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A. General Application Information

1. Applicant Information

1-A. Name, Address, and Federal ID for Applicant

i. Legal Name:	Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Foundation
ii. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):	770697289
Street 1:	11 North Mitchell Ave
Street 2:	POB 39
City:	Bakersville
County:	Mitchell
State:	NC
Country	United States
Zip/Postal Code:	28705

1-B. Name and Contact Information of Person to be Contacted on Matters Involving this Application:

Prefix:	Dr.
First Name:	Daniel
Middle Name:	
Last Name:	Barron
Suffix:	
Telephone Number:	828-284-1914
Fax Number:	
Email:	drdanbarron@gmail.com
Title:	Chair

1-C. Other Required Identification Numbers



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i. Organizational DUNS:	809784742
ii. CCR # (CAGE):	5LTZ8
iii. Funding Opportunity Number:	2
iv. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:	BTOP CFDA Number: 11.557 BTOP CFDA Title: Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

1-D. Organization Classification

Non-Profit Corporation

1-E. Applicant Federal Debt Delinquency Explanation

Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt?
No

Federal debt delinquency Explanation:

1-F. Congressional Districts of:

Applicant: North Carolina - 10

Program/Project
North Carolina - 10
North Carolina - 11

2. Project Title and Project Description

2-A. Project Title : Mitchell County Virtual Learning and Communications Center

2-B. Project Description: In collaboration with Mitchell County Public Library and Mayland Community College, the Center will provide access to broadband programs and services that will address specific



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educational and communication needs of displaced workers, farmers, high school dropouts, residents wanting college courses, health care workers, EMS personnel, educators, government officials, and small business persons.

3. Project Type

Classify the particular project type for which you are seeking federal funding.

Project Type: Public Computer Center

Project ID: 2

4. Application ID for Multiple Submissions for Identified Service Areas

5. Estimated Funding (\$):

Estimated Funding (\$):	
Federal	239,194
Applicant	
State	250,000
Local	5,000
Other	400,000
Program Income	
Total	894,194

B. Eligibility Factors

6. Eligibility Factors.

The application must be completed fully, and all required supplemental documentation must be attached.



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Applicants must commit to substantially completing their Project (as defined in the NOFA) within two years of the award date, and completing the Project within three years of the award date.
Applicants must credibly demonstrate that their Project advances at least one of the five statutory purposes for BTOP.
Applicants must demonstrate that but for Federal funding they would not have been able to complete their project during the grant period.
The budget for the project must be reasonable and all costs must be eligible.

6-d. Applicant is providing matching funds of at least 20 percent towards to the total eligible project costs or is requesting a waiver of the matching requirements.

Yes

Matching Fund Waiver Request Explanation

C. Executive Summary

7. Executive Summary of Overall Proposal:

The problem or need: During the past ten years, Mitchell county has lost all of its major manufacturing employers resulting in 2,710 layoffs. In 2006 alone, 340 workers were laid off. For more than 100 years, tobacco farming was the primary economic activity in this area. In 1985, 375-400 farmers were producing burley tobacco; today there are 8 tobacco farmers. Other farmers are now in a transition period. The 2009 unemployment rate for Mitchell County is 12.9% while the statewide rate is 11.2 %. The economic situation is exacerbated by a high school drop-out rate averaging of 39%. Only 56% of the people over 25 years of age in this area have a high school diploma. The county is considered a Tier 1 rural county by the North



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Carolina Department of Commerce with a per capita income of only \$13, 993. A comprehensive solution involving education, communication, and community development among several partners provided at the Virtual Learning and Communication Center is proposed.

Overall approach to addressing the need, and how approach is innovative: The Foundation will provide a state of the art technology facility in which Mayland Community College will provide G.E.D. completion, on site and distance education courses leading to degrees, continuing education classes for education and business professionals, a broad range of special interest courses and workshops for the general public, and much needed continuing education to firefighters, EMS personnel, and other human service providers. The NC Cooperative Extension Service will have access to classrooms, computers, internet and distance learning equipment that will be used to facilitate their alternative agriculture education activities and farm business training. In the facility, the Mitchell County Public Library will provide basic information literacy workshops for the general public and provide extended access to computers and the Internet. Businesses, farmers, private agencies, artisans, town and county employees, faith-based organizations and others can use the Center for classes, meetings, videoconferencing, and distance learning. With the increasing cost of travel, groups will be able to link with their colleagues in other parts of the state and beyond for conferences and meetings. They will have access to many education and information resources that would not otherwise be available or affordable. The activities described will directly serve 500-700 in classes and teleconferences and over 9000 internet users during the first year of operation with an anticipated user base of over 50,000 over 5 years. Our request is based on a comprehensive needs assessment with considerable community input with tested and proven equipment and techniques. The unique factor is the coalition of organizations and agencies that have come together to create and maintain this project in this rural mountain area.

Area(s) to be served: Mitchell County will be the primary target area; however, the Center will also be available to Avery and Yancey Counties for teleconferences and computer use as well. The immediate area has a population of 15,687 with the broader population being 52,062. Estimated number of potential users of your public computer center: By the end of the 2nd year of the project Mayland will graduate 150 GED's and provide 12 academic classes, 18 career classes (including those for EMS, health care, firefighter, and artisan groups). There will be at least 36 small business, agriculture, government, and artisan teleconferences. A total of 18 public performances will be presented and as many community group meetings as the schedule will allow. There will be a 25% increase in the use of public internet access and at least 12



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information literacy events will be presented in collaboration with the Public Library and taught by their staff. Last year we had a record of over 7,900 users of our library’s internet facilities with a waiting list on most days. Over 5 years, we project over 50,000 users.

Qualifications of the applicant that demonstrate the ability to implement the project and achieve its intended results: The Chair of the Foundation and PI recently retired from the University of South Carolina as Director of the School of Library and Information Science which includes an outstanding record of achievement in the area of distant learning, rural library development, and information technology applications. He currently is the Director of the AMY Regional Library of which the Mitchell County Public Library a major partner in this project with the only free public computer access in the area. The unprecedented number of key local human service organizations whose leadership is represented on the Foundation Board is indicative of the commitment to the project and its sustainability.

Jobs to be saved or created: The Extension Service has evaluated farms that previously grew tobacco and estimates that 1500-2200 acres on those farms can be converted to alternative crop production. This change would involve 100-150 farmers and an investment of about \$250,000. This new production should create 50-75 seasonal and 5 full-time jobs. One job will be created to fill the position of Educational Program Director. While some of our efforts may not directly create jobs, we are establishing an educational and communications infrastructure that will support individuals to become better educated and workforce ready, businesses to operate more effectively, government to respond more knowledgeably, and a community with greater self esteem. This will lead to an improved economic condition for the county and surrounding area that will attract light manufacturing and knowledge based industries to Mitchell County. Overall cost of the proposed project: A final goal of \$1.2 million; this phase of the project being \$894,194 with \$239,194 requested from BTOP funds.

D. Project Purpose

Project Purpose: Recovery Act & BTOP Objectives

8. Project Purpose

The Mitchell County Virtual Learning and Communication Center will be located in the



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Mitchell County Historic Courthouse which is being renovated in Bakersville, the County Seat, located in the northwestern section of Mitchell County. The service area for the project will be the entire county; however, two adjoining counties will have access to the services provided at the Center.

During the past ten years, the county has lost all of its major manufacturing employers resulting in 2,710 layoffs. In 2006 alone, 340 workers were laid off. For more than 100 years, tobacco farming was the primary economic activity in this area. In 1985, 375-400 farmers were producing burley tobacco; today there are 8 tobacco farmers. Other farmers are now in a transition period. The promise of Christmas tree plantations has peaked and future opportunities are diminished. Job development requires that they either change career fields or produce and market a new mix of crops such as organic vegetables, natural and humanely raised animal products, medicinals, berries and landscaping ornamentals.

The 2009 unemployment rate for Mitchell County is 12.9% while the statewide rate is 11.2 %. The economic situation is exacerbated by a high school drop-out rate averaging of 39%. Those young people who do graduate often leave the county to find employment, while most drop-outs stay in the county and often become additional negative statistics involving drugs and crime.

Residents of the northwestern area of the county are in a demonstrably worse situation because of lower economic and educational levels exacerbated by geographic isolation. The majority of tobacco farms were located in this area. Those who live in communities like Pigeon Roost, Poplar and Hughes Gap which have a driving time of over one-hour to Mayland Community College where opportunities exist to improve their education levels and job skills. Only 56% of the people over 25 years of age in this area have a high school diploma. The county is considered a Tier 1 rural county by the North Carolina Department of Commerce with a per capita income of only \$13, 993. Providing closer access to educational opportunities will be an incentive for many who cannot (as opposed to “just reluctant”) make the necessary trips to the current campuses of Mayland. Many who have had limited or poor experiences in organized education including drop outs and some farmers will find the Center to be more welcoming. Education and communication are the keys to a viable workforce and future economic development in Mitchell County. The Center will include: telecommunications and a portable public access computer system to support distance learning, videoconferencing, computer literacy, town-wide wireless internet access and a variety of classroom instructional configurations.

In collaboration with Mayland Community College we will provide G.E.D. completion, on site and distance education courses leading to degrees, continuing education classes for



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education and business professionals, and a broad range of special interest courses and workshops for the general public. Also much needed continuing education to firefighters, EMS personnel, and other human service providers in the area.

The Cooperative Extension Service will have access to classrooms, computers, internet and distance learning equipment that will be used to facilitate their alternative agriculture education activities and farm business training. The Extension Service has evaluated farms that previously grew tobacco and estimates that 1500-2200 acres on those farms can be converted to alternative crop production. This change would involve 100-150 farmers and an investment of about \$250,000.00. This new production should create 50-75 seasonal and 5 full-time jobs. In collaboration with the Mitchell County Public Library, the Center will provide basic information literacy workshops for the general public and provide extended access to computers and the Internet. The Library will take full responsibility for the technology systems and provide extended hours for public access to computers and the Internet.

Businesses, farmers, private agencies, town and county employees, faith-based organizations and others can use the Virtual Learning and Communications Center for classes, meetings, videoconferencing, and distance learning. With the increasing cost of travel, groups will be able to link with their colleagues in other parts of the state and beyond for conferences and meetings. They will have access to many education and information resources that would not otherwise be available or affordable. All of the activities described above will directly serve 500-700 people during the first year of operation and over 50,000 in the next 5 years.

All of these activities will be sustained by Foundation and its partners in a number of ways including general maintenance and insurance provided by the County, GED and higher education classes by Mayland Community College similar to its other campuses, educational activities by the Cooperative Extension Service within its existing budget, professional conferences and seminars by the sponsoring agencies, cultural activities by the sponsoring group and/or participants, and technology applications by the Public Library and Mayland Community College. The success of the Agricultural Education and Marketing Coordinator position is expected to generate enough local interest to secure funding from the County Commission.

We propose that our efforts as described above meets 4 of the 5 statutory purposes of the BTOP initiative namely:

- Provide improved broadband access to consumers in underserved areas
- Provide broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment, and support to community anchor institutions, job-creating strategic facilities, and vulnerable populations
- Improve access to and use of broadband by public safety agencies



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•Stimulate demand for broadband

9. Recovery Act and Other Governmental Collaboration.

Thus far, we have been fortunate to have received funding from several sources for the construction phases of our efforts to create the Virtual Learning and Communication Center. Most notable has been the North Carolina Center for Rural Development from which we have received a planning grant of \$25,000 and a construction grant of \$200,000. HandMade in America has provided funding of \$50,000 to test a prototype position for Marketing and Program Director for the Center. We applied for and were denied funding from the state-funded Golden Leaf program last year; however, we have reapplied for, but have not been notified of funding from the Golden Leaf Foundation this year to complete the final construction phases of the project. These funds are not required for opening the doors, but will be used for landscaping, LEED certification, and programming for the new Center. Local Mitchell County Government has invested over \$5,000 in the building and will provide daily maintenance for the facility once the doors open.

10. Enhanced Services for Health Care Delivery, Education, and Children

11. Small and Disadvantaged Business Involvement

E. Project Benefits

**E-1 – Expanding Broadband Public Computer Center Capacity
Public Computer Center Capacity, Including Areas and Populations Served**

12. Public Computer Centers Availability

The Mitchell County Virtual Learning and Communication Center will be available free of charge to all members of the general public for at least 60 hours per week on a regular basis and available for special uses additionally by community groups, organizations and government agencies on a scheduled appointment basis. The computers will be available during these hours for free as a part of the Public Library services. Teleconferencing service



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costs will be offset by virtue of the Center being a part of the e-NC Authority network (<http://www.e-nc.org/>) with users paying the costs of tuition, workshop fees, or other charges appropriately required by the sponsoring organization. For example, the proposed workshops and classes in alternative agriculture will be paid for by the NC Cooperative Extension and certain distance education classes for college students will be paid for with their tuition. Both will realize savings gained from less travel and realize advantages not available within 100 miles or more.

13. Restrictions on Public Computer Center Use

There will be no restrictions for using the Center except for any infractions of rules governing generally accepted behavior in a public use facility.

14. Public Computer Centers Accessibility

The Center will have an ADA compliant entrance with automatic door, a lift to the second floor with a remote access button, wireless headphones for the hearing impaired in the classrooms, spaces for wheel chairs in the classrooms, all ADA approved toilet facilities, all fire warning apparatus for visual and hearing impaired, staff who have had ADA workshop training in working with diverse and disabled populations, and a member of the Board who has responsibility for diverse and disabled population advocacy.

15. PCC - Center Locations, PCC - Center Capacity, PCC - Size and Scope of Target Audience.

<p>PCC - Center Locations & Center Capacity & Size and Scope of Target Audience.</p> <p>Public Computer Center: Mitchell County Virtual Learning and Communications Center Address Line 1: 11 North Main Ave Address Line 2: POB39 City : Bakersville State: NC Zip: 28705</p> <p>Computer Center Name /Type: Mitchell County Virtual Learning and Communications Center Estimated # of Total Persons in your Service Area (or Specific Population Sub-Group): 15784</p> <p>Hours Open to Public: Average Hours Open to Public Per 120-hour Business Week: 51</p>



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<p>Proposed Hours Open to Public Per 120-hour Business Week:68 Average Hours Open to Public Per 48-hour Weekend: 3 Proposed Hours Open to Public Per 48-hour Weekend:8</p> <p>Broadband Workstations: Current # of Broadband Workstations: 12 Proposed # of Broadband Workstations: 36</p> <p>Facility Broadband Connection Speed (MBps): Current Facility Broadband Connection Speed (MBps): 3.00 Proposed Facility Broadband Connection Speed (MBps): 5.00</p> <p># of Persons Served: # of Persons served per 120-hour business week (current): 7900 # of Persons served per 120-hour business week (proposed target): 10500 # of Persons served per 48-hour weekend (current): 30 # of Persons served per 48-hour weekend (proposed target): 60</p>

16. PCC- SBA Population Demographics

Age Distribution
Age Distribution: 5-19
Age Distribution: 20-29
Age Distribution: 30-39
Age Distribution: 40-49
Age Distribution: 50-59
Age Distribution: 60-69
Age Distribution: 70 and above



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Ethnicity or ethnicities
Ethnicity: Hispanic
Ethnicity: Non-Hispanic White
Ethnicity: Non-Hispanic Black
Ethnicity: Non-Hispanic American Indian
Ethnicity: Non-Hispanic Asian
Ethnicity: Non-Hispanic Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
Ethnicity: Non-Hispanic Other
Ethnicity: Two or More Races

Gender
Gender: Female
Gender: Male

Median Household Income
Median Household Income: Less than \$9,999
Median Household Income: \$10,000 - \$14,999
Median Household Income: \$15,000 - \$24,999
Median Household Income: \$25,000 - \$34,999
Median Household Income: \$35,000 - \$49,999
Median Household Income: \$50,000 - \$74,999
Median Household Income: \$75,000 - \$99,999



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Median Household Income: \$100,000 - \$149,999
Median Household Income: \$150,000 - \$199,999
Median Household Income: \$200,000 and above

Educational Levels
Educational Levels: None
Educational Levels: Nursery school - Preschool
Educational Levels: Elementary - Kindergarten - Grade 5
Educational Levels: Middle - Grade 6 to Grade 8
Educational Levels: Secondary - Grade 9 to Grade 12
Educational Levels: College
Educational Levels: Masters
Educational Levels: Doctorate/Post-Doctorate

Disabilities status
Disabilities status : Blindness, Deafness or a severe vision or hearing impairment
Disabilities status : A condition that substantially limits one or more basic physical activities such as walking, climbing stairs, reaching, lifting or carrying

Unemployment Rate
Unemployment Rate: 12.90

Language

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Language : English - Primary
Language : English - Second Language
Language : Non-English Speakers

17. Public Computer Centers Outreach

Using the term, Center, literally, the Foundation has and will continue to make the renovated building the center for learning, communication and community development in the northern end of Mitchell County, but also a center for government and professional education for the entire county and surrounding areas. The Center will take advantage of the marketing and public relations efforts of its major partners in providing access to public computing and technology. This includes the existing programing which will be extended by numbers of hours and opportunities by the Mitchell County Public Library, Mayland Community College, NC Cooperative Extension Service, EMS and Public Safety, and the other human service and government agencies whose members will continue to be involved in the planning and implementation of educational and communication programs in the Center.

