



Update: Public Computer Centers

Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program
Began September, 2010 – Ending September 29, 2013
Kathy Griffin, Grants Coordinator
Lyon County School District

Background

IN 2010, AT TIME OF APPLICATION

- ▶ Associated Press names Lyon County one of the most-economically stressed counties in the nation, and Lyon County with the highest unemployment rate in the Nation.
 - ▶ Underserved with public computer availability, rural residents were placed at a disadvantage in improving computer knowledge/skills, limited time when locating/applying for jobs, access to higher education, restricted personal computer connection to internet and email.
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One Hundred Eleventh Congress of the United States of America

“American Recovery and Reinvestment Act”

The purposes of the “Stimulus”
Grant are:

- ▶ (1) provide access to broadband service to consumers residing in unserved areas of the United States;
- ▶ (2) provide broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment, and support.

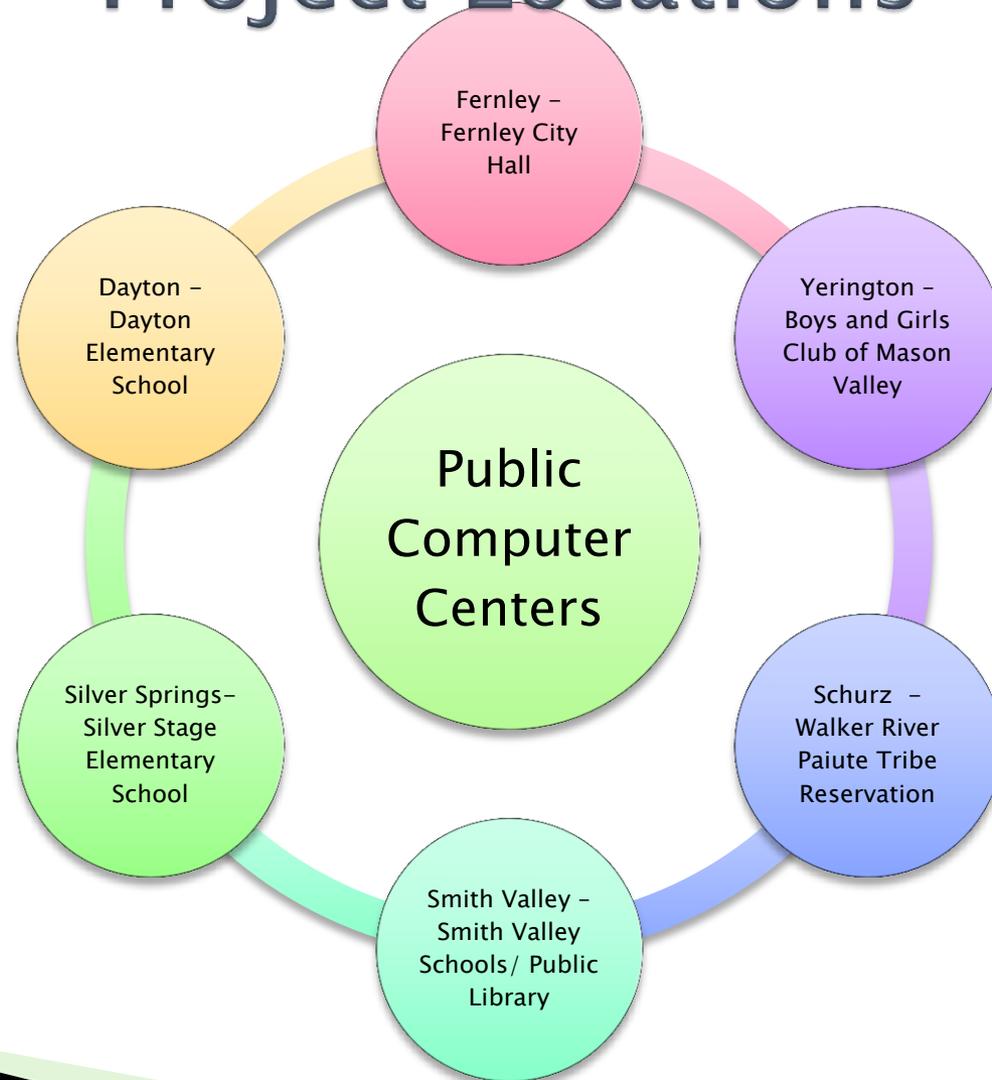


American Recovery and Reinvestment Act U.S. Department of Commerce Grant Award

- ▶ Lyon County School District applied for the BTOP Grant in March, 2010
- ▶ In September, 2010, LCSD was awarded the 3 year grant in the amount of \$745,000.00 with an in-kind match of \$319,670.00.



