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GRANT ANALYSIS FORM
OPERATING & CAPITAL GRANT PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

Department/Division: Department of Administration – Information Technology and Management Division

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Category of Request

☒   New Grant

☐   Grant Continuation   Previous Council File No.   _____

☐   Change in Previously Approved Grant   Previous Council File No.   _____

Project/Program Title: Connecting Milwaukee Communities (CMC)

Grantor Agency: Department of Commerce

Grant Application Date: March 14, 2010   Anticipated Award Date: September 9th, 2010

1.   Description of Grant Project/Program (Include Target Locations and Populations):
The **City of Milwaukee** proposes to enhance broadband capacity and availability at libraries, public housing sites and one senior center in the city. The Connecting Milwaukee Communities project intends to reach economically vulnerable populations, such as at-risk children, seniors, Spanish speakers and low-income families, by focusing its efforts on areas of the city with higher poverty and unemployment rates. Upgraded centers will provide an opportunity for underserved residents to explore and connect with the full benefits of broadband access, including computer training. The project also plans to deploy self-serve broadband kiosks in targeted housing projects and provide a one-stop website for users to obtain information about the public computer center classes and locations, online courses, and other relevant community information.

Connecting Milwaukee Communities also proposes to:

- Purchasing computer hardware and software (270 new units) which will be placed at six libraries, two HACM sites and at the United Community Center-Olga Village.
- Purchasing furniture and software to be used in the computer rooms/lab – with an emphasis on special needs populations (for example; desks that are ADA compliant).
- Installing employment training and job information kiosks at each site
- Development of the Bridging the Information Gap (BIG) website – which will be done within the offices of the City of Milwaukee Department of Administration - Information and Technology Management Division, and
- Support staffing for aides and teaching staff at the public computer centers.

See attached maps for populations and locations.

2.   Relationship to City-Wide Strategic Goals and Departmental Objectives:
This project recognizes areas in the community and works to reduce the economic disparities. Further the project will improve workforce development and connect more citizens to services and family supporting jobs; help children succeed, prepare for post-secondary education, and meet their full potential.

3.   Need for Grant Funds and Impact on Other Departmental Operations (Applies only to Programs):
Not a program.

4.   Results Measurement/Progress Report (Applies only to Programs):
Not a program.

5. Grant Period, Timetable and Program Phase-Out Plan:
    Grant Period = 3 years
    Implementation of hardware and training development in the 1st year of funding.
    Ongoing support of training and web development in the 2nd and 3rd years of funding.

6. Provide a list of Subgrantees:
    Milwaukee Public Library
    Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee
    United Community Center
    Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board
    Trinidad Group

7   If Possible, complete Grant Budget Form and attach to back.
    Attached.