Public Computer Center Capacity: Training and Educational Programs

18. Public Computer Centers Peripherals and Equipment

Please see Supplemental Information A (Mpac systems (Mpac1-5) detailing the teleconferencing systems required and B Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Public Computer Access List and Budget. We put out a call for bids, received three, and made the decision to accept the Mpac one based on cost, reputation of the company, and service options available. Our selection of computers and software are based on the equipment we currently have in the Public Library to maintain a standard for IT support.

The equipment listed will allow us to use the broadband access to provide distance learning opportunities for all the groups included in our proposal. A large meeting room with 176 seats will be equipped with codec, cameras, audio system, document camera, and projector to



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accommodate lectures as well as interactive teleconferences for large groups. We will also have a portable unit that can be used in our smaller classroom and seminar rooms for smaller teleconference communication for small business persons, government leaders, artisans, or other community members who need to use the broadband access to communicate with colleagues.

The 24 laptops will be equipped with personal productivity software including Office 2007 and Dreamweaver as well as security software. The building will have hardwired access as well as wireless access. The wireless cloud will cover the immediate downtown area of Bakersville. Copiers and scanners will be provided by the Library.

19. Public Computer Centers Workstation Software

All public access computers will be loaded with Microsoft Office 2007, Dreamweaver, and internet browsers. Access to specialized software to support classes and workshops by Mayland Community College and the NC Cooperative Extension Service will be provided by them on an as need basis through their centralized servers and/or installed on the machines according to their purchase or lease agreements.

The public library emphasis will be on using Office software with a special emphasis on accessing online resources such as NCLive (<http://www.nclive.org>) and other services available to the public by virtue of the Library's membership in the Regional and State networks. Specialized software packages will be added on a case by case basis based on the requirements of the groups being served.

20. Public Computer Centers Training and Education Programs

Currently, the Director of the AMY Regional Library System is responsible for coordinating planning for the educational and teleconferencing uses for the building. His background is in distant learning and information technology at the University of South Carolina. This planning will take the Center into its first year of operation.

One of the goals of the project is to hire a full-time Education Director; however, those funds are not yet available. Until then, the AMY Director will be responsible for that aspect of the project.

Likewise, he will work with the staff of the Mitchell County Public Library to expand internet access services and information literacy classes. The AMY Regional Library is a member of the Foundation Center's Cooperative Collection Program, which means that workshops in grant



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writing and non-profit organizational management will also be included from the Library.

Over the process of the first year, the Director will work with all partners, especially Mayland Community College, NC Agricultural Extension Service, and Toe River Arts Council by the end of the 2nd year of the project to graduate 150 GED’s and provide 12 academic classes, 18 career classes (including those for EMS, health care, firefighter, and artisan groups), and 36 small business, agriculture, government, and artisan teleconferences.

The NC Cooperative Extension Service will provide distant learning and on site learning opportunities related to all aspects of farming and gardening. The outcomes will include 25-50 seasonal and 5-full time jobs, at least \$250,000 new investments in alternative agricultural crops and careers, 150-200 farmers educated/trained in alternative agriculture, 100-150 alternative crop farmers established, and 1500-2200 new acres of alternative crops allocated.

We have begun exploring options for artisans to provide master classes via the system as well as providing them, as small business persons, with the opportunity to use the system for business related teleconferences.

A total of 18 public performances will be presented and as many community group meetings as the schedule will allow.

There will be a 25% increase in the use of public internet access and at least 12 information literacy events will be presented in collaboration with the Public Library and taught by their staff.

E-2- Project Benefits – Sustainable BroadBand Adoption

21. Innovative Approach to Sustainable Broadband Adoption

22. Sustainable Broadband Adoption Household Subscribers.

How many total new home subscribers (household accounts) to broadband do you expect to generate through use of BTOP funds over the entire life of the program funded?

23. Sustainable Broadband Adoption Institutional Subscribers.



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How many total new business and/or institutional subscribers to broadband do you expect to generate through use of BTOP funds over the entire life of the program funded?

24. Sustainable Broadband Adoption Users of Public Access Facilities.

How many total **users** of broadband in public computer centers or **users** of broadband **outside the home** (e.g., in a community college) do you expect to generate through use of BTOP funds over the entire life of the program funded? 49,375

25. Sustainable Broadband Adoption Population Demographics.

Please refer to PCC – SBA Demographics section (Section E1- Question 17)

26. Sustainable Broadband Adoption People Trained/Educated.

If you intend to provide training or education, how many people **in total** will your program(s) reach?

1,445

27. Sustainable Broadband Adoption - Scope of Training/Education Programs.

How many hours of training do you expect to provide *per person on average* for each participant in your training program(s), through completion of training for that individual? If you will offer multiple programs, provide estimates for each program. 2

28. Sustainable Broadband Adoption Instructor Qualifications.

How many (FTE) instructors/facilitators will you employ for broadband and digital literacy training purposes, and what are their qualifications (training and experience)?

29. Sustainable Broadband Adoption Equipment Purchased.

How many broadband-related equipment units (e.g. computers, wireless devices) do you intend to purchase overall? 239

30. Sustainable Broadband Adoption Cost of Devices.

What is the total up-front cost of this equipment? 192,603

31. Sustainable Broadband Adoption Loan Program Participants.

If you are providing an equipment purchase or loan program, for how many households, businesses and/or institutions do you expect to provide equipment or computers?

Number of Households:

Number of Businesses:

Number of Institutions:

32. Sustainable Broadband Adoption Loan Cost to Borrower.

If you are employing a loan program for purchases of service or equipment, what will be the total cost to the typical customer you assist over the life of the loan, including all interest and fees?

33. Sustainable Broadband Adoption Target Population, Awareness Campaign.

If you are conducting an awareness campaign, how many people do you expect your campaign will reach?

52,062



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34. Sustainable Broadband Adoption Awareness Campaign Methods

35. Measuring Campaign Impact for Sustainable Broadband Adoption

36. Sustainable Broadband Adoption Total Cost Per New Subscriber.

What is the total cost of your project per new subscriber (household, individual, or institutional) or new end-user? **18.00**

F. Project Viability

Technical Viability

37. Technology Strategy

37 - A. Public Computer Center Technology Strategy

The strategies for deployment of the technology and services provided by the Center will be primarily those of the Mitchell County Public Library, Mayland Community College, and NC Cooperative Extension Service. Additionally, the Toe River Arts Council will begin exploring options for using the system to support the arts as small businesses. These services will be extensions and enhancements to existing public access, awareness sessions, and specific workshops by the Public Library staff. The College will provide access to classes, workshops, and special events related to computer use generally and for specific applications based on their curriculum. The NC Cooperative Extension Service, TRAC and other organizations who will be able to use the facilities and technology will have free access based on a mutually agreed upon schedule.

Teleconferencing systems will be managed and maintained by the IT staff of the College and the Education Program Director who is to be hired by the Foundation. Until that time, the Director of the AMY Regional Library System will take responsibility for that aspect of the project.

The network will be relatively simple with hardwired access in each room, but with a wireless cloud that will extend to the immediate downtown Bakersville. Anyone within that cloud will have access to the signal.



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The technology systems will be maintained by IT staff from the College and the contracted services in place for the Library.

37 - B. Sustainable Broadband Adoption Technology Strategy

Organizational Capability

38. Management Team Resumes.

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39. Organizational Readiness

The Mitchell County Historical Courthouse Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) organization established in 2007 and dedicated to improving the overall economic conditions and quality of life for the residents of Mitchell County through programs of education, historic preservation, and community development made possible by the renovation and effective long-term programming and management of the Mitchell County Historic Courthouse with specific goals related to workforce readiness and economic development. We have raised over \$700,000 toward our final goal of \$1.2 million for startup costs with an anticipated occupancy date of January 2010. To date, 30% of the construction is complete.

The Foundation has:

- Developed specific overall goals and objectives based on formal input related to needs and possible educational solutions for agricultural workers, government offices, small business persons, GED and higher education opportunities, and community building with representatives from the Cooperative Extension Office, Mayland Community College, Appalachian State University’s Appalachian Regional Development Institute, Town and County government leaders, conducted a series of town meeting conducted throughout the county,
- Engaged a consultants from two telecommunications/teleconferencing companies and Mayland Community College to to assist in planning our distance learning classroom, portable distance conferencing units, and presentation systems.
- Secured the services of a LEED certified architectural firm and conducted a preliminary LEED assessment of the building including recommendations of environmentally responsible approaches from HVAC to bike racks and suggested types of toilets. We are currently on the list for LEED Certification.



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- Conducted an asbestos and lead paint assessments and removed the materials according to EPA and LEED guidelines.
- Begun the renovation process and anticipate opening the doors in January 2010.
- Progress on our efforts may be viewed at <http://www.mitchellcountyhistoriccourthouse.org/>

Much of our success has resulted from the strong collaborative efforts of the community organizations that are represented on our Board and in our working groups. The primary partners being the Mitchell County Public Library, Mayland Community College, and the NC Cooperative Extension Service. Each has staff with years of community service experience and has been involved in the planning for this project from its inception.

40. Organizational Chart.

Please refer to upload section at the end of document.

Community Involvement

41. Key Partners

The Mitchell County Public Library was established in 1948. Libraries have been referred to as “community anchors” in documents and presentations related to broadband access included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Emily Sheketoff, executive director of the ALA Washington Office, who says: “Inclusion of libraries in the build-out of the broadband infrastructure will contribute towards a more cohesive and efficient network infrastructure for America’s communities and help ensure that high-speed broadband will reach the greatest percentage of the population.” Last year, the Library has a 58% increase in internet use with user records indicating that this number will increase significantly this year. The library will offer both access and assistance in terms of workshops and individual support using the resources in this project with will be an extension of the current library service.

Mayland Community College has been a major factor in helping to establish a stronger economy in the county since 1971. Mayland offers a full range of educational opportunities from GED to meet the needs of a 40% drop out rate population to academic and workforce related courses. The only hope for some families to afford college for their children is to have



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Mitchell County Center of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service faculty members in Mitchell County -better known as Extension Agents- provide information and nonformal learning opportunities. The staff has both formal education and Extension experience in working with family and consumer sciences, 4-H and youth, community and rural development and all areas of agriculture. They work with producers of food and fiber, agribusinesses, youth and their leaders, parents, homemakers, homeowners and tenants, gardeners, people concerned with environmental quality, community leaders, volunteers and others who wish to capitalize on the specialized knowledge resources of the land-grant universities. Major educational programs conducted in Mitchell County are based on local needs and opportunities for development. Local input allows the Mitchell County staff to streamline the transfer of information from North Carolina State University and utilize all the university resources that are relevant to local needs.

42. Partnering with Disadvantaged Businesses

We have no such partnerships at this time.

Ability to Start Promptly & Timeline

43. Project Timeline and Challenges

We have bids for all of the technology required to implement the effort. Once funding is secured, installation will begin. We have included the electrical infrastructure to support fully the plans for the teleconferencing, wireless access, server, and other connections required for the project. This is in the form of conduit with pull-strings to appropriate locations throughout the building and is being installed at this writing.



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It will take approximately 2 weeks from the funding award for the technology to be put in place.

We are currently experimenting with a GED program with Mayland Community College being conducted in the Mitchell County Public Library (both are our major partners in the effort) which is directly across the street from the Center. We have over 20 students in that program, which is more than on any of the other campuses of the College. We anticipate expanding the program from Mayland with college-level classes and professional classes based on a needs assessment currently underway.

We also have an Advisory Board that is made up of representatives from Mayland, the NC Cooperative Extension Service, Town of Bakersville, Mitchell County Government, EMS Operations, Centro Latino, Toe River Arts Council, and the Public Library that is planning the programs to be offered during the first year in the Center. We are working on contingency plans in case we do not have funding for the technology during the first year.

The current Marketing and Program Director will continue through 2010, but the position will be split into 2 separate positions one of which will be the Educational Program Director with funding from Mayland, Library, Extension Service, and a grant from a local foundation. We are currently working on other grant possibilities for these positions.

44. Non-Infrastructure Projects - Licenses and Regulatory Approvals

The only special membership is that of the Mitchell County Public Library and Mayland Community College being a part of the e-NC Authority network to provide access to teleconferencing services. This membership will be in effect for the Center as soon as the technology is installed.

The Library is a member of the State Library Network by virtue of its agreements with local governments and the State Library.

45. Legal Opinion.

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G. Project Budget & Sustainability



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Project Profile: Budget and Budget Narrative

46. Budget Narrative

Our goal for 2009-2010 is \$1.2 million. A portion of those funds will be used to hire eventually an Education Program Director and landscape the building grounds. The cost to implement the goals of the project proposed here is \$894,194. We have in hand and are in the process of expending \$665,000 for the construction costs. We have expended \$50,000 for architect fees, \$14,000 for asbestos and lead paint studies, \$54,250 for demolition and asbestos removal, and over \$100,000 for construction costs to date.

Without the funds requested in this proposal (\$239,194), we will have a nicely renovated building, but the many opportunities afforded by the effective deployment of broadband technologies will not be available to the people of Mitchell County.

We have funding from the Samuel Phillips Foundation (\$200,000), the Janirve Foundation (\$100,000), The NC Rural Economic Development Center (\$225,000), HandMade in America (\$50,000), the State Employees Credit Union (\$200,000), and local funding from donations (\$12,000).

