we bonded the maximum allowable by law. The rest of the funding came from a DOLA grant of $350,000 and $600,000 from the district general fund.

Our goals and objectives are to provide our community with easy accessibility to Internet by having up to date equipment to deliver those services. Our existing equipment is over five years old and we have done everything possible to make them run faster and better but they have reached their life cycle. Our computers are used for research for our students and community. By adding ADA stations will make the library more accessible to patrons that have physical disabilities.

Swink School District

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The library is already the hub as a computing center for students and community to do research. Due to the low income in our area, many patrons do not have Internet access at home so the Public Library will become their place to do research. With this, computer skills can be taught to the community as a whole as evening classes which in return those community members will have technical skills to compete for jobs or better opportunities for advancement. Also, having the capability to do research on different aspects of daily living could lead to a better life for our citizens. As mentioned earlier, we are already a partnership with the Town of Swink since is a public library. The Town of Swink helps defraying some of the costs of the librarian salaries since we are opened after school hours. We will be looking to form other partnerships with area business but we are very limited in number of businesses in our community.

The library will help Swink School tremendously by providing additional computers for our students during school hours. The school has been absorbing the costs of maintaining the equipment, updating software and repairs for many years. We have replaced computers, printers and supplied ink and paper plus technical assistance. We will continue to provide those services.

Working with Swink School Public Library, a library participating in the Colorado State Library proposal, we hope we are awarded these funds because of the significant impact on both our community and others throughout Colorado.

The Swink School District appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Rocco Fuschetto, Ed. D.

Superintendent

Educational Excellence

March 4, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
Colorado State Library
201 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer:

I am the Director of Communications at the Trinidad & Las Animas County Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of my organization, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.

I am particularly excited about the ability for our residents to conduct job searching, educational information, and access to reliable health information and e-government websites. In addition, ADA Compliant work stations in our library would support those who are blind, visually impaired, or have other challenges in using standard public computer stations, an issue that is currently not addressed elsewhere in the community except with job searches at the Colorado Workforce Center.

With the access to laptop labs which can not only be set up in the library but also in other agencies, more of our community can take advantage of this technology for training and access to information. Also, the addition of specially designed computers in the children's library would be an excellent opportunity for those children in the community who currently have limited access to computers except in the schoolroom.

Overall, enhanced computing and Internet access at Trinidad's Carnegie Public Library will address a much needed resource in the Trinidad and Las Animas County area. We are currently suffering an economic downturn due not only to the overall national situation, but have seen the natural gas industry, our key economic driver for the past 15 years, come to a near standstill. Contractors and subcontractors associated with the industry are leaving the area and laying off several of their employees, many who were laborers trained specifically for the gas industry. As a direct result of this, these same individuals are finding themselves without the opportunity for employment in their trained field.

Ranching, farming, tourism, transportation and a growing art community are other industries that have historically sustained the area However, the tourism industry has also been hard hit in the past five years due to a Colorado Department of Transportation reconstruction project on Interstate 25. This ongoing project which is expected to continue for yet another two tourism seasons has had a direct impact on the economy. Travelers simply would rather avoid the area completely, and those who do visit have found difficulty navigating the area. The result has been a significant drop in Lodging Tax receipts from 2005 through 2010. Data shows season peak revenue reach $71,000

upon completion and opening of two new hotels. In comparison, the city is currently, showing $27,864 in tourism lodging tax receipts. As a result, we have struggling businesses directly related to tourism, including hotels, restaurants and downtown historic shops and museums.

The Chamber of Commerce has a strong commitment to the business community and promotes the City and County in all areas of tourism, and economic development as well as the retail sector. We are currently working with the 2010 Southeast Colorado Rural Philanthropy Days Steering Committee to attract the 2014 event in Las Animas County and have been successful in our bid for the 2010 Colorado Undersheriff's and Sheriff's Conference as well as a Rock Art Symposium in the summer. Both should bring a significant number of visitors to our area, which would be a much needed stimulus. The Chamber is also collaborating with Trinidad State Jr. College in offering a Community Development Resource Center for new and emerging businesses in the area. With the availability of the CDRC business incubator, AND the computer availability at the Carnegie Public Library resulting from this successful application, the area will have the ability to provide a more comprehensive business program to its residents, and a more educated workforce.

The Trinidad & Las Animas County Chamber of Commerce appreciates and thanks the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administrations's consideration of this application. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have further questions.