LCSD Public Computer Project Locations



Each PCC Contains

- ▶ 3Mbps broadband internet connection.
 - ▶ Color printer, copier, and scanner.
 - ▶ Computers, monitors, office furniture
 - ▶ Microsoft Office 2010 Professional Edition.
 - ▶ Distance learning and video conference equipment (includes 2 60" HDTVs, HD Cameras, and lectern).
 - ▶ SMART Board, document camera, and wireless audio system.
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Project Goals Achieved

- ▶ Provide internet access to community members for college preparation, and research needs.
- ▶ Offer assistance and general knowledge to increase technical literacy.
- ▶ Bring Tribal groups into computer centers, eliminating barriers to contact.



*BTOP Computer Center – Walker River Paiute Tribe, **Schurz**, NV

Economic Impact Realized

- ▶ Job Skill Training, Resume Building, Job Search Techniques.
- ▶ Job Fairs
- ▶ PCC, On-Site Interviews
- ▶ In excess of 500 Lyon County Residents have Located Jobs
- ▶ \$32.5 Million Economic Impact to Region.

$\$12.50 \times 2080 \text{ annual hrs} = \$26K \times 500 = \$13.M \times 2.5\%(\text{U.S. multiplier})$



*BTOP Computer Center –
Fernley City Hall, Fernley, NV

Project Intent Successfully Met

- ▶ Currently Open Every Weeknight & Saturday's
 - Microsoft Word taught in English and Spanish.
 - Excel publicly & group
 - Publisher Class
 - Creative Writing
 - Online Internet Safety
 - Daily Student Study Time
 - Step by Step Job Prep
 - English/Second Language
 - Senior Citizen– Intro



*BTOP Computer Center
– DES, Dayton NV

Meeting Rural NV Needs

- ▶ Active Community Meeting Location
- ▶ Computer lab used daily by Smith Valley School Students
- ▶ Public Microsoft Office classes
- ▶ Distance learning program from Yerington High broadcasted to Smith Valley High Students
- ▶ Interactive video (IAV) programs between Reno Livestock Program and Smith Valley members



*BTOP Computer Center – Smith Valley School and Public Library, **Smith**, NV

Special Outreach Services Provided

- ▶ Boys & Girls Club After School Academic Common Core Enrichment
- ▶ GED Online use
- ▶ Income Tax Prep
- ▶ WNC General Ed
- ▶ Unemployment Forms
- ▶ Help with Avoiding Foreclosure
- ▶ Disabled Individual Access
- ▶ ESL Resources



*BTOP Computer Center
– SSES, **Silver Springs**, NV

PCC Benefits to LCSD

- ▶ Student's daily use of computer labs
- ▶ Interactive video between schools/sites
- ▶ NVDOE Meeting attendance travel reduced
- ▶ Virtual Field Trips
- ▶ Access to Higher Education Classes
- ▶ Involvement in Community Support
- ▶ Volunteer Facilitators



*BTOP Computer Center – Boys and Girls Club of Mason Valley,
Yerington, NV

Partner Groups

- ▶ Boys and Girls Club of Mason Valley
- ▶ City of Fernley
- ▶ City of Yerington
- ▶ Lyon County Commission
- ▶ Lyon County Healthy Communities Org.
- ▶ Lyon County Human Services Department
- ▶ Lyon County Libraries
- ▶ Nevada Copper
- ▶ NevadaWorks
- ▶ NV JobConnect
- ▶ NV Justice of the Peace
- ▶ RSVP Volunteers
- ▶ Silver Stage Youth Organization
- ▶ Walker River Basin Foundation
- ▶ Walker River Paiute Tribe
- ▶ Western Nevada College
- ▶ Western Nevada Dev. District



Jerry Ogolin
Dedication Yerington PCC

Sustainability Component

- ▶ March 26, 2013 – Meeting with LCSD Administrators and Recipients of BTOP equipment
- ▶ Recipients to review Draft of MOU and submit any changes to MOU's
- ▶ Recipients to schedule Board/Council meetings with Scott Lommori
- ▶ May 14, 2013 – All recipients will meet over video broadcast for sustainability training.
- ▶ Have each facility ready for “turnkey” transfer to partner groups before conclusion of grant period.

BTOP Equipment Recipients

- ▶ Fernley City Hall, Fernley PCC
 - ▶ Walker River Paiute Tribe, Schurz PCC
 - ▶ Boys & Girls Club of Mason Valley, Dayton PCC
 - ▶ Boys & Girls Club of Mason Valley, Yerington PCC
 - ▶ Boys & Girls Club of Mason Valley, S. Springs PCC
 - ▶ Smith Valley School/Public Library, Smith PCC
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Closing BTOP Fiscal Report



***LCSD has met and exceeded in-kind match of
\$319,670.00**

***LCSD has spent 94.6% of Grant funded \$745,000.00
Zero balance at end of grant**

KUDOS to LCSD from the U.S. Dept. of Commerce

- ❖ LCSD was the only school district in the U.S. to be awarded a BTOP Grant.
- ❖ 1/3 of the BTOP grant awardees did not satisfy BTOP grant compliance.
- ❖ LCSD earned U.S. Department of Commerce recognition for proper grant management.
- ❖ U.S. Department of Commerce offered to provide LCSD recommendation for future Federal grants.