At this point, we will be able to open the doors in January for traditional classes and tutoring in the GED program as well as selected public events. We have the funds to maintain the Marketing and Program Director with a goal of hiring a second person who will be responsible for Educational Programming. We are in the process of continuing to raise money for landscaping and to pursue LEED certification; however, those items can be put on hold until we can raise additional funds, but some programming can go on without those in place. Without the BTOP funding for the technology that will provide teleconferencing, networking, and computers, we will not be able to begin our efforts to provide public access to the full array of opportunities that broadband technology has the capacity to provide. We have approached as many large donors as we know of and have been turned down by the Golden Leaf Foundation. The BTOP funds will serve as a capstone to our goals and objectives. If we are not funded, we will continue to pursue other opportunities; however, it seems as if the NOFA were written specifically for us and what we are trying to accomplish for the people of Mitchell County and the surrounding area.

We will be able to allocate the funds as soon as they are made available and will be able to



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make use of the technologies as soon as they are installed, which we anticipate being able to implement the program in spring 2010.

47. Non-Infrastructure Projects - Budget Reasonableness

Our technology application goals are based on input from:

- county-wide town meetings
- strategic planning sessions with our Board Members who represent the major partners in the project and other groups that will make use of the facility and technology
- planning sessions with our Advisory Board
- consultants from the e-NC Authority which is the state initiative to link all North Carolinians – especially those in rural areas - to the Internet. The purpose of this organization is to use the Internet as a tool for helping people to improve their quality of life. Affordable Internet service will provide North Carolinians with increased access to commerce, health care, education and government services. Through the Internet, rural North Carolinians can utilize resources not located in their areas, contact friends and experts, grow their businesses and increase their personal knowledge – all while preserving the lifestyle that is an integral part of who they are.
- private sector consultants representing state of the art telecommunications and computing companies.

We have had multiple bids on all aspects of our efforts to date including the technology applications included in this proposal. All of the costs have been carefully considered and, while we have not always selected the lowest bidder, we have selected those who have offered the highest quality services, materials, and ongoing support. We also have considered local vendors whenever possible.

We contend that the funds requested are essential for us to provide the level of services needed by the communities served.

48. Demonstration of Financial Need

We have been very fortunate to have been provided the financial support that we have to date from several sources. We have funding from the Samuel Phillips Foundation (\$200,000), the Janirve Foundation (\$100,000), The NC Rural Economic Development Center (\$225,000), HandMade in America (\$50,000), the State Employees Credit Union (\$200,000), and local



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funding from donations (\$12,000).

The only problem is that where we are located, we literally have approached every available source of which we are aware. The only rejection has been one from Golden Leaf, but we have resubmitted an application for the next year, but have not been given any positive indication that we will be successful.

We are in the midst of our Local Public Capital Campaign, but even with the great generosity of our local people, they are not able to provide the funding needed to implement a broadband effort such as that proposed here. With the unemployment rate at 12.9% and an average household income of \$30,270, there is little discretionary money available.

As with many other organizations during these difficult time, we have come to a dead end as far as funding is concerned. The Recovery funds are our last best hope to provide the kinds of education and public computer access that we believe will make a positive difference to our area.

49. Historical Financial Statements.

Please refer to upload section at the end of document.

Project Profile: Long Term Sustainability

50. Sustainability.

51 - A. Public Computer Center Sustainability

Evidence of the sustainability of the project is contained in the letters of support that are included in Supplemental Information B.

Mayland Community College and the Mitchell County Public Library are major partners in the effort and will provide ongoing costs of implementing the technology through e-rate and membership in the North Carolina ITS teleconferencing program, e-NC Authority. The Public Library will make the Center's public computer access (hardware, software, and maintenance) a part of its budget as confirmed by the Local Board on 4 August.

It will take at least 3 years for the project (technology and 2 staff) to become fiscally



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sustainable. The Foundation will continue to support the project with grant money along with increasing investments from students and participants from Mayland, the Agricultural Extension Service, small businesses, government offices and other professional clients. These entities will be asked to contribute on an “as use” basis once their cash flow is established.

We have several grant sources identified for programing once we have the building renovations complete and the technology in place. We believe that as we help to improve education and the workforce readiness of our population, we will have an improved tax base and also residents will view the Center and its partners as important parts of the community that they will support with their taxes and gifts as well as by taking additional courses and participating in fee based workshops.

The building has been leased from the County for 99 years with general maintenance support provided. The list of partners who have been involved in the project from the beginning is indicative of the interest, need, and potential for long-term commitment to the project.

51 - B. Sustainable Broadband Adoption Sustainability

Project Profile: Outside Leverage

51. Matching Funds.

Please refer to upload section at the end of document.

52. Unjust Enrichment

We have not applied for nor received Federal support for any of our activities to date.

53. Disclosure of Federal and/or State Funding Sources

We have state-level funding from the NC Rural Economic Development Center (\$225,000) and HandMade in America (\$50,000). We have not received federal funding directly.

54. Buy American.

Is the applicant seeking an individual waiver of the Buy American provision?

No



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Buy American Waiver Request Explanation
No request was made.

H. DOC Environmental Checklist

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I. Compliance and Certification

56. Certification and signature.
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08. Environmental Checklist
09. Compliance and Certifications*
10. CD-511 Certification - Lobbying, Upper Tier*
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Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Foundation
Brief Biographical Information of Officers

Dr. Daniel Barron, Board Chair

Daniel Barron was born in Bakersville, NC in a house about 50 yards from the public library. He graduated from Appalachian State University, was a high school librarian in Gastonia, NC, worked reference at the public library nights and weekends, and filled in at branches during the summers.

He received his MLIS, AMLIS, and Ph.D. from Florida State University. He retired as a Distinguished Professor Emeritus from the School of Library and Information Science at the University of South Carolina after 30 years as a faculty member and Director of the School.

Daniel accepted an Interim Directorship three weeks after his retirement from USC with the AMY Regional Library. He fell in love with the job and the people of the three counties, and applied for the position and was appointed Director in January 2007.

Now repurposed in his second career, he plans to spend the remainder of his useful life serving the people of the beautiful Toe River Valley and the library profession in North Carolina. He has a daughter Amy who is a GIS professional in the Charlotte area, and lives with his wife Brette, who is an artist, and his two step children, Maddie and Bobby, in a house overlooking his birthplace.

Ronald McKinney, Board Vice-Chair

Ronald McKinney is a retired educator and current Christmas Tree Farm Operator. He held teaching and counseling positions in McDowell, Mitchell and Burke counties. As one of the first employees of Mayland Community College, he was a member of the administrative team that established its curricula and programs and constructed a permanent campus. Mr. McKinney has received several citations for civic activities.

He currently serves on an advisory board to Western Highlands Network and is a member of the Governor's Task Force for Healthy Carolinians, Mitchell County Foundation Board, board member of Mitchell Community Health Partnership and member of Bakersville Improvement Group. He is an active member of Bakersville Baptist Church where he has served as Chairman of the Board of Deacons, Board of Trustees member and Sunday School Superintendent.

Mr. McKinney received a BS in Social Studies, MA in Counseling and MA in School Administration from Appalachian State University. He completed the doctoral course work in Higher Education Administration at NC State University.

Dr. Suzanne Owens, Board Secretary

Dr. Suzanne Y. Owens is President of Mayland Community College, which has the mission of serving Mitchell, Avery and Yancey citizens with the opportunities for lifelong learning and an improved quality of life.

Dr. Owens has served the College in numerous positions since 1988, beginning as a part-time grant writer, and then moving to Program Evaluator (2 years), Director of Institutional Effectiveness (5 years) and Vice President of Student Development (10 years). She was named President in December 2005. She has been a champion of the Learning College principles and believes that partnerships throughout our communities will unite us all in the pursuit of lifelong learning and a finer quality of life.

Dr. Owens grew up in Bakersville, NC, graduated from Bowman High School, received a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from East Tennessee State University, a Master of Arts in Teaching from East Tennessee State University, and a Doctorate in Education from East Texas State University.

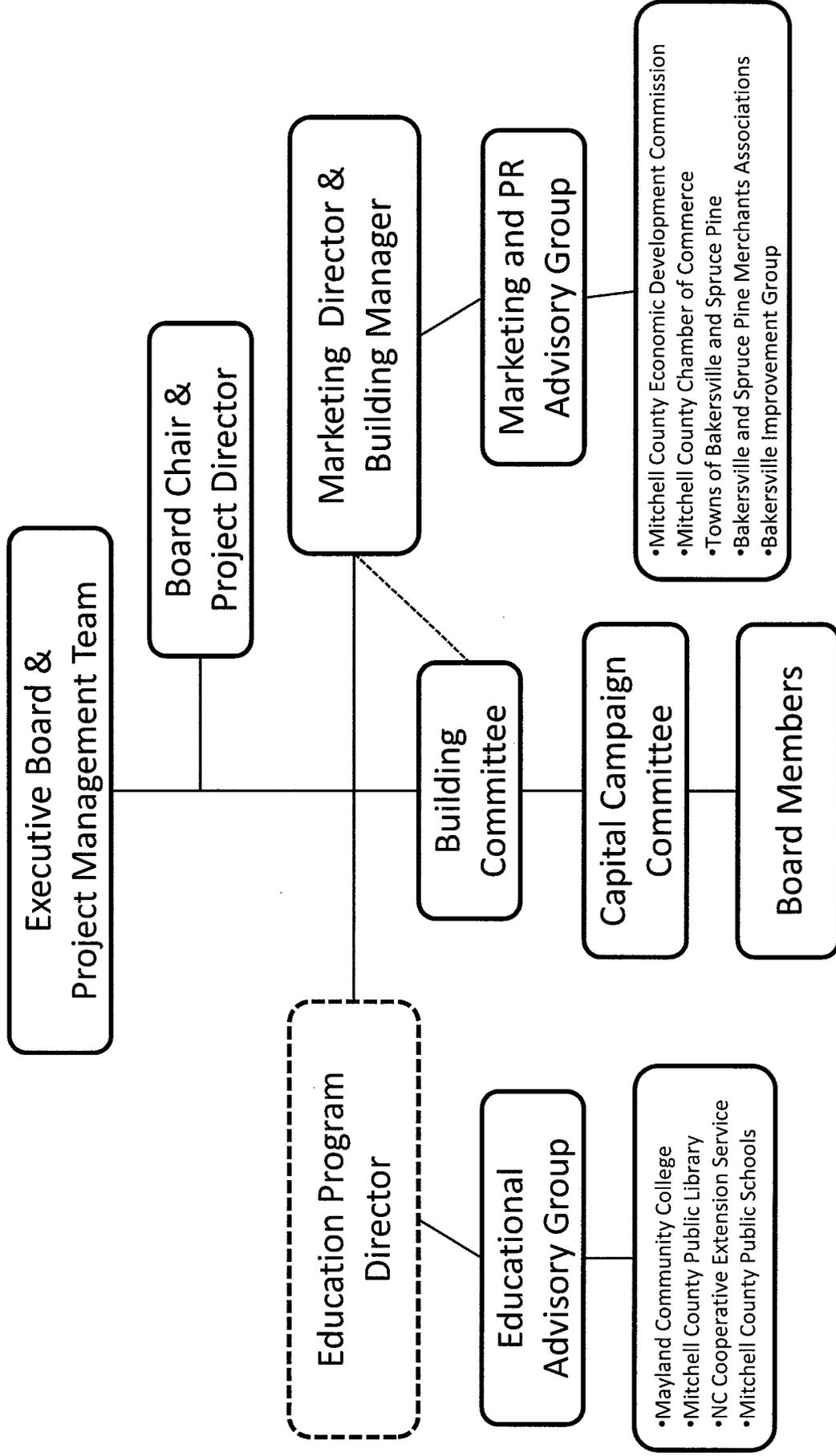
William Anderson, Board Treasurer

William Anderson is a member of the Board and is Treasurer of the Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Foundation. His work background includes over 25 years experience as a commercial banker; service as Chief Financial Officer for three corporations with revenues ranging from 50 to 100 million dollars; and is currently a business consultant focused on organizational analysis, strategic leadership initiatives, and change management.

Mr. Anderson has served on the Boards of various professional and civic organizations including the American Furniture Manufacturer's Association -Finance Division, National Association of Mirror Manufacturers - Human Resources, United Way - Treasurer, Chamber of Commerce, and numerous other affiliations and interests.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Davidson College, a Master of Business Administration from the Babcock School of Management at Wake Forest University, and has completed the European Business Studies Program at King's College, Oxford University. Mr. Anderson is a native of Mitchell County, NC.

Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Foundation Organizational Chart



Mitchell County Virtual Learning and Communication Center Key Partners

The key organizational partners in the project are the Mitchell County Public Library, Mayland Community College, and the NC Cooperative Extension Service. Each of these have had input into the process from the beginning and are fully committed to the future programming of the Center.

The Mitchell County Public Library was established in 1948 and has served the county well since. Libraries have been referred to as “community anchors” in documents and presentations related to broadband access included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Their importance in education and broadband public access has been touted from President Obama to Emily Sheketoff, executive director of the ALA Washington Office, who says: “Inclusion of libraries in the build-out of the broadband infrastructure will contribute towards a more cohesive and efficient network infrastructure for America’s communities and help ensure that high-speed broadband will reach the greatest percentage of the population.” Last year, the Library has a 58% increase in internet use with user records indicating that this number will increase significantly this year. As the community becomes more aware of the educational, recreational, and social resources available and as they continue to struggle financially, more will turn to the public library for support. The library will offer both access and assistance in terms of workshops and individual support using the resources in this project with will be an extension of the current library service.

Mayland Community College has been a major factor in helping to establish a stronger economy in the county since 1971. As U.S. economy, Education Secretary Arne Duncan said, “Higher education, particularly community colleges, has a significant role to play in helping the Obama administration achieve its goal of creating a more educated work force to boost the struggling economy. We have to educate our way to a better economy,” he said. “By 2020, we need to lead the world in college graduates. The jobs of the future will require higher education.” Mayland offers a full range of educational opportunities from GED to meet the needs of a 40% drop out rate population to academic and workforce related courses. The only hope for some families to afford college for their children is to have them complete two years at Mayland and then transfer to a 4-year school. The career and workforce courses have been critical to the current job market in the county. Also the continuing education and especially the Small Business Development Center have proven to have positive influences on the economic climate. All of these opportunities will be available to those who have not been able to participate to date; the primary reason being distance. Many have to commute nearly 50 miles round trip to attend one class. For those who have worked all day, single parents, and others with travel restrictions, GED and college courses are not an option currently.

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with family and consumer sciences, 4-H and youth, community and rural development and all areas of agriculture. They work with producers of food and fiber, agribusinesses, youth and their leaders, parents, homemakers, homeowners and tenants, gardeners, people concerned with environmental quality, community leaders, volunteers and others who wish to capitalize on the specialized knowledge resources of the land-grant universities. Major educational programs conducted in Mitchell County are based on local needs and opportunities for development. Local input allows the Mitchell County staff to streamline the transfer of information from North Carolina State University and utilize all the university resources that are relevant to local needs.

Our Key Partners actually go beyond these three organizations. While they are the providers of the services to the community, the Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Foundation is the catalyst that has brought these and other community groups together to help serve the educational, cultural, and economic development needs of the county. The following list of Board Members is indicative of the wide range of commitment that has permeated the effort to date and will sustain the project to full realization of our goals. It should be noted also that the members of this board are working members of working groups that have made the project possible and not just representatives who sit through meetings and vote.