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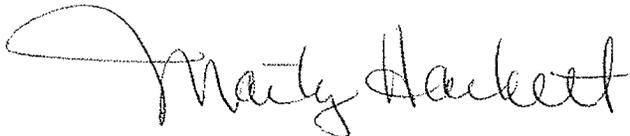
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March 4, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
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Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hainer,

I am the president of Friends of Historic Branson, Colorado (FOHB). On behalf of my organization, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am particularly excited at the prospect that residents of our tiny, remote rural community would receive training and greater access to a full spectrum of educational, health care, and e-government websites in partnership with the Trinidad Carnegie Public Library.

Branson is a community of less than 80 residents, located 50 miles from Trinidad in the southeast corner of Las Animas County. Branson residents – many of whom are well over 65 years old – must travel 100 miles roundtrip for gasoline, groceries, health care, banking, social services, and to conduct personal business with the county or state. More than 25% of Branson residents receive food support through the U.S. Commodities Distribution program. There are no public transportation options at this time and, given Branson's lack of commercial businesses, basically no opportunities for young people to gain job experience in settings other than agricultural venues. Given its meager population and an annual General Fund budget of approximately $15,000, Branson has scarce funds and scant political clout. Although the town is home to Branson School Online (a public, accredited Colorado K-12 educational institution), challenges of geography and economy pose considerable obstacles to bringing consistently reliable Internet access and training to our location in the midst of the "Digital Divide."

Friends of Historic Branson is an all-volunteer, Colorado nonprofit corporation founded in 2009 to "improve the social, cultural/arts, environmental, economic, educational, agricultural, and community quality-of-life for residents of Branson." Since its inception, FOHB's primary focus has been on converting the historic original schoolhouse/longtime Catholic Church into a community gathering spot, library, history museum, and venue for the sharing of arts and ideas. The possible inclusion of visiting/mobile or otherwise available computer training and Internet access services would signal a forward leap in Branson's community development and connectivity with its Trinidad neighbors. Although computers at the brick-and-mortar Branson School are available for public use, access is limited and seasonal, and the shared space with students is not conducive to the needs of our youngest and oldest citizens.

Trinidad's Carnegie Public Library has recently begun to explore collaborative efforts with FOHB, seeking to enhance Branson's access to a range of technology-based library services while also meeting Library objectives of expanding its reach throughout Las Animas County. By

any standards, basic computer skills plus no-cost Internet access are not luxuries in Branson and the nearby communities of Kim and Trinchera; they are critical tools for individuals and families seeking to expand their options for information, education, employment, health and wellbeing, and entry to a fast-changing world. We envision a hearty and mutually beneficial partnership with Carnegie Library as, together, we enter a bold, new technological era and work to develop appropriate goals, objectives, and procedures for tracking and evaluating both qualitative and quantitative impacts of our efforts.

Friends of Historic Branson, Colorado appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application. Any awarding of funds to Trinidad's Carnegie Public Library would engender significant and sustainable impacts on the inhabitants of our small rural community, as well as in other locales throughout Colorado.

Sincerely,

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February 23, 2010

Eugene Hainer, Assistant Commissioner
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Dear Mr. Hainer:
I am the CEO at San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. On behalf of my
organization, I am writing in support of the Colorado State Library's Public Computing
Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. I am
particularly excited about the benefits, such as increased accessibility to technology for
our community members. With enhanced computer and Internet access at the Carnegie
Public Library it will bring our community into new era of technology.
The Economy in the Monte Vista area is very stressed with the recent recession we have
experienced. Approximately 2-5% of the community members have lost business or jobs
with the cut back in spending in this area. There are few individuals in this area with
high speed internet service do to these areas demographics. Many individuals cannot
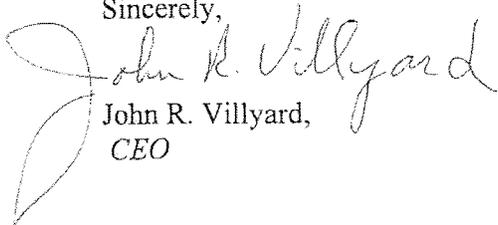afford internet service, unless they go to a library.
Our organization uses computers on a daily bases, however, we have a no use policy for
personal use of staff abusing the use of the internet. Many of our staff members and their
families use the library as a resource for personal manners. If technology upgrades were
available at our local library we believe many staff members, as well as, their family
members would take advantage of the improvements. Often staff members need to
access the internet for health information, traveling directions, and school projects for
their children.
Job searches for family members have been a high priority during this time of economic
changes. Approximately .2% of our staff's spouses are seeking employment at this time.
The library has been offering computer classes for community members; however, often
the classes are full. If there is an increase in the computers for public use, many of our
staff members would also take advantage of the classes.
Working with Carnegie Public Library, a library participating in the Colorado State
Library proposal, we hope we are awarded these funds because of the significant impact
on both our community and others throughout Colorado.

San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. appreciates the Colorado State Library's submission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

John R. Villyard,
CEO