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Organization:	Youth Policy Institute, Inc.
Project Name:	YPI Public Computer Centers Program
Project Type:	Public Computer Center
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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Economically vulnerable Spanish-speaking households in the greater Los Angeles region of California often lack reliable, affordable access to broadband services, which reduces opportunities for after-school assistance and adult education. The **Youth Policy Institute**, in partnership with Los Angeles Unified School District and other L.A.-area community anchor institutions, proposes to establish 78 new public computer centers and renovate two others in the region, including at 66 K-12 public schools. The project will provide broadband and computer access and job training services to low-income residents in the targeted area, with a specific focus on predominantly Hispanic communities, leveraging YPI's existing ParentSmart and Family Technology projects. YPI also proposes to provide distance learning services to young adults through partnerships with local community colleges and offer onsite tutors—primarily AmeriCorps volunteers—to help students with homework and provide additional online training.

The YPI Public Computer Centers Program also proposes to:

- Deploy more than 1,500 computer workstations in 80 computer centers, increasing public access to computer centers by up to 3,900 hours per week and accommodating an estimated 28,000 additional weekly users.
- Train as many as 46,000 residents with up to 1.1 million hours of teacher-led training annually over the three-year life of the project.
- Serve high-risk populations in the San Fernando Valley, Central Los Angeles, East Los Angeles, and South Los Angeles, including outreach to small businesses in those communities.

ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY

The Youth Policy Institute, a non-profit incorporated in 1983, provides education, training and technology services intended to lift low-income families out of poverty. Since 2001, YPI has served families in Los Angeles at 95 program sites throughout the city, offering families education and training resources in the areas of afterschool, charter and pilot schools, job training, summer jobs for youth, physical education, adult education, computer literacy, holistic family services, case management, parenting, tutoring, and college preparation. YPI also supports efforts to boost the capacity and effectiveness of small grassroots nonprofits that provide essential services for youth.

PROJECT PARTNERS

- UCLA Community Based Learning
- Los Angeles Valley College
- City of Los Angeles
Community Development Authority
- Time Warner Cable
- Pacoima Chamber of Commerce
- Camara de Comercio El Salvador California
- Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles
- SA Studios
- Foundation for the Future of Youth
- Los Angeles Unified School District

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