Dr. Daniel Barron, Chair, Director Avery, Mitchell, Yancey Regional Library, POB 543, Bakersville, NC 28705

Ronald McKinney, Vice-Chair, Co-Director, Mitchell Community Health Partnership (Retired Educator, POB 176, Bakersville, NC 28705

William Anderson, Treasurer, Independent Financial Advisor, POB 64, Bakersville, NC 28705

Dr. Suzanne Owens, Secretary, President Mayland Community College, POB 547, Spruce Pine, NC 28777

Don Baucom, Mayland Community College Board of Trustees (Retired Educator), 1382 Deer Park Lake Rd., Spruce Pine, NC 28777

Richard Canipe, Spruce Pine Town Manager, 138 Highland Avenue, Spruce Pine, NC 28777

Dorothy Campbell, Bakersville Merchant's Association (Owner, Dot's Coffee Shop, 124 Hughes Road, Bakersville, NC 28705

Reid Duncan, Administrator Bakersville Community Medical Clinic, POB 27, Bakersville, NC 28705

Elizabeth McKinney, Co-Director, Mitchell Community Health Partnership (Retired Educator), POB 176, Bakersville, N C 28705

John Lara, Toe River Arts Council (Owner, Crimson Laurel Gallery), POB 863, Bakersville, NC 28705

Inez McRae, Mitchell County Historical Society (Retired Educator), POB 652, Bakersville, NC 28705

Barbara Middleton, Mitchell County Public Schools (Library Media Coordinator, Gouge Elementary School), 181 Roan View Drive, Bakersville, NC 28705

David Niven, Spruce Pine Merchant's Association (Owner, DT's Blue Ridge Java), 169 Locust St., Spruce Pine, NC 28777

Silvia Peterson, Director, Centro Latino: Service Center for Latinos, POB 974, Bakersville, NC 28705

Ralph Snyder, Retired Community Member, 116 Snyder Road, Bakersville, NC 28705

Fred Pitman, Retired Community Member, 317 Staggerweed Road, Bakersville, NC 28705

Alisa Thomas, Bakersville Improvement Group (Owner/Agent, Tree House Realty), POB 142, Bakersville, NC 28705

Jeffery Vance, Director, Mitchell County Cooperative Extension Service, P.O. Box 366, 10 S Mitchell Ave, Bakersville, NC 28705

Charles Vines, Mitchell County Manager, POB 527, Bakersville, NC 28705

George Wilson, Alderman, Town of Bakersville, POB 403, Bakersville, NC 28705

Harper Wilson, Mitchell County Chamber of Commerce (Owner/Agent Tree House Realty), Bakersville, NC 2870

**Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Foundation
Treasurer's Report – Interim - July 7, 2009**

I. Significant Financial Events July 1,2008 – Present:

1) <u>Major Funding Received:</u>	
The Samuel L. Phillips Foundation -	\$200,000
The Janirve Foundation -	\$100,000
The NC Rural Economic Development Center-	\$ 75,000
HandMade in America (NC Community Step Grant) -	<u>\$ 6,250</u>
	\$381,250
2) <u>Major Grants Receivable:</u>	
The NC Rural Economic Development Center-	\$125,000
HandMade in America (NC Community Step Grant - Restricted, not for renovations)	\$ 43,750
State Employees' Credit Union	<u>\$200,000</u>
	\$368,750
Total Major Funding:	<u>\$750,000</u>
3) <u>Regular Donations</u>	
January 1, 2008 – Present	\$ 8,034
4) <u>Major Expenditures:</u>	
Demolition & Asbestos Removal-	\$ 54,250
Architect Fees	\$ 32,184
Buchanan Construction – May 2008	<u>\$ 37,377</u>
	\$123,811

II. Cash on Hand: **\$271,349**
(As of July 7, 2009)

III. Rough Snapshot of Financial Position:

Cash on Hand	\$271,349
Plus Unrestricted Grants Receivable	<u>\$325,000</u>
Total	\$596,349
Original Buchanan Construction Contract	\$634,500
Less May	<u>\$<37,377></u>
Total	\$597,123

(Note on Buchanan Construction contract: 7/8 more months of payments will be due for June 2008 – December/January 2010, and it is reasonable to expect various change orders with additional costs of \$20,000-\$40,000.)

IV. NC Sales Tax Issue

The Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Foundation is now classified by the IRS under the National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities (NTEE) as an 'A-45 (History Museums)' and as such is eligible for refund for sales taxes paid on direct purchases under NC sales tax law. Further, under NC General Statute 105-164.14(b) sales taxes indirectly incurred on our building project are also eligible for refund.

The request for refund is filed semi-annually on taxes incurred for January-June and for July-December. Our first request for January-June 2009 will be relatively small as few materials on the project were purchased in May and we have not yet received the June numbers from Buchanan Construction. The amount for July-December is anticipated to be considerably larger. It is also anticipated that the NC Department of Revenue may attempt to dispute The Foundation's NTEE classification and it is highly likely that the refund amount from NC will be paid to The Foundation very slowly.

V. Fiscal Year End

The Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Foundation ended the fiscal year on June 30, 2009. The Foundation is converting to accrual based accounting and the Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2009 and the Statement of Activities and the Statement of Cash Flows for the fiscal year of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 will be provided when available.

VI. Notes to Financial Information:

- 1) The Foundation obtained 501 (c) (3) status October 5, 2007 under a public charity status of 170 (b) (1) (A) (vi) as modified by Treasury Regulation Section 170-A 9 (c) (10). The Foundation's Employer Identification Number is 77-0697289. The effective date of the tax status was July 6, 2007.
- 2) The Foundation therefore had a "short" fiscal year from July 6, 2007 to a normal year end of June 30, 2008. Thereafter, The Foundation will have normal end of June fiscal years.
- 3) The Foundation is converting to accrual based accounting and the Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2009 and the Statement of Activities and the Statement of Cash Flows for the fiscal year of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 will be presented in that proper fashion.
- 4) The Foundation entered into a Lease Agreement with MITCHELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA for the property designated as the old Mitchell County Courthouse October 1, 2007. The agreement runs to the 30th day of 2106 with an option to renew at terms agreed upon at that time. The 99 year lease requires a payment of \$1.00 per year. The lease requires performance of the Foundation to the Foundation's stated purposes and the Landlord

(MITCHELL COUNTY) agrees to provide certain on-going utilities and other provisions as defined in the Agreement.

- 5) No material exposure or liabilities exist with the Foundation's Lease Agreement.
- 6) The Foundation currently holds all short term, cash balances with United Community Bank, with a local presence in Bakersville, NC. Other than the lease agreement, community goodwill, volunteer time, donation pledges and commitments for matching funds the Foundation holds no other material assets other than receivables as noted below in note (7).
- 7) The Foundation has been awarded and has not yet drawn upon further grants of \$125,000 from the *NC Rural Economic Development Center*, \$43,750 from *HandMade in America (NC Step Grant Program)* and \$200,000 from the *(North Carolina) State Employees' Credit Union..* The Foundation therefore has grant receivables of \$368,750. Various grants are restricted.
- 8) The Foundation is in compliance with all conditions and restrictions imposed upon The Foundation under certain agreements entered into with various funding organizations.
- 9) The Foundation entered into a major construction contract with Buchanan Construction, LLC of Arden, NC for improvements and renovations of the leased 'Old Courthouse' property on April 24, 2009. The awarded contract amount was \$634,500.
- 10) The Foundation is in compliance with all federal and state tax regulations governing 501(c) (3) entities.

I am not a Certified Public Accountant and the current position has not yet been examined nor audited.

No material liabilities or contingencies exist of which I am aware. This statement of current position is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/S/

William A. Anderson
Treasurer
Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Foundation
July 7, 2009

DOC Environmental Checklist

1. **SECTION 1-** To be completed for those projects historically shown not to create significant environmental impacts to the human or natural environment. Any answer of "No" or "Not Applicable" may require additional documentation or review.

a. Is the proposed action solely a procurement action for materials intended to be installed, stored or operated in an existing building or structure?

Yes

No

Not Applicable

b. If the proposed action involves procurement of electronic equipment, will the equipment be disposed of in an environmentally sound manner at the end of its useful life?

Yes

No

Not Applicable

c. Does the proposed action involve only minor interior renovations to a structure, facility, or installation?

Yes

No

Not Applicable

d. Is the proposed action solely for the production and/or distribution of informational materials, brochures, or newsletters?

Yes

No

Not Applicable

e. Does the proposed action consist solely of training, teaching, or meeting facilitation at an existing facility or structure?

Yes

No

Not Applicable

Certifications and Signature

(i) I certify that I am authorized to submit this grant application on behalf of the eligible entity(ies) listed on this application, that I have examined this application, that all of the information and responses in this application, including certifications, and forms submitted, all of which are part of this grant application, are material representations of fact and true and correct to the best of my knowledge, that the entity(ies) that is requesting grant funding pursuant to this application and any subgrantees and subcontractors will comply with the terms, conditions, purposes, and federal requirements of the grant program; that no kickbacks were paid to anyone; and that a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or **claims** on this application are grounds for denial or termination of a grant award, and/or possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and civil violations of the False Claims Act.

(ii) I certify that the entity(ies) I represent have and will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes, orders and programmatic rules and requirements relating to the project. I acknowledge that failure to do so may result in rejection or deobligation of the grant or loan award. I acknowledge that failure to comply with all federal and program rules could result in civil or criminal prosecution by the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

(iii) I certify that the entity(ies) I represent has and will comply with all applicable administrative and federal statutory, regulatory, and policy requirements set forth in the Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements ("DOC Pre-Award Notification"), published in the Federal Register on February 11, 2008 (73 FR 7696), as amended; DOC Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions (Mar. 8, 2009), the Department of Commerce American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Award Terms (Apr. 9, 2009); and any Special Award Terms and Conditions that are included by the Grants Officer in the award.

(iv) If requesting BTOP funding, I certify that the entity(ies) I represent has secured access to pay the 20% of total project cost or has petitioned the Assistant Secretary of NTIA for a waiver of the matching requirement or received a waiver.

Signature of authorized person  Date 7 6 09
Print name of authorized person DANIEL BARRON
Title or position CHAIR

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature on this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 15 CFR Part 28, "New Restrictions on Lobbying." The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the Department of Commerce determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

LOBBYING

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 15 CFR Part 28, for persons entering into a grant, cooperative agreement or contract over \$100,000 or a loan or loan guarantee over \$150,000 as defined at 15 CFR Part 28, Sections 28.105 and 28.110, the applicant certifies that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure occurring on or before October 23, 1996, and of not less than \$11,000 and not more than \$110,000 for each such failure occurring after October 23, 1996.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

In any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above applicable certification.

NAME OF APPLICANT Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Foundation	AWARD NUMBER AND/OR PROJECT NAME
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE Daniel Barron, Chair	
SIGNATURE	DATE

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS

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BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs

SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY						
Grant Program Function or Activity (a)	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (b)	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget		Total (g)
		Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal (e)	Non-Federal (f)	
1. BTOP	11.577	\$239,194	\$655,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$894,194.00
2.						0.00
3.						0.00
4.						0.00
5. Totals		\$239,194	\$655,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$894,194.00

SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES						
Object Class Categories	GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY					
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Total (5)	
a. Personnel						0.00
b. Fringe Benefits						0.00
c. Travel						0.00
d. Equipment	\$192,602.50					\$192,602.50
e. Supplies	\$5,199.25					\$5,199.25
f. Contractual	\$ 36,360.00					\$36,360.00
g. Construction		\$655,000.00				\$655,000.00
h. Other	\$16,292.25					\$16,292.25
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h)	\$239,194.00		\$655,000	0.00	0.00	\$894,194.00
j. Indirect Charges						0.00
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)	\$239,194.00	\$655,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$894,194.00
7. Program Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

ASSURANCES – NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0042), Washington, DC 20503.

**PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.
SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.**

NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application. 2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives. 3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain. 4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency. 5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F). 6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 	<p>(P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. 290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.), as amended relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases. 8. Will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds. 9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements. 10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
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<p>11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).</p> <p>12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.</p> <p>13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).</p> <p>14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.</p> <p>15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.</p>	<p>16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.</p> <p>17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."</p> <p>18. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. 4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.</p> <p>19. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.</p>
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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE CHAIR
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION Mitchell County Historic Court House Foundation	DATE SUBMITTED 13 Aug 09

HARRISON & POORE, P.A.

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6 August 2009

Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications
and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

RE: The Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Foundation

Dear Sir:

We are general counsel for the Mitchell County Historic Foundation, (the "Applicant.") In such capacity, we acted as counsel to the Applicant in connection with its ability to apply to the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program and in the review of the grant agreement, as referenced in the Notice of Funds Availability.

We are of the opinion that:

- (a) The Applicant is a duly organized and existing [legal entity] under the laws of the State of North Carolina.
- (b) The Applicant has corporate power: (1) to execute and deliver the agreement; and (2) to perform all acts required to be done by it under said agreement.
- (c) No legal proceedings have been instituted or are pending against the Applicant, the outcome of which would adversely affect the Applicant's ability to perform the duties under the grant agreement, and there are no judgments against the Applicant which would adversely affect the Applicant's ability to perform its duties under the grant agreement.

With kindest regards,



Hal G. Harrison

HGH/as

Certification Requirements for BTOP

U.S. Department of Commerce
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

I certify that I am the duly authorized representative of the applicant organization, and that I have been authorized to submit the attached application on its behalf. A copy of the applicant organization's authorization for me to submit this application as its official representative is on file in the applicant's office, and I am identified as the applicant organization's Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) in the Central Contractor Registration database. By signing this certification, I certify that the statements contained in the application are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that if an award is made, the applicant organization will comply with all applicable award terms and conditions.

7 August 2009
(Date)


(Authorized Representative's Signature)

Daniel Barron
Name:

Chair
Title:

Supplemental Information—B—Letters of Support

- 1. Dr. Susanne Owens, President, Mayland Community College**
- 2. Jeffery Vance, Director, Mitchell County Center, NC Cooperative Agricultural Extension Center**
- 3. Chris Silvers, Manager, NC Employment Security Commission, Spruce Pine Office (serves all of Mitchell County)**
- 4. Becky Anderson, Director, Mitchell County Economic Development Commission**
- 5. Dr. Dan Barron, Director, AMY Regional Library**

MITCHELL COUNTY



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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August 6, 2009

Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
HCHB, Room 4812
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Sir/Madam:

On behalf of the Mitchell County Economic Development Commission, I would like to express support for the interior up fitting of the Mitchell County Historic Courthouse. The multipurpose uses of the building offer educational, economic and cultural services to the local citizens and visitors. The potential for using the Courthouse as an education center for GED and Associate Degree classes for Mayland Community College will eliminate a forty-five (45) mile round trip to the main campus in Spruce Pine. Enrollment in the Bakersville GED program is twice the number of students in GED classes at the Spruce Pine campus due to the shorter driving distance, avoiding the risk of driving at night after a workday and time away from families.

The ability to provide cultural performances in the old courtroom and to provide genealogical search assistance from the Mitchell County Historic Association offices located in the courthouse will expand tourism venues for the county. In addition, visitor information, photography and historic exhibitions in the building will enhance Bakersville as a destination for an estimated two thousand (2,000) visitors annually.

The long term sustainability of this project is assured by the leadership of the Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Foundation. To date they have secured over \$800,000 in funds to restore building in a well managed campaign with community-wide engagement and support. In addition, the courthouse renovation serves as a model for environmental responsibility. The initial environmental assessment was expanded in order to have the entire building meet LEEDS certification standards from toilets to a geo-thermal HVAC to bike racks. This process is providing job site training in new construction technology for local construction works.

