



Community Technology Report - September, 2011

Technology Matching Fund

The legislation for projects is now scheduled to come to City Council Energy, Tech and Civil Rights Committee on Thursday, September 22nd at 2 pm. The Mayor is holding an awards reception for the grantees at 4 pm that day. CTTAB is invited to attend.

City Community Grant Program Consolidation

The Mayor, via the Department of Neighborhoods and Budget Office, has presented a response to a City Council Statement of Legislative Intent about grant program consolidation and customer service. This includes moving administration of the Technology Matching Fund to the Department of Neighborhoods and the position for managing this.

Seattle Communities Online Project & Amy Hirotaka

Amy Hirotaka has finished up in her temporary position with our program. She helped us research local community groups online, upgrade the Neighborhoods On the Net Directory (<http://www.seattle.gov/communitiesonline/neighborhoods.htm>) and develop our Seattle Communities Online Boost grants and workshop provided this year with CTTAB. She is transitioning to a year long contract position as the Outreach Coordinator for the Communities Connect Network BTOP Project (CCNP) at the EdLab Group (<http://www.edlabgroup.org/projects/ccn.html>) so we will continue to work with her.

Seattle Communities Online "Boost" grants and Workshop

Sixteen community organizations have just launched new projects to upgrade their use of online tools for public participation. In late July/early August, we held two workshops on social media strategies and tools with CTTAB members Roni, Stacey, Ted, Rob and Brian participating with City staff. See the list of awardees at the bottom this report.

Brainstorm covers community projects

September's issue of Brainstorm features how to access email/text alerts for public and private schools, the City's Seniors Training Seniors in technology and Age 55+ Employment Resource Center, promotion of Seattle's Get Online Week October 3-8, NPower social media coaching from non-profits, and much more. <http://www.seattle.gov/tech/brainstorm/>

Get Online Week

Vicky Yuki is working with CTTAB members and community labs to arrange workshops and activities and marketing for Get Online Week, which is currently scheduled to kickoff October 3rd. We began working with One Economy to dovetail an October 3 Get Connected kickoff event for the federal Broadband stimulus funded Sustainable Broadband Adoption and Public Computer Center projects. However this has been delayed to allow time for them to complete more of the installation of wifi to Seattle Housing Authority participating sites in their BTOP project. One Economy is still helping with Get Online Week.

EdLab Group Communities Connect Network Project

We are working with them to complete the web portal (Beta site at ccn.edlabgroup.org, though final site will be www.communitiesconnect.org). This includes moving the City's directory of community computer sites and program resource library to the new statewide site. More on this at a future CTTAB meeting.

Organizations receiving Communities Online Boost grants and assistance:

Alliance of People with
disabilities
Ashia Circle
City Fruit
Education with Purpose
Fremont Abbey Arts
Fremont Neighborhood Council
Friends of Lewis Park
Horn of Africa Services
Maiwut Sudanese Organization
Multicultural Family
North Delridge Neighborhood
Council
Rainier Chamber of Commerce
Richard Hugo House
Southwest District Council
Sustainable Seattle
Tree Ambassadors