



FIRST PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT 2010

1. Recipient Organization (<i>Name and complete address including zip code</i>) Wireless Neighborhoods	2. Award Identification Number 42-42-B10555
<p>3. Performance Narrative (Q1) <i>Please describe your project activities and progress for the first quarter of your award period. This should include a description of federal expenditures to date, key milestones, the primary activities needed to accomplish those milestones, significant project accomplishments, and any delays or challenges. Please use the milestone categories provided in your baseline report (e.g., equipment purchases, outreach activities, training programs) to help structure your answer. (500 words or less)</i></p> <p>All grant activity to date has revolved around planning with the partners to create and open the four neighborhood computer labs.</p> <p>There have been no Federal Expenditures to date. Wireless Neighborhoods and its partners have spent the first six weeks of this grant planning for the implementation of the Pittsburgh LEARNS labs and will continue this planning through the end of 2010. This work has taken on many forms, including:</p> <p>Meeting with Program Partners – Wireless and its program partners have had several meetings to discuss the requirements of the grants, strategies for creating self-sustaining lab facilities and to review the project timeline.</p> <p>Exploring Public – Private Partnerships – Wireless and its partners have been meeting with economic development corporations in several of the communities to discuss potential public-private ventures with coffee shops/restaurants that would build upon the expertise of each partner, commit to employing local youth and adults for the coffee/juice bar portions and provide a solid foundation for the long-term viability of the initiative.</p> <p>Convening Community Meetings - We have been having meetings with the community to describe our initiative and gain additional buy-in. The partners have led much of this work reaching out to key residents and organizations in their community to gain input and support for the projects.</p> <p>Exploring Facility Location – We understand that the ultimate success of the project and the long-term viability of the labs is tied on so many levels to the location of the facilities. Each partner has a unique situation and is exploring options within their community facilities and communities to locate the labs.</p> <p>Technology - We have been exploring different technologies to ensure that we are investing in the computing devices and peripherals that minimize our partners required maintenance but give our residents exposure to the most powerful, state of the art computing.</p> <p>There have not been any unanticipated challenges. Wireless and all of its partners knew that we would have significant responsibilities with the initial planning and implementation of this grant and everyone has been willing to step up and do the preliminary work that needs to occur for Pittsburgh CONNECTS to get off to a successful start.</p>	
<p>4. Performance Projections (Q2) <i>Please describe your anticipated project activities and progress for the next quarter. This should include a description of federal expenditures, key milestones, the primary activities needed to accomplish those milestones, significant project accomplishments, and any potential delays or challenges you foresee. Please use the milestone categories provided in your baseline report (e.g., equipment purchases, outreach activities, training programs) to help structure your answer. (500 words or less)</i></p> <p>The period between October 1 and December 31, 2010 will also be a planning period for Wireless and its program partners with all intentions on having all four sites up and running in first quarter 2011. We will be creating neighborhood advisory committees, finalizing lab locations, interviewing and identifying staff, issuing bid requests for equipment, reviewing those bids and finalizing equipment purchase decisions, and undertaking an aggressive neighborhood-level marketing campaign to build interest and excitement for the opening of the Pittsburgh CONNECTS labs. During these months, each organization is absorbing those costs independent of the project. While grant money will be spent principally in the form of staff time, we will not start charging officially to the grant until we start opening the centers. Additionally, Wireless Neighborhoods will also be, at its own cost, hiring a staff or consultant to train Wireless and partner staff about the compliance requirements of this grant prior to any funds being expensed. Also during this time, Wireless will be working with its partners at the Bloomfield Garfield Corporation to develop a secure online reporting structure for each Pittsburgh CONNECTS site. Regular monthly meeting will continue with the primary program partners to ensure</p>	

progress toward the program goals. Potential project delays or challenges include planning for high quality centers; we do not want to start the project without a well-developed plan in place. We want to ensure that we have the right location that has a strong, convenient retail presence that is strategically placed to ensure a high volume of users. Having a strong technology plan in place for connecting the four centers together and delivering the highest quality service to our residents is an essential planning activity. Another potential delay is the weather: The later in the season we start the program, given the harsh northeastern winters, the more likely we will be able to get the program off to a good start. People will be less likely to make their way out to a new center if they need to walk through many inches of snow.

5. Certification: I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that this report is correct and complete for performance of activities for the purposes set forth in the award documents.

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