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ERC Broadband

We urge your full support of this project to bring 21st Century technology and its benefits to the underserved citizens of Mitchell County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Becky Anderson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Becky Anderson, Director
Mitchell County Economic Development Commission



Serving the People of the Toe River Valley

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5 August 2009

Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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Greetings:

Please accept this as an affirmation of support for the Mitchell County Virtual Learning and Communication Center. As Director of the Avery-Mitchell-Yancey (AMY) Regional Library and with Mitchell County Public Library Board approval, I commit fully to the proposal as presented by the Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Foundation. We accept responsibility for the ongoing costs of network connections, overseeing the management of the teleconference and computer systems in the building, planning and implementing information literacy classes for the public, and providing support for the students/participants in the Mayland and NC Extension Service classes and workshops. We also will extend our current support for small businesses and non-profit organizations to the project as well. The Center will add an exponentially important service to that provided currently by the Library.

Libraries have been referred to as “community anchors” in documents and presentations related to broadband access included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Their importance in education and broadband public access has been touted from President Obama to Emily Sheketoff, executive director of the ALA Washington Office, who says: “Inclusion of libraries in the build-out of the broadband infrastructure will contribute towards a more cohesive and efficient network infrastructure for America’s communities and help ensure that high-speed broadband will reach the greatest percentage of the population.”

Avery County Morrison Library 150 Library Place Newland, NC 28657 828.733.9393	Mitchell County Public Library 18 North Mitchell Avenue Bakersville, NC 28705 828.688.2511	Yancey County Public Library 18 Town Square Burnsville, NC 28714 828.682.2600	Spruce Pine Public Library 42 Walnut Avenue Spruce Pine, NC 28777 828.765.4673
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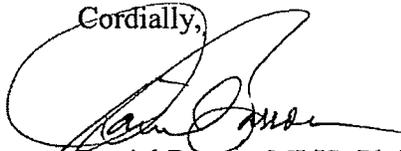
Last year, the Mitchell County Public Library recorded a 58% increase in the number of persons using the internet. Many have indicated that they do not have broadband access at home and critical aspects of their lives from education to employment require such access if they are to be successful. It is notable also, that there was a 13% overall and 15% juvenile increase in book circulation. We believe that internet access encourages individuals to come into the library initially, but then they discover other educational and recreational resources that improve opportunities for employment, save money, and offer many other cultural benefits.

We are also supportive of the effort to take high speed broadband to 97% of the homes in our area and expect to capitalize on the many educational, economic, cultural, social, and other quality of life benefits derived from internet access. Having nearly ubiquitous access to such a standard, however, does not preclude in any way the continued importance of having high speed broadband access in our libraries and schools. Public libraries especially will continue to be an educational resource to help the population to use the internet effectively. They also will continue to be the most logical place to which people can go who do not have the discretionary income to afford the hardware and subscription rates of even the most modest system at home.

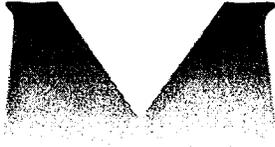
Reports from numerous studies indicate that public libraries are critical to economic development of cities, towns, and rural areas. Our public libraries remain critical and valued partners to students at all levels of academic engagement including those home schooled, small business persons, job seekers, personal investors, and social networkers.

If I can provide additional information related to this proposal, please contact me at your convenience. director@amyregionallibrary.org or 828-682-4476.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Barron", written over a circular stamp or mark.

Daniel Barron, MLIS, Ph.D.
Director



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COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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August 4, 2009

Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
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Washington, DC 20230

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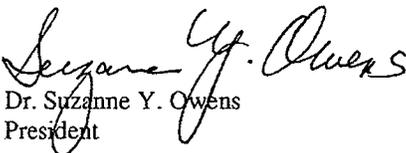
As president of Mayland Community College, I would like to express the excitement of the college regarding the opportunity to partner with the Mitchell County Public Library, Cooperative Extension Service, Toe River Arts Council, and Mitchell County Historical Society to bring educational programs to Bakersville and to the northwest portion of the county. A resolution by Mayland Community College Board of Trustees on August 13, 2007 made the college's support of the Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Project a reality and a true commitment.

The Courthouse Project opens the door for many exciting possibilities, one of which is a more accessible quality education for individuals who reside in the northwestern portion of the county by placing the classes at this facility. Mayland Community College anticipates that 60 students, per semester, will enroll in GED classes during the first year of operation. Human Resource Development classes will be made available to include Economic Literacy and Career Readiness. Computer skills will be taught and encouraged through classes on basic usage and e-commerce. The community will benefit from visiting artist, global education and other courses of general interest. One of the most exciting possibilities revolves around Mayland's bio-technology program and the partnership being developed with the Cooperative Extension Service to assist local farmers in the production of alternative crops. Our work together could result in different types of productions, including herbal medicines. It is through the proposed educational opportunities and partnerships that we hope to aid in creating a stronger, more self reliant workforce and workforce opportunities in Mitchell County.

I have participated on the Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Committee, and subsequently the Foundation Board, since 2006 and I have been amazed at the community commitment and the progress of the Foundation over the past years. It is my honor, and the honor of Mayland Community College, to be a partner as we all strive to fulfill our vision of the restoration and revitalization of the Mitchell County Historic Courthouse while also providing educational opportunities and economic development within the county.

The MCHC Foundation has received several grant awards but we have not secured total funding. We hope you view the project as an important initiative for Bakersville and the entire county. We solicit your support and thank you for all you do to improve the lives of the people of Mitchell and the surrounding counties.

Sincerely,


Dr. Suzanne Y. Owens
President



Employment Security Commission of North Carolina

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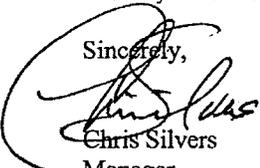
Thank you for this opportunity to express my support for the Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Foundation's efforts to refurbish the Courthouse building. I am particularly pleased that the building will provide computer internet access for the public to seek work in Mitchell and surrounding counties as well as access for individuals to file for unemployment benefits online. I also understand that classrooms will be made available for Mayland Community College to teach G.E.D., Technical, and General Education classes using state-of-the-art equipment.

Mitchell County has been particularly hard hit by the loss of furniture, textile, and various other production jobs as well as agricultural jobs such as those in the tobacco industry. In an area where less than 70% of adults have a high school diploma, access to educational/retraining opportunities will be a key factor in helping individuals become gainfully employed once again. Attempts to provide training for specific occupations that are in demand in this area are generally unsuccessful unless these students are functioning at a post-high school level with basic computer skills. Classroom opportunities in the Courthouse building will give adults and individuals of all ages the skills needed to compete for jobs in our current labor market.

With renovations to the building scheduled for completion before the end of this year, I encourage the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to provide the funds needed to purchase the equipment that will allow classes to begin immediately thereafter. The people of Mitchell County will greatly benefit from this facility.

Thank you for consideration.

Sincerely,



Chris Silvers

Manager

Employment Security Commission
Spruce Pine Branch Office



NC STATE UNIVERSITY

August 5, 2009

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Dear Sir/Madam:

For the past two years, I have worked with the Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Foundation as they made plans to renovate the Courthouse building into a facility that will enhance the educational and economic opportunities available to the people of the county. I am pleased and impressed by the success of their efforts. They have raised over \$700,000.00 and contracted the basic renovation of the building. That work should be completed by December 1, 2009. The Foundation is now seeking funds from the NTIA to equip classrooms and auditorium in the building. I heartily support their request.

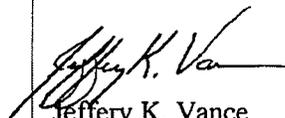
There has been a severe loss of agricultural production in the county following the tobacco buyout. Many growers were used to the tobacco program and had been participating in it for years. After the buyout, many of the growers were in shock and didn't know whether to try to continue producing on the open market or to look at producing something new. Most had never had to look for another crop to produce or work very hard at marketing the crop they were producing. Unfortunately, many chose to do nothing or are still trying to decide what crop to produce and how to market it.

I feel that a lot of this could change with education and cooperation. To educate, we need the most up-to-date facilities and technology that will be available in the Courthouse building. Presently, there are no locations close to our agriculture community that have this advanced technology. Secondly, organizations like N.C. Cooperative Extension have research-based information to present to farmers that can help them make informed decisions on production and marketing of new crop options. This grant could help get this information to the agriculture community.

The need for marketing education is also important to these growers. Training in marketing techniques and access to the Internet would be beneficial to participants. Establishing a website with county growers listed on it and products they produce would help everyone get exposure and give the growers that do not have their own websites a tool for marketing without added expense.

Thank you for considering this request and I look forward to working with the Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Foundation on this project in the near future.

Sincerely,



Jeffery K. Vance
County Extension Director
Mitchell County

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BTOP Project Summary and Checklist

Applicant Name: Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Foundation		Project Title: Mitchell County Virtual Learning and Communications Center		Application Number: 1119	
Street Address: POB # 39, 11 North Mitchell Ave		Town or City: Bakersville	Zip Code: 28705		State/Territory: NC
Applicant Contact Information (including phone number): Dr. Daniel Barron, (828) 284-1914, drdanbarron@gmail.com					Attachments: Communications log
Describe Availability of Visual Documentation Maps: There were no maps provided with the application.					
Proposed Cost: \$239,194		Date Created: 01/15/10		Created By: Emily Moore	
Project Category: <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Public Computing Center (with construction) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Computing Center (no construction) <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Broadband Adoption (with construction) <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Broadband Adoption (no construction)				Categorically Excluded: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, Categorical Exclusion Number(s): BTOP CATEX A.1 and A.5 DOC CATEX A-7, A-8, and A-11	
Project Summary: <p>This proposed project would establish a computer center at the former Mitchell County courthouse in Bakersville, NC. The courthouse is a historic building, originally constructed in 1907. Extensive renovations unrelated to this proposed project were recently made to the building. The computer center would be operated in collaboration with the Mitchell County Public Library and Mayland Community College. Mayland Community College would provide general equivalency diploma (GED) completion support, on-site and distance education courses, and workshops for the general public at the computer center. The Mitchell County Public Library would provide basic information literacy workshops for the general public and provide extended access to computers and the internet at the computer center.</p> <p>The proposed facility would include a large meeting room and smaller classroom to accommodate lectures and interactive teleconferences. There would be 24 laptop computers equipped with Office 2007 and Dreamweaver software. The building would have hardwired access and wireless access. The building is currently connected with fiber optic cabling via an underground connection.</p>					

As proposed in the applicant's public outreach plan, the center would leverage the current marketing and public relations efforts of its major partners to provide access to public computing and technology. This effort includes expanding existing programming that would be extended by numbers of hours and opportunities by the Mitchell County Public Library, Mayland Community College, NC Cooperative Extension Service, EMS and Public Safety, and the other human service and government agencies whose members would continue to be involved in the planning and implementation of educational and communication programs in the center.

BTOP funding would be used for purchasing and installing equipment, developing and administering a training program, and paying for staff resources. Given the minor degree of renovations proposed under this project, there are no anticipated adverse environmental impacts associated with implementation of the proposed action.

Initial correspondence with the applicant only informally consulted with the SHPO regarding the activities at the Mitchell County courthouse and extensive renovations were being made to the building. Upon further investigation it was determined that the renovations made to the building were for an unrelated project, with private funds. None of the proposed federal grant project funds would be used for renovations. In addition, there were no renovations required to the historic building to establish the proposed public computer center. Therefore it was determined that the proposed public computer center would not have an adverse impact to the historic courthouse.

Did the review identify any Extraordinary Circumstances? No
If yes, please describe:

Are Special Award Conditions Recommended? No
If yes, please state:

Project Checklist			
Section 1 – Non-Construction Projects			
Question	Yes	No	Unknown
1. Is the proposed action a procurement action for materials intended to be installed, stored or operated in an existing building or structure?	X		

If yes, explain:

The computer center would host be 24 laptops equipped with Office 2007 and Dreamweaver software.			
2. If the proposed action involves procurement of electronic equipment, will the equipment be disposed of in an environmentally sound manner at the end of its' useful life?	X		
If yes, explain: The applicant indicated in its environmental checklist (page 40 of 63 of their application) that all procured computer equipment would be disposed of in an environmentally sound manner at the end of the equipment's useful life.			
3. Does the proposed action consist of personnel actions intended for Census activities?		X	
If yes, explain:			
4. Does the proposed action involve minor interior renovations to a structure, facility, or installation?	X		
If yes, explain: Extensive renovations unrelated to this proposed project already took place at the Mitchell County Historic Courthouse. The only requirement for the computer center is to pull wire through an existing conduit to the computer center.			
5. Is the proposed action for the production and/or distribution of informational materials, brochures, or newsletters?	X		
If yes, explain: Informational materials would be distributed or displayed at the library, or at networking events.			
6. Does the proposed action encompass literature surveys, inventories, data analysis, or audits?		X	
If yes, explain:			
7. Does the proposed action involve the granting of fellowships?		X	
If yes, explain:			
8. Does the proposed action consist of training, teaching, or meeting facilitation at	X		

an existing facility or structure?			
<p>If yes, explain: The center would be used for providing GED completion courses, on site and distance education courses, and workshops for the general public.</p>			

Section 2 – Construction Projects

Please answer the following questions based on best available information obtained from the applicant

1. Has consultation with all affected agencies or tribes been completed?

2. Provide a description of all the coordination with other agencies and affected Indian tribes incorporated into planning this project and evaluating possible environmental impacts (or attach equivalent information. If none, so state):

3. Provide a description of all the public involvement incorporated into planning this project and evaluating possible environmental impacts (or attach equivalent information. If none, so state):

4. Please answer all of the questions in the following checklist based on the information obtained from the applicant. If you need additional space to respond, please attach an additional sheet of paper to this document.

Question	Yes	No	Unable to Determine	Need More Information
1. Is the proposed project part of a larger scope of work? a. If yes, please describe.				
2. Does this proposed action have the potential to be controversial because of disagreement over possible environmental, cultural, or historical resources? a. If yes, please explain.				
3. Does this proposed action have the potential for significant impact as indicated by a federal, state, or local agency or Indian tribe? a. If yes, please explain.				

Question	Yes	No	Unable to Determine	Need More Information
<p>4. Has any environmental review (e.g., NEPA documentation, permit, historic preservation consultation) been completed for this proposed action?</p> <p>a. If yes, please attach a copy of the document to this checklist.</p>				
<p>5. Will the proposed action have the potential to impact wetlands, floodplains, coastal zones, or forest conservation areas?</p> <p>a. If yes, please explain.</p>				
<p>6. Is the proposed action directly related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?</p>				
<p>7. Will the proposed action have uncertain environmental effects?</p>				

Question	Yes	No	Unable to Determine	Need More Information
<p>8. Will the proposed action have the potential to impact species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species?</p> <p>a. If yes, please explain.</p>				
<p>9. Is the proposed action likely to adversely affect a significant aspect of the natural environment?</p> <p>a. Affect the water supplies of humans, animals, or plants;</p> <p>b. Affect the water table; or</p> <p>c. Involve construction or use of a facility on or near an active geological fault.</p> <p>If yes, please explain.</p>				
<p>10. Does the proposed action contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of non-native invasive species or actions that may promote the introduction, growth or expansion of the range of non-native invasive species (EO 13112)?</p>				

Question	Yes	No	Unable to Determine	Need More Information
<p>11. Does the proposed action involve construction on or near an active or abandoned toxic, hazardous or radioactive materials generation, storage, transportation, or disposal site?</p> <p>a. If yes, will this require new or amended permits or approvals?</p>				
<p>12. Will the proposed action involve storage or release of water contaminants (thermal, sediments, oxygen-depleting chemicals, pesticides, fertilizers, substances hazardous to human health, etc.) in amounts greater than allowed in currently existing permits?</p>				
<p>13. Will the proposed action involve production, storage, transportation, or disposal of large amounts of solid waste in excess of local waste disposal facility capacity?</p>				
<p>14. Will the proposed action involve use of a site that contains underground storage tanks (USTs)?</p>				
<p>15. Will the proposed action involve use or release of ozone-depleting chemicals?</p>				
<p>16. Will the proposed action involve emission of light or lasers exceeding established standards for persons or animals or affecting surrounding land and airspace uses (such as airports & astronomical observatories)?</p>				

Question	Yes	No	Unable to Determine	Need More Information
17. Will the proposed action involve emission of high levels of noise exceeding local noise ordinance levels?				
18. Will the proposed action have disproportionate and adverse effects on the health or environmental risk of different population segments, such as children, the elderly, those with handicapping conditions, low income populations, or minorities?				
19. Will the proposed action have an ongoing pattern of pollutant discharge; traffic generation, patterns, or volumes; economic change, or land-use change in its locality that could collectively affect human health or the condition of the environment?				
20. Will the proposed action have the potential to affect historic, archeological, or cultural sites, including Native American burial or ceremonial grounds?				
21. Will the proposed action involve a known archeological site, or land identified by archeologists as having high potential to contain archeological resources?				
22. Will the proposed action restrict access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites by Indian practitioners or adversely affect the physical integrity of such religious sacred sites (EO 13007)?				
a. If yes, please explain, and include the name of tribe(s) affected.				

