

ORDINANCE No. 183602 As Amended

* Authorize application to the Broadband Technology Opportunity Program for a grant in the amount of \$7,598,462 for public computing centers and training (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. the Council finds:

1. The Connect Portland public computer center expansion project is a collaborative effort of 15 established community, educational, and governmental partners focused on securing federal stimulus funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.
2. Connect Portland will address the critical need for broadband access by Portland's most vulnerable residents—more than a quarter of whom do not have computers in their homes. These residents depend on public computer centers to search for jobs, apply for public benefits, research health and medical issues, and complete homework assignments. Without an expansion of the region's public computer capacity, they will continue to miss out on opportunities for advancing their education, finding jobs, and taking advantage of the myriad other benefits that come with bridging the digital divide.
3. Multnomah County Library, the area's primary provider of public computer centers, reported serving 95,000 unique users last year—and an average utilization rate of 87 percent across its branches for the most recent reporting period. Five branches saw utilization of 91 percent or greater. Portland's limited supply of public computer centers is only exacerbated by residents' growing demands. Portland's most vulnerable residents have been particularly hard hit by the economic downturn, so online job listings and training courses have taken on an outsized importance.
4. Connect Portland will dramatically expand public computer and broadband access with new computer workstations and loaner laptops at accessible neighborhood locations throughout the City, including at public libraries, public housing buildings, and community college facilities.
5. The project will also include a robust curriculum of computer and job-related courses that will be taught in the community's most prevalent languages—including Spanish, Somali, Vietnamese, Chinese, Russian and English—to reach as many immigrant and non-English speaking populations as possible.
6. The grant from the National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program requires a minimum 20% match. Local match in the amount of \$4,090,262 representing a 35% match (cash and in-kind) will be provided by the partners in the grant application including the Mt Hood Cable Regulatory Commission, Portland Community College, Mt. Hood Community College, North Portland Multimedia Training Center, Worksystems Inc, City of Fairview, MetroEast Community Media, Portland Community Media,

Human Solutions, Inc., Somali Community Center, Latino Network, Impact Northwest, Worksystems, Inc., Multnomah County Library, Portland Parks and Recreation and the Office of Cable Communications and Franchise Management, .

NOW THEREFORE, The Council directs:

a. The Mayor is hereby authorized to make application to the Broadband Technology Opportunity Program for a grant in the amount of \$7,598,462.

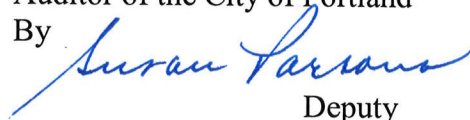
Section 2. The Council declares that an emergency exists because the public interest would be served through the prompt application for a BTOP grant; therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

Passed by the Council: MAR 10 2010

Commissioner Amanda Fritz
Prepared by: Mary Beth Henry/Cj
Date Prepared: March 3, 2010

LaVonne Griffin-Valade
Auditor of the City of Portland

By


Deputy

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INTRODUCED BY
 Commissioner/Auditor:
Commissioner Amanda Fritz

COMMISSIONER APPROVAL

Mayor—Finance and Administration - Adams

Position 1/Utilities - Fritz *Thomas Fritz*

Position 2/Works - Fish

Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman

Position 4/Safety - Leonard

BUREAU APPROVAL

Bureau: OCCEM
 Bureau Head: David C. Olson *David C. Olson*

Prepared by: Mary Beth Henry/Cj
 Date Prepared: March 3, 2010

Financial Impact Statement
 Completed Amends Budget
 Not Required

Portland Policy Document
 If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document.
 Yes No

Council Meeting Date
March 10, 2010

City Attorney Approval *Stephan Walters*

CLERK USE: DATE FILED MAR 05 2010

LaVonne Griffin-Valade
 Auditor of the City of Portland

By: *[Signature]*
 Deputy

ACTION TAKEN:

AGENDA

TIME CERTAIN
 Start time: **2:00 PM**

Total amount of time needed: **30**
 (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

CONSENT

REGULAR
 Total amount of time needed: _____
 (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
		YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	2. Fish	—	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	✓	
4. Leonard	4. Leonard	✓	
Adams	Adams	✓	