



Community Technology Report - October, 2011

Technology Matching Fund

The legislation for the 23 projects was passed and a very successful reception held with the Mayor, giving recipients a certificate of award. Project descriptions and photos are posted at <http://seattle.gov/tech/tmf/Projects2011.htm>.

Brainstorm See the October edition of Brainstorm at <http://seattle.gov/tech/brainstorm/>.

Get Online Week October 3 – 8, 2011

This year, 13 community computing centers participated in Get Online Week, October 3-8, 2011. (seattle.gov/getonline)

This year's participating labs were:

- Horn of Africa Services (HOAS)
- Metrocenter YMCA
- Neighborhood House (2 centers: High Point & Rainier Vista)
- Seven RecTech Community Center Computer Centers at Delridge, Garfield, Miller, Rainier, South Park, Southwest, and Yesler
- Refugee Women's Alliance (ReWA)
- STAR Center

These labs hosted 12 open houses, conducted ten workshops in addition to their open houses, and hosted the One Economy Mobile Computer Lab at four sites. 16 volunteers, including many CTTAB members, assisted Centers by providing workshops on topics such as Using Google Applications, Email Basics, Skype, Facebook and Social Media, Editing and Sharing Photos online, Internet Basics, Online Financial Tools, and Safety and Security while Online. Over 225 resource folders (with information on nearby computer access centers, Interconnection's desktop/laptop purchase program, Worksource and Information Security brochure produced by the City and much more), approximately 300 thumb drives preloaded with resource links and online tutorials, and supplies were distributed to all the sites. More statistical information will be coming after our debrief meeting, still to be scheduled.

Seattle Communities Online "Boost" grants

Contracts have been completed and the projects are underway.

EdLab Group Communities Connect Network Project

Web portal (Beta site at ccn.edlabgroup.org) still underway. Delayed in part due to Delicious purchase and upgrade. So working on implementing an API to pull in resources.

Final site will be www.communitiesconnect.org.

Puget SoundOff

We are developing a partnership with Microsoft FUSE labs to assist with evaluation and to enhance use of PSO with mobile devices and texting.