Question	Yes	No	Unable to Determine	Need More Information
23. Will the proposed action have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places?				
24. Will the proposed action change the use of park lands?				
25. Will the proposed action require, in any part, review or permitting by any other federal, state, regional, local, environmental, or regulatory agency?				
a. If yes, please list name of agency and type or review or permit needed.				

Detailed Budget Template
Department of Commerce

Easy Grants ID: 1115
Applicant: Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Founder
Project Title: Mitchell County Virtual Learning and Communications Center

SF 424A Object Class Category		Detail						
General	Position	Federal Support	Matching Support	Total	# of Positions	Salary	% Time Spent on Project	Total
	Marketing and Program Director		\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00				\$
	Education Program Director		\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00				\$
			\$	\$				\$
			\$	\$				\$
	Subtotal	\$0.00	\$33,000.00	\$33,000.00				\$0.00
b. Fringe Benefits - include salaries and fringe rate.								
	Position	Federal Support	Matching Support	Total	# of Positions	Salary	% Time Spent on Project	Fringe Rate Total
		\$	\$	\$				\$
		\$	\$	\$				\$
		\$	\$	\$				\$
	Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00
c. Travel - For significant costs, include details such as number and purpose of trips, destinations.								
	Purpose of Trip	Federal Support	Matching Support	Total	# of Trips	Cost per Trip	Total	
		\$	\$	\$			\$	
		\$	\$	\$			\$	
		\$	\$	\$			\$	
	Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	
d. Equipment Costs - List equipment with # of units and unit costs. Distinguish between equipment intended for applicant use versus equipment for the end user.								
	Equipment Description	Federal Support	Matching Support	Total	#Units	Unit Cost	Total	
	Applicant Equipment	\$18,513.00		\$18,513.00	1	\$18,513.00	\$18,513.00	
	1st floor presentation system	\$6,536.00		\$6,536.00	1	\$6,536.00	\$6,536.00	
	router	\$3,500.00		\$3,500.00	1	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	
	server	\$3,528.00		\$3,528.00	1	\$3,528.00	\$3,528.00	
	User Equipment	\$17,696.00		\$17,696.00	1	\$17,696.00	\$17,696.00	
	mobile teleconference unit (1st floor)	\$88,866.00		\$88,866.00	1	\$88,866.00	\$88,866.00	
	distance learning and teleconferencing system (auditorium)	\$27,842.00		\$27,842.00	24	\$1,160.00	\$27,842.00	
	public access laptops	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00			\$1,200.00	
	storage cart							
	Subtotal	\$167,681.00	\$0.00	\$167,681.00			\$167,681.00	
e. Supplies - List costs associated with materials/printing, curriculum, translations, and other supplies								
	Description	Federal Support	Matching Support	Total	#Units (If Applicable)	Unit Cost (If Applicable)	Total	
		\$	\$	\$			\$	
		\$	\$	\$			\$	
		\$	\$	\$			\$	
	Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	

Supplemental Information—A

- 1. Accepted bid proposal from Mpact Systems for the teleconference and classroom presentation equipment to tap into broadband for distance learning and teleconferences.**
- 2. Accepted budget for computers for public access and server for wireless network.**



Audiovisual and Videoconferencing Solutions

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274 Museum Road

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Quotation

Quote # M09-0078

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1st Floor Classroom						
Item	Manufacturer	Description	Quantity	Price Each	Total	
Video Subsystem						
1	PolyVision	4'x8' Interactive Whiteboard w/ Wireless Bluetooth Receiver, Magnetic Icon Strip, Mounting Bracket, & Accessory Kit including Stylus, AAA Battery, & 2 Extra Stylus Tips	1.00	\$ 1,970.00	\$ 1,970.00	
2	PolyVision	Wall Arm Mount for Hitachi Projector	1.00	\$ 267.00	\$ 267.00	
3	Hitachi	Ultra Short Throw Projector - 2500 Lumens, 1024x768	1.00	\$ 2,072.00	\$ 2,072.00	
4	Extron	Eight Input Scaling Presentation Switcher w/ PIF	1.00	\$ 1,186.00	\$ 1,186.00	
5	Extron	1X2 VGA Distribution Amp	1.00	\$ 143.75	\$ 143.75	
6	Sony	DVD/VCR Combo	1.00	\$ 112.50	\$ 112.50	
7	Elmo	Document Camera	1.00	\$ 697.00	\$ 697.00	
8	Tandberg	PrecisionHD Camera 720p HD w/ 2m cable (Maintenance Contract Required)	1.00	\$ 6,905.00	\$ 6,905.00	
9	Tandberg	One Year Maintenance Contract for PrecisionHD Camera	1.00	\$ 435.00	\$ 435.00	
Audio Subsystem						
10	Biamp	8 Wide-Band TrueSound™ AEC Inputs, 2 Mic/Line Inputs, 4 Mic/Line Outputs, & Codec Interface - DSP for Teleconferencing Applications	1.00	\$ 2,249.00	\$ 2,249.00	
11	Extron	2 Channel Amplifier w/ 100W per Channel	1.00	\$ 457.50	\$ 457.50	
12	Audix	Wireless Microphone System - Receiver, Transmitter, Lavalier Microphone, & Handheld Microphone	1.00	\$ 742.00	\$ 742.00	
13	Tannoy	6.5" Dual Concentric Driver - 8 Ohm Operation	2.00	\$ 224.00	\$ 448.00	
14	Audix	Ceiling Hanging Choir Microphone	4.00	\$ 201.75	\$ 807.00	
Control Subsystem						
15	Crestron	Control Processor	1.00	\$ 1,030.00	\$ 1,030.00	
16	Crestron	Isys® 5.7" Wireless Touchpane	1.00	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 1,875.00	
17	Crestron	Button Bezel Kit, Gloss Black; Includes Custom Engraving	1.00	\$ 94.00	\$ 94.00	
18	Crestron	Swivel Mount for Touchpane	1.00	\$ 187.50	\$ 187.50	
19	Crestron	IR Emitter	4.00	\$ 31.25	\$ 125.00	
20	Crestron	RF Gateway for Touchpane	1.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00	
21	Crestron	50W Power Supply	1.00	\$ 156.25	\$ 156.25	
Podium/Rack						
22	Spectrum	Media Manager Lectern Right V2 w/ Heavy-Duty Casters, 11 Space Rack Rails - Fold-Up Shelf - Slide Out Document Camera Shelf - Wild Cherry Laminate & Black Steel Finish	1.00	\$ 1,799.00	\$ 1,799.00	
23	Spectrum	Rear Rack Rails for Spectrum Media Manager	1.00	\$ 101.00	\$ 101.00	
24	Extron	Cable Cubby 200 w/ AC Power Outlets - Black	1.00	\$ 279.00	\$ 279.00	
25	SurgeX	9 Outlet Rack Mount Power Conditioner	1.00	\$ 454.00	\$ 454.00	
26	Juice Goose	6 Outlet Rack Mount Power Strip	1.00	\$ 47.00	\$ 47.00	
27	FSR	Recessed Wall Box for AV Connections	1.00	\$ 194.00	\$ 194.00	
28	FSR	Locking Cover for Recessed Wall Box - White	1.00	\$ 186.00	\$ 186.00	
Miscellaneous & Services						
29	Mpact Systems	MPS-C	Cables, Connectors, & Miscellaneous Material	1.00	\$ 3,390.25	\$ 3,390.25
30	Mpact Systems	MPS-I	Installation	1.00	\$ 6,615.00	\$ 6,615.00
31	Mpact Systems	MPS-P	Crestron Certified Programming	1.00	\$ 1,295.00	\$ 1,295.00

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Mobile Videoconferencing Cart						
Item	Manufacturer	Description	Quantity	Price Each	Total	
32	Tandberg	Edge 95 MXP w/ PrecisionHD Camera (Maintenance	1.00	\$ 8,840.00	\$ 8,840.00	
33	Tandberg	One Year Maintenance Contract for Edge 95 MX	1.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	
34	Tandberg	Edge 95 MXP Natural Presenter Package (NPP) Optio	1.00	\$ 1,375.00	\$ 1,375.00	
35	Spectrum	44" High Flat Screen Cart w/Locking Heavy-Duty Casters, Locking Front & Rear Doors, 10 Space Rack Rails - Wild Cherry Laminate & Black Steel Finish	1.00	\$ 1,664.00	\$ 1,664.00	
36	Spectrum	Universal Flat Screen Stand	1.00	\$ 257.00	\$ 257.00	
37	Spectrum	Videoconferencing Camera Shel	1.00	\$ 99.00	\$ 99.00	
38	Toshiba	52" Regza 1080p LCD Flat Pane	1.00	\$ 1,812.00	\$ 1,812.00	
39	Sony	DVD/VCR Combo	1.00	\$ 112.50	\$ 112.50	
40	Extron	Two Input VGA & Stereo Audio Switch	1.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	
41	Extron	1X4 VGA Distribution Amplifier	1.00	\$ 243.75	\$ 243.75	
Miscellaneous & Services						
42	Mpact Systems	MPS-C Cables, Connectors & Miscellaneous Material	1.00	\$ 882.50	\$ 882.50	
43	Mpact Systems	MPS-I Installation	1.00	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 1,360.00	
44	Mpact Systems	MPS-R Crestron Certified Programming	1.00	\$ 395.00	\$ 395.00	

2nd Floor Auditorium						
Item	Manufacturer	Part Number	Description	Quantity	Price Each	Total
Video Subsystem						
45	Tandberg		TANDBERG Codec C60 - 720p Standard & 1080p Capable Video (Maintenance Contract Required)	1.00	\$ 18,205.00	\$ 18,205.00
46	Tandberg		One Year Maintenance Contract for C60	1.00	\$ 1,675.00	\$ 1,675.00
47	Vaddio		Sony Professional Videoconferencing PTZ Camera - 720p/1080i HD Video at 60 fps, 1/3 Type CMOS Image Sensor, 10x Optical & 40x Digital Zoom	2.00	\$ 3,117.00	\$ 6,234.00
48	Da-Lite		Tensioned Cosmopolitan® Electrol® HDTV Projector	1.00	\$ 2,191.00	\$ 2,191.00
49	Sanyo		6000 Lumens LCD Projector - 1366x800 Resolution, 2000:1 Contrast Ratio, Wide Screen Aspect Ratio 16:9 & 17:10, Digital Keystone Correction, & Required AV Inputs	1.00	\$ 10,243.00	\$ 10,243.00
50	Sanyo		Short Throw Zoom Lens for Sanyo Projector	1.00	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,750.00
51	Draper		Projector Mount Scissor Lift - 14' Capable Extension	1.00	\$ 5,532.00	\$ 5,532.00
52	Denon Marantz		Blu-ray Disc™ DVD/CD Digital Player - 1080p/24fps	1.00	\$ 623.75	\$ 623.75
53	Sony		DVD/VCR Combo	1.00	\$ 112.50	\$ 112.50
54	Elmo		Document Camera	1.00	\$ 2,337.00	\$ 2,337.00
55	Extron		8x8 Ultra-Wideband Matrix Switch	1.00	\$ 3,042.00	\$ 3,042.00
56	Extron		Eight Input Scaling Presentation Switcher w/ PII	1.00	\$ 1,186.00	\$ 1,186.00
57	Extron		VGA+Audio Over Cat5 Transmitter	1.00	\$ 259.00	\$ 259.00
58	Extron		VGA+Audio Over Cat5 Receiver	1.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 305.00
59	Extron		DVI Over Cat5 Transmitter & Receiver Set	1.00	\$ 557.00	\$ 557.00
60	Toshiba		19" LCD Monitor in Control Room	1.00	\$ 356.25	\$ 356.25
61	Chief		Desk Mount w/Articulating Arm for 19" LCE	1.00	\$ 201.00	\$ 201.00

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Mpact Systems Inc.

274 Museum Road

Rock Hill, SC 29732

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Quotation

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2nd Floor Auditorium

Item	Manufacturer	Description	Quantity	Price Each	Total
Audio Subsystem					
62	Denon Marantz	High Definition A/V Surround Pre-Amplifier	1.00	\$ 912.50	\$ 912.50
63	Lab Gruppen	250W x 8 Channel Amp	1.00	\$ 2,431.25	\$ 2,431.25
64	Denon Marantz	iPod Docking Station for Denon Receiver - Black	1.00	\$ 106.25	\$ 106.25
65	Allen & Heath	20 Channel Mixer w/ 6 Aux, 4-Band EQ Plus HPF, 2 Stereo Returns, & Digital FX	1.00	\$ 1,851.00	\$ 1,851.00
66	Biamp	8 Wide-Band TrueSound™ AEC Inputs, 2 Mic/Line Inputs 4 Mic/Line Outputs, & Codec Interface - DSP for Videoconferencing Applications	1.00	\$ 2,123.75	\$ 2,123.75
67	Audix	Wireless Microphone System - Receiver, Transmitter, Lavalier Microphone, & Handheld Microphone	1.00	\$ 742.00	\$ 742.00
68	Tannoy	Power VS15BP - Ultra Compact 15" Vented Bandpass Subwoofer - Class D 500W Amplifier w/ 2 Low Pass Filter Modes Switch - 8 x M10 Fly Points & Optional V Series Mounting Hardware	1.00	\$ 1,298.75	\$ 1,298.75
69	Tannoy	v8 - Versatile 8" Full Range Dual Concentric™ w/ M10 Flypoints - Multi-Ply Birch Construction Trapezoidal Enclosure, Speakon Connectors, 8 Ohms, High Frequency Protection, Foam Covered Metal Grille - Black	4.00	\$ 578.75	\$ 2,315.00
70	Tannoy	iw6 DS - 6.5" LF Discrete Driver & 1" Titanium WideBand Tweeter for Inwall Installation - 8 Ohm Operation w/ Optional Backcan, Pre-Install Ring, & Transformer	2.00	\$ 126.25	\$ 252.50
71	Tannoy	i7 - Architectural Slim Line Array Music/Speech Loudspeaker - 4x4" Mid Bass Drivers, 1x1" Metal Dome HF Unit, Switchable 8 Ohm/70V, & Perforated Metal Grille Black	2.00	\$ 497.50	\$ 995.00
72	Tannoy	i7 Multi Angle Bracket	2.00	\$ 53.75	\$ 107.50
73	Mackie	Powered Speaker for Control Room Audio Monitoring	2.00	\$ 193.00	\$ 386.00
74	Audix	Talk Back 18" Gooseneck at Control Room	1.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 330.00
75	Audix	Base w/ On/Off Switch for 18" Gooseneck	1.00	\$ 68.50	\$ 68.50
76	Audix	18" Gooseneck at Podium	1.00	\$ 199.25	\$ 199.25
77	Yamaha	Floor Monitors for Stage Area	2.00	\$ 221.75	\$ 443.50
78	Stewart	Stereo Amp for Monitors - 300w 8 Ohms / 550w 4Ω	1.00	\$ 823.75	\$ 823.75
Control Subsystem					
79	Crestron	Control Processor	1.00	\$ 1,687.00	\$ 1,687.00
80	Crestron	15" Touchpanel with QuickMedia Video Preview	2.00	\$ 4,996.00	\$ 9,992.00
81	Crestron	QuickMedia Transmitter	2.00	\$ 687.50	\$ 1,375.00
82	Crestron	50W Power Supply	2.00	\$ 156.25	\$ 312.50
83	Crestron	Cresnet Distribution Block	1.00	\$ 106.25	\$ 106.25
Podium/Rack					
84	Spectrum	Media Manager Lectern Right V2 w/Heavy-Duty Casters, 11 Space Rack Rails - Fold-Up Shelf - Slide Out Document Camera Shelf - Wild Cherry Laminate & Black Steel Finish	1.00	\$ 1,799.00	\$ 1,799.00
85	Extron	Cable Cubby 200 w/ AC Power Outlets - Black	1.00	\$ 279.00	\$ 279.00

