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Organization: City of New York

Project Name: NYC Connected Foundations

Project Type: Sustainable Broadband Adoption

State: New York

Federal Award: \$5,962,124

ABOUT THE PROJECT

New York City's transfer school students—students between the ages of 16-21 who have disengaged from high school and are not on track to graduate—face a significantly greater risk of poverty, crime, unemployment, and other challenges in life. As part of an effort to help these students develop skills necessary for graduation and a successful transition to college or a career, the **City of New York's** Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications (DoITT) proposes an aggressive outreach program to serve students and their families at 43 transfer high schools through computer training, refurbished computer equipment, and Internet access subsidies. Students would receive computers and broadband access in the home after completing a 57-hour broadband training course, along with a 3-hour program for family members.

NYC Connected Foundations also proposes to:

- Provide computer skills and broadband awareness training to as many as 6,100 residents over the life of the project, offering approximately 160,000 training hours focusing on online connectivity, career building, community resources, and education.
- Leverage a BTOP Round One Sustainable Broadband Adoption BTOP grant to DoITT, along with several other awards to other New York City agencies and organizations, to expand and enhance connectivity, access, and the value of broadband to city residents.

ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY

New York City has extensive experience managing federal grants, and the New York City Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications and its partners have provided technology training and computer distribution programs in New York City public schools. Since 1999, project partners Computers for Youth and 2nd Nature, a socially and economically disadvantaged business, have implemented a training and computer distribution program called Take IT Home in more than 35 schools in New York City and 50 schools nationwide.

PROJECT PARTNERS

- Diploma Plus
- New Visions
- Good Shepherd Services
- Computers for Youth Foundation, Inc.
- Alliance for the Arts
- Common Sense Media
- New York State Department of Labor
- Association for High School Innovation
- Capital One Financial Corporation
- Junction International, LLC
- Second Nature
- Jobs for the Future
- NYC Department of Education
- NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- University of Chicago Urban Education Institute

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