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2nd Floor Auditorium					
Item	Manufacturer	Description	Quantity	Price Each	Total
86	Middle Atlantic	44 Space Floor Standing Rack	1.00	\$ 587.00	\$ 587.00
87	Middle Atlantic	8 Outlet Side Rack Mount Power Strip	1.00	\$ 73.50	\$ 73.50
88	SurgeX	9 Outlet Power Conditioner	1.00	\$ 523.75	\$ 523.75
89	Extron	HDMI over Cat5 Transmitter & Receiver Set	1.00	\$ 541.00	\$ 541.00
90	FSR	Podium Floor Box w/ Black Hinged Cover	2.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 390.00
Miscellaneous & Services					
91	Mpact Systems	MPS:C Cables, Connectors, & Miscellaneous Material	1.00	\$ 5,199.25	\$ 5,199.25
92	Mpact Systems	MPS:I Installation	1.00	\$ 15,950.00	\$ 15,950.00
93	Mpact Systems	MPS:P Crestron Certified Programming	1.00	\$ 2,145.00	\$ 2,145.00
94	Mpact Systems	MPS:S Shipping of All Proposed Equipment	1.00	\$ 5,032.25	\$ 5,032.25
Maintenance & Support Contract					
95	Mpact Systems	MPS:3 Mpact Systems Three Year On-Site Service Contract	1.00	\$ 9,190.00	\$ 9,190.00
Total					\$181,164.00

Notes: Total does not include applicable Sales Tax.
Terms: Net 30

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Additional Information:
Quote good for Domestic US systems.



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 Mpack Systems Inc.
 274 Museum Road
 Rock Hill, SC 29732
 Phone: 803-980-1101 Fax: 803-980-1122

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 Dr. Daniel Barron

Quotation
 Quote # M09-0078-2
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Phone System						
Item	Manufacturer	Description	Quantity	Price Each	Total	
1	Polycom	SoundPoint IP 320, 2-line SIP desktop phone with single 10/100 Ethernet port and PoE support. Compatible Partner platform: 20. Country Group 63. Includes universal power supply, with NA power plug.	4.00	\$ 113.75	\$ 455.00	
2	Sutus	BC200 Telecommunications Server w/ 5 License	1.00	\$ 1,924.00	\$ 1,924.00	
3	Sutus	SIP Based PSTN Gateway	1.00	\$ 657.00	\$ 657.00	
4	SurgeX	9 Outlet Rack Mount Power Conditioner	1.00	\$ 454.00	\$ 454.00	
5	Mpack Systems	MPS-C Cables, Connectors, & Miscellaneous Material	1.00	\$ 643.75	\$ 643.75	
6	Mpack Systems	MPS-I Installation	1.00	\$ 1,605.00	\$ 1,605.00	
7	Mpack Systems	MPS-S Shipping of All Proposed Equipment	1.00	\$ 153.75	\$ 153.75	
Total					\$5,892.50	

Notes: Total does not include applicable Sales Tax.
 Terms: Net 30

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Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Public Computer Budget

Item	Model	Units	Cost per Unit	Unit Total	Installation*	Installation Cost	Total Cost
Network Connections							
Initial Connection	French Broad	1	\$3,000	\$3,000		\$0	\$0
Router	Cisco 1800	1	\$2,500	\$2,500	3	\$255	\$2,755
							\$2,755
Computers							
Laptops	Dell Latitude	24	\$1,288	\$30,912	48	\$4,080	\$34,992
Server	Dell PowerEdge	1	\$3,528	\$3,528	5	\$425	\$3,953
							\$38,945
Software							
Productivity Software	Office 07	24	\$20	\$480	24	\$2,040	\$2,520
Security System	Xtool	24	\$150	\$3,600	24	\$2,040	\$5,640
Firewall	Fortres	1	\$890	\$890	26	\$2,210	\$3,100
							\$11,260
Accessories							
Laptop Storage Cart	Bretford	1	\$1,900	\$1,900	2	\$170	\$2,070
						\$11,220	\$58,030
				\$46,810			

* \$85/hr

BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs

SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY

Grant Program Function or Activity (a)	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (b)	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget		Total (g)
		Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal (e)	Non-Federal (f)	
1. Mitchell County Virtue	11.577	\$	\$	\$ 239,194.00	\$ 60,060.00	\$ 299,254.00
2.						0.00
3.						0.00
4.						0.00
5. Totals		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 239,194.00	\$ 60,060.00	\$ 299,254.00

SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES

Object Class Categories	GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY		Total (5)
	Federal (1)	Non-Federal (2)	
a. Personnel	\$ 0.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00
b. Fringe Benefits	0.00	0.00	0.00
c. Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00
d. Equipment	167,681.00	0.00	167,681.00
e. Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00
f. Contractual	56,045.00	0.00	56,045.00
g. Construction	0.00	0.00	0.00
h. Other	15,468.00	27,060.00	42,528.00
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h)	239,194.00	60,060.00	299,254.00
j. Indirect Charges			0.00
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)	\$ 239,194.00	\$ 60,060.00	\$ 299,254.00
7. Program Income	\$	\$	\$ 0.00

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SECTION C - NON-FEDERAL RESOURCES					
(a) Grant Program	(b) Applicant	(c) State	(d) Other Sources	(e) TOTALS	
8.	\$	42,000.00 \$	18,060.00 \$	60,060.00 \$	60,060.00
9.					0.00
10.					0.00
11.					0.00
12. TOTAL (sum of lines 8-11)	\$	0.00 \$	42,000.00 \$	18,060.00 \$	60,060.00

SECTION D - FORECASTED CASH NEEDS					
	Total for 1st Year	1st Quarter			4th Quarter
		1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	
13. Federal	\$ 0.00 \$	\$	\$	\$	\$
14. Non-Federal	0.00				
15. TOTAL (sum of lines 13 and 14)	\$ 0.00 \$	0.00 \$	0.00 \$	0.00 \$	0.00

SECTION E - BUDGET ESTIMATES OF FEDERAL FUNDS NEEDED FOR BALANCE OF THE PROJECT					
(a) Grant Program	FUTURE FUNDING PERIODS (Years)				
	(b) First	(c) Second	(d) Third	(e) Fourth	
16.	\$	\$	\$	\$	
17.					
18.					
19.					
20. TOTAL (sum of lines 16-19)	\$	0.00 \$	0.00 \$	0.00 \$	0.00

SECTION F - OTHER BUDGET INFORMATION	
21. Direct Charges:	
22. Indirect Charges:	
23. Remarks:	

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General Instructions

This form is designed so that application can be made for funds from one or more grant programs. In preparing the budget, adhere to any existing Federal grantor agency guidelines which prescribe how and whether budgeted amounts should be separately shown for different functions or activities within the program. For some programs, grantor agencies may require budgets to be separately shown by function or activity. For other programs, grantor agencies may require a breakdown by function or activity. Sections A, B, C, and D should include budget estimates for the whole project except when applying for assistance which requires Federal authorization in annual or other funding period increments. In the latter case, Sections A, B, C, and D should provide the budget for the first budget period (usually a year) and Section E should present the need for Federal assistance in the subsequent budget periods. All applications should contain a breakdown by the object class categories shown in Lines a-k of Section B.

Section A. Budget Summary Lines 1-4 Columns (a) and (b)

For applications pertaining to a *single* Federal grant program (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog number) and *not requiring* a functional or activity breakdown, enter on Line 1 under Column (a) the Catalog program title and the Catalog number in Column (b).

For applications pertaining to a *single* program *requiring* budget amounts by multiple functions or activities, enter the name of each activity or function on each line in Column (a), and enter the Catalog number in Column (b). For applications pertaining to multiple programs where none of the programs require a breakdown by function or activity, enter the Catalog program title on each line in *Column (a)* and the respective Catalog number on each line in Column (b).

For applications pertaining to *multiple* programs where one or more programs *require* a breakdown by function or activity, prepare a separate sheet for each program requiring the breakdown. Additional sheets should be used when one form does not provide adequate space for all breakdown of data required. However, when more than one sheet is used, the first page should provide the summary totals by programs.

Lines 1-4, Columns (c) through (g)

For new applications, leave Column (c) and (d) blank. For each line entry in Columns (a) and (b), enter in Columns (e), (f), and (g) the appropriate amounts of funds needed to support the project for the first funding period (usually a year).

For continuing grant program applications, submit these forms before the end of each funding period as required by the grantor agency. Enter in Columns (c) and (d) the estimated amounts of funds which will remain unobligated at the end of the grant funding period only if the Federal grantor agency instructions provide for this. Otherwise, leave these columns blank. Enter in columns (e) and (f) the amounts of funds needed for the upcoming period. The amount(s) in Column (g) should be the sum of amounts in Columns (e) and (f).

For supplemental grants and changes to existing grants, do not use Columns (c) and (d). Enter in Column (e) the amount of the increase or decrease of Federal funds and enter in Column (f) the amount of the increase or decrease of non-Federal funds. In Column (g) enter the new total budgeted amount (Federal and non-Federal) which includes the total previous authorized budgeted amounts plus or minus, as appropriate, the amounts shown in Columns (e) and (f). The amount(s) in Column (g) should not equal the sum of amounts in Columns (e) and (f).

Line 5 - Show the totals for all columns used.

Section B Budget Categories

In the column headings (1) through (4), enter the titles of the same programs, functions, and activities shown on Lines 1-4, Column (a), Section A. When additional sheets are prepared for Section A, provide similar column headings on each sheet. For each program, function or activity, fill in the total requirements for funds (both Federal and non-Federal) by object class categories.

Line 6a-i - Show the totals of Lines 6a to 6h in each column.

Line 6j - Show the amount of indirect cost.

Line 6k - Enter the total of amounts on Lines 6i and 6j. For all applications for new grants and continuation grants the total amount in column (5), Line 6k, should be the same as the total amount shown in Section A, Column (g), Line 5. For supplemental grants and changes to grants, the total amount of the increase or decrease as shown in Columns (1)-(4), Line 6k should be the same as the sum of the amounts in Section A, Columns (e) and (f) on Line 5.

Line 7 - Enter the estimated amount of income, if any, expected to be generated from this project. Do not add or subtract this amount from the total project amount, Show under the program

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narrative statement the nature and source of income. The estimated amount of program income may be considered by the Federal grantor agency in determining the total amount of the grant.

Section C. Non-Federal Resources

Lines 8-11 Enter amounts of non-Federal resources that will be used on the grant. If in-kind contributions are included, provide a brief explanation on a separate sheet.

Column (a) - Enter the program titles identical to Column (a), Section A. A breakdown by function or activity is not necessary.

Column (b) - Enter the contribution to be made by the applicant.

Column (c) - Enter the amount of the State's cash and in-kind contribution if the applicant is not a State or State agency. Applicants which are a State or State agencies should leave this column blank.

Column (d) - Enter the amount of cash and in-kind contributions to be made from all other sources.

Column (e) - Enter totals of Columns (b), (c), and (d).

Line 12 - Enter the total for each of Columns (b)-(e). The amount in Column (e) should be equal to the amount on Line 5, Column (f), Section A.

Section D. Forecasted Cash Needs

Line 13 - Enter the amount of cash needed by quarter from the grantor agency during the first year.

Line 14 - Enter the amount of cash from all other sources needed by quarter during the first year.

Line 15 - Enter the totals of amounts on Lines 13 and 14.

Section E. Budget Estimates of Federal Funds Needed for Balance of the Project

Lines 16-19 - Enter in Column (a) the same grant program titles shown in Column (a), Section A. A breakdown by function or activity is not necessary. For new applications and continuation grant applications, enter in the proper columns amounts of Federal funds which will be needed to complete the program or project over the succeeding funding periods (usually in years). This section need not be completed for revisions (amendments, changes, or supplements) to funds for the current year of existing grants.

If more than four lines are needed to list the program titles, submit additional schedules as necessary.

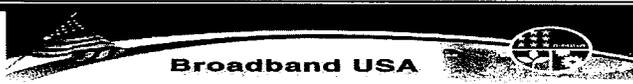
Line 20 - Enter the total for each of the Columns (b)-(e). When additional schedules are prepared for this Section, annotate accordingly and show the overall totals on this line.

Section F. Other Budget Information

Line 21 - Use this space to explain amounts for individual direct object class cost categories that may appear to be out of the ordinary or to explain the details as required by the Federal grantor agency.

Line 22 - Enter the type of indirect rate (provisional, predetermined, final or fixed) that will be in effect during the funding period, the estimated amount of the base to which the rate is applied, and the total indirect expense.

Line 23 - Provide any other explanations or comments deemed necessary.



**Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Public Computer Centers Program – Sustainable Adoption Program**

Submitted Date: 8/17/2009 3:24:54 PM		Easygrants ID: 1119	
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A. General Application Information

1. Applicant Information	
1-A. Name, Address, and Federal ID for Applicant	
i. Legal Name:	Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Foundation
ii. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):	770697289
Street 1:	11 North Mitchell Ave
Street 2:	POB 39
City:	Bakersville
County:	Mitchell
State:	NC
Country	United States
Zip/Postal Code:	28705

1-B. Name and Contact Information of Person to be Contacted on Matters Involving this Application:	
Prefix:	Dr.
First Name:	Daniel
Middle Name:	
Last Name:	Barron
Suffix:	
Telephone Number:	828-284-1914
Fax Number:	
Email:	drdanbarron@gmail.com
Title:	Chair

1-C. Other Required Identification Numbers



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Company Name

Legal Name MITCHELL COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE FOUNDATION, THE

Legal Structure Subject filed as a corporation on July 6, 2007 in North Carolina.

Tradestyle Name 1

Tradestyle Name 2

Tradestyle Name 3

Organization Information

Phone Number of Business 828.284.1914

Executive Name Dr. Daniel Barron

Executive Title Chairperson

Primary SIC code 99992222

Description of Operations Undetermined

Socioeconomic Data

Number of Employees(includes owners, partners, and/or officers)

Annual Sales or Revenue

Physical Address

Street 11 North Mitchell Ave

City Bakersville

State/Region NC

ZIP/Postal Code 28705

Country UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Mailing Address

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**The Mitchell County Historic
Courthouse Foundation**

**Interim
Financial Statements**

**Quarter Ending
December 31, 2009 and 2008**

The Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Foundation
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2009 and 2008

<u>Assets</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 12,131.76	293,087.56
Accounts Receivable		
Grants Receivable		
Temporarily Restricted –		
Handmade in America (note 1, 2 and 3)	24,225.87	50,000.00
The Rural Center	<u>31,600.00</u>	<u>175,000.00</u>
Total Grants Receivable	55,825.87	225,000.00
NC Sales Tax Refunds	<u>11,291.10</u>	----
Total Accounts Receivable	67,116.97	225,000.00
Prepaid Expenses	<u>435.65</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>79,684.38</u>	<u>518,087.56</u>
Noncurrent Assets:		
Fixed Assets		
Office Equipment	1,424.64	0.00
Leasehold Improvements – Building (note 1)	<u>698,703.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Fixed Assets	700,127.64	0.00
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>700,127.64</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>779,812.02</u>	<u>518,087.56</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable		
Buchanan Construction, LLC	34,235.00	0.00
Buchanan Retainage	34,939.00	0.00
Contract Employee Expenses	2,442.03	355.00
Other Accounts Payable	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>71,616.03</u>	<u>355.00</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>71,616.03</u>	<u>355.00</u>
Net Assets:		
Opening Balance	12,733.89	12,733.89
Retained	681,998.01	275,946.08
Net Assets	<u>7,171.69</u>	<u>229,052.59</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>708,195.99</u>	<u>517,732.56</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>779,812.02</u>	<u>518,087.56</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

The Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Foundation
Statement of Activities

Quarter ended December 31, 2009
(With summarized financial information for the quarter ended December 31, 2008)

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>2009 Total</u>	<u>2008 Total</u>
Revenues, Gains, and Other Support:				
Direct Public Grants				
The Janivie Foundation	-----	-----	-----	<u>100,000.00</u>
Total Direct Public Grants	-----	-----	-----	100,000.00
Direct Public Support				
Individual and Business Donations	<u>6,070.00</u>	-----	<u>6,070.00</u>	-----
Total Public Support	6,070.00	-----	6,070.00	100,000.00
Government Grants				
Local Government Grants				
Mitchell County, NC	-----	-----	-----	-----
State Organization Grants				
The Rural Center	-----	-----	-----	-----
HandMade in America (note 1, 3)	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total Government Grants	-----	-----	-----	-----
Indirect Public Support				
Mitchell County Historical Society	-----	-----	-----	1,111.00
Mitchell County				
Chamber of Commerce	-----	-----	-----	200.00
Bakersville Medical Clinic	<u>500.00</u>	-----	<u>500.00</u>	-----
Total Indirect Public Support	500.00	-----	500.00	1,311.00
Special Events Income				
Halloween Events	<u>754.00</u>	-----	<u>754.00</u>	<u>1,263.75</u>
Total Special Events Income	754.00	-----	754.00	1,263.75
Total Revenue and Support	<u>7,324.00</u>	-----	<u>7,324.00</u>	<u>102,574.75</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>2009 Total</u>	<u>2008 Total</u>
Expenses:				
Facilities and Equipment				
Depreciation – Office Equipment	----	178.08	178.08	----
Demolition and Removal – Building	----	----	----	11,500.00
Architect Fees	----	----	----	17,000.00
Utilities	<u>273.85</u>	<u>273.85</u>	<u>273.85</u>	<u>----</u>
Total Facilities, Equipment	273.85	178.08	451.93	28,500.00
Operations				
Postage, Mailing Service	20.00	9.51	29.51	68.65
Printing and Copying	----	----	----	----
Office Supplies and Materials	388.84	----	388.84	138.91
Telephone, Telecommunications	----	375.00	375.00	216.09
Advertising Expenses	62.50	----	62.50	----
Internet Expenses	22.50	33.15	55.65	----
Insurance – General	25.50	----	25.50	155.00
Insurance – Special Events	376.00	----	376.00	301.00
Membership and Dues	----	----	----	----
Total Operations	895.34	417.66	1,313.00	879.65
Grant and Contract Expense				
Contract Employee Expense	----	4,500.00	4,500.00	----
Southern Appalachian	----	----	----	----
Repertory Theater	----	----	----	----
Total Grant, Contract Expense	----	<u>4,500.00</u>	<u>4,500.00</u>	<u>----</u>
Total Expenses	----	6,264.93	6,264.93	29,379.65
Other Income/Expense				
Interest Earned	7.54	----	7.54	63.53
NC Sales Tax Refunds	<u>5,225.79</u>	<u>5,225.79</u>	<u>5,225.79</u>	<u>----</u>
Total Other Income	5,233.33	----	5,233.33	63.53
Net Change in Assets	11,388.14	(5,095.74)	6,292.40	73,258.63
Net Assets at Beginning of Period	668,499.89	33,403.70	701,903.40	444,473.93
Net Assets at End of Period	679,888.03	28,307.96	708,195.99	517,732.56

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

The Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Foundation
Statement of Cash Flows
Quarter ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Changes in net assets	6,292.40	73,258.63
Adjustments to reconcile net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Grants receivable - restricted-HandMade	19,524.13	----
Grants receivable – SECU Foundation	200,000.00	----
Grants receivable – The Rural Center	118,400.00	50,000.00
Accounts receivable – other	300.00	----
Accounts receivable – NC sales tax refunds	(4,088.95)	----
Prepaid expenses	(298.34)	----
Accounts payable	<u>(161,072.26)</u>	<u>355.00</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	179,056.98	123,613.63
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of office equipment	178.08	----
Purchases of leasehold improvements – building	<u>(218,033.00)</u>	----
Net cash used by investing activities	(373,548.92)	----
Net increase (decrease) in cash	<u>(38,797.94)</u>	<u>123,613.63</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	50,929.70	169,473.93
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>12,131.76</u>	<u>293,087.56</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

The Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Foundation

Notes to Interim Financial Statements
Quarter Ended December 31, 2009

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Description of the Organization

The Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Foundation (hereafter, "The Foundation") was organized as a North Carolina non-profit corporation in 2007 and was recognized in a letter of determination from the Internal Revenue Service dated October 5, 2007 as exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The effective date of the determination was July 6, 2007 and it was determined that contributions, bequests, devises, transfers or gifts to The Foundation are deductible under section 170, 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. The Foundation was further classified as a public charity under section 170 (b) (1) (A) (vi) of the Code. The Internal Revenue Service has also classified The Foundation under the National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities (NTEE) as defined by the NTEE Core Codes Manual as: "Major Group I – Arts, Cultural and Humanities" and specifically under the code as: "A54 – Historical Museums."

(b) Purpose of the Organization

The primary purpose of The Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Foundation is to restore, protect, maintain and make available to the public the original Mitchell County Courthouse in Bakersville, NC. The Courthouse, completed in 1907, was added to the *National Register of Historic Places* on May 10, 1979 and represents significant aspects of the cultural, political and economic heritage of the community, the county and the region. The Courthouse Foundation, working with other entities including the Mitchell County Historical Society, will provide a unique and important view of history through the exhibits and archives displayed in the restored and preserved historic structure. The other purpose of the Foundation is to improve the economic and quality of life conditions for the people of Mitchell County by renovating the Historic Courthouse to become a fully functional center for educational, cultural, and economic activity.

(c) Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of The Foundation have been prepared on the accrual basis. The normal fiscal year of The Foundation is from July 1 through June 30 of the following year.

Net assets and revenues, expenses, gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the College and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

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- Unrestricted net assets – Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations. At present, all donations specifically for the building renovation project are classified as unrestricted.
- Temporarily restricted net assets – Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met either by actions of The Foundation and/or the passage of time. The only donations restricted from the building renovation project and are directed towards other purposes are those from HandMade in America.
- Permanently restricted net assets – Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by The Foundation. At present, The Foundation has no permanently restricted assets.

Revenues are reported as increases in net assets including grant commitments from highly reputable and well financed organizations. Expenses are reported as decreases in unrestricted net assets. Contributions are recognized as revenues in the period received. Promises to give (pledges) are not recognized until they are actually received and are not of material value at this time.

(d) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents currently consist of an interest bearing checking account. At various times throughout the year, The Foundation may have cash balances in financial institutions which temporarily exceed the amounts that are federally insured.

(e) Land, Buildings, and Equipment

The Foundation entered into a Lease Agreement with Mitchell County, North Carolina for the property designated as the old Mitchell County Courthouse on October 1, 2007. The agreement runs to the 30th day of 2106 with an option to renew at terms agreed upon at that time. The 99 year lease requires a payment of \$1.00 per year and is considered immaterial to these statements. The lease requires performance of The Foundation to The Foundation's stated purposes as noted above and the Landlord (Mitchell County) agrees to provide certain on-going utilities and other provisions as defined in the Agreement. No other land is owned by The Foundation.

Numerous improvements to the leased building were made during fiscal 2009 and additional improvements and equipment for the building will be added in subsequent years. Improvements to the leased building and additions to equipment are stated at cost at the date of acquisition or fair value at the date of donation in the case of gifts. Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of each class of asset. For lease-hold improvements and equipment additions to the renovated building, depreciation will be begin to be expensed at such time as the building and equipment is in use for the estimated useful life. For equipment not part of the renovation project and at a cost of less than \$1000 the cost of the item is expensed as of the date of acquisition. For capitalized equipment the asset is depreciated over a period of 3 to 10 years depending on the useful life.

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(f) Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(g) Income Taxes

The Foundation is a tax-exempt organization as described in Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) and is generally exempt from federal income taxes on related income pursuant to Section 501(a) of the Code. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes is made in the financial statements. The Foundation is current with all Federal and state financial reporting requirements.

(h) Sales Taxes

As noted above, The Foundation as classified by the Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt entity under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The IRS has also determined that The Foundation under the National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities (NTEE) is defined by the NTEE Core Codes Manual as: "Major Group I – Arts, Cultural and Humanities" and specifically under the code as: "A54 – Historical Museums". As a result of this determination, the general statutes of North Carolina allow a semiannual refund of North Carolina sales and use taxes paid by it on direct purchases of tangible personal property and services, other than electricity, telecommunications service, and ancillary service, for use in carrying on the work of the nonprofit entity. In addition, NC General Statute § 105-164.14 (b) also allows the refund of sales and use tax liability indirectly incurred by a nonprofit entity on building materials, supplies, fixtures, and equipment that become a part of or annexed to any building or structure that is owned or leased by the nonprofit entity and is being erected, altered, or repaired for use by the nonprofit entity for carrying on its nonprofit activities. According, a provision for the refund of certain sales taxes incurred in North Carolina is made in the financial statements.

(2) Functional Expense Reporting

All activities in fiscal years 2008 and 2009 were focused on the restoration and renovation of the leased historical properties. Those activities comprise all fundraising and general operations expenses with the exception of activities associated with the funded portion of a grant provided by HandMade in America. The HandMade in America grant was sub-assumed from the Town of Bakersville on June 28, 2008 for purposes not related to the actual building project. HandMade in America first released monies from the grant for the purposes of the grant to the Foundation in January 2009. Expenditures for the purposes of the HandMade in America grant by The Foundation totaled \$11,489 in fiscal year 2009 and \$5,107 for this first quarter. Those amounts covered the operating expenses and a stipend for a part time contract employee. In subsequent years, as specific programs are developed given a newly renovated historic courthouse property, separate program activities may be conducted and hence will be reported.

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(3) Commitments and Contingencies

The Foundation has no leases other than the historic courthouse building and property and no operating leases for equipment or other items.

The Foundation entered into a renovation and construction contract with Buchanan Construction, LLC of Arden, NC for the improvement of the leased property on April 24, 2009 at an original contract amount of \$634,500. Since that time, change orders have been approved, adding to the total projected cost of the project by approximately 10%. The Foundation, as of the date of these Notes to the Financial Statements, anticipates successful completion of the Buchanan Construction contract during the next month.

The Foundation also has made certain commitments under conditions for the receipt of various grants. Most of those future commitments relate to the usage of the renovated facility, naming and signage requirements of the grants, and other ancillary responsibilities to ensure compliance with serving the stated purposes of The Foundation. Under the conditions of the NC State Employees' Credit Union Foundation grant, the Foundation has agreed to raise, over a non-specific time period, sufficient funds to provide video conferencing and computer equipment for the completion of the SECU Learning Center.

(4) Risks and Uncertainties

The Foundation has numerous grant and donor proposals outstanding to further support desirable elements of a more complete building renovation and to further the overall goals of the Foundation. While it is anticipated that sufficient grants and donations will be obtained to meet all commitments and carry forward other desired enhancements to all projects, the amount and the timing of new monies that will be obtained by The Foundation, particularly in a difficult economy, remains uncertain. Management of The Foundation continues to monitor the situation and is actively seeking additional funds.

The above financial statements and notes to the financial statements are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/S/

William A. Anderson
Treasurer
Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Foundation
February 22, 2010

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature on this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 15 CFR Part 28, "New Restrictions on Lobbying." The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the Department of Commerce determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

LOBBYING

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 15 CFR Part 28, for persons entering into a grant, cooperative agreement or contract over \$100,000 or a loan or loan guarantee over \$150,000 as defined at 15 CFR Part 28, Sections 28.105 and 28.110, the applicant certifies that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure occurring on or before October 23, 1996, and of not less than \$11,000 and not more than \$110,000 for each such failure occurring after October 23, 1996.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above applicable certification.

NAME OF APPLICANT

AWARD NUMBER AND/OR PROJECT NAME

Mitchell County Historic Court House Foundation

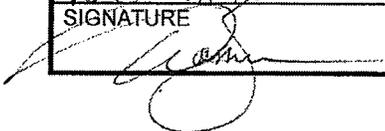
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PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

DR. DANIEL BARRON

SIGNATURE

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6 August 2009

Assistant Secretary
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U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

RE: The Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Foundation

Dear Sir:

We are general counsel for the Mitchell County Historic Foundation, (the "Applicant.") In such capacity, we acted as counsel to the Applicant in connection with its ability to apply to the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program and in the review of the grant agreement, as referenced in the Notice of Funds Availability.

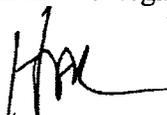
We are of the opinion that:

(a) The Applicant is a duly organized and existing [legal entity] under the laws of the State of North Carolina.

(b) The Applicant has corporate power: (1) to execute and deliver the agreement; and (2) to perform all acts required to be done by it under said agreement.

(c) No legal proceedings have been instituted or are pending against the Applicant, the outcome of which would adversely affect the Applicant's ability to perform the duties under the grant agreement, and there are no judgments against the Applicant which would adversely affect the Applicant's ability to perform its duties under the grant agreement.

With kindest regards,



Hal G. Harrison

HGH/as

Certification Requirements for BTOP

U.S. Department of Commerce
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

I certify that I am the duly authorized representative of the applicant organization, and that I have been authorized to submit the attached application on its behalf. A copy of the applicant organization's authorization for me to submit this application as its official representative is on file in the applicant's office, and I am identified as the applicant organization's Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) in the Central Contractor Registration database. By signing this certification, I certify that the statements contained in the application are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that if an award is made, the applicant organization will comply with all applicable award terms and conditions.

7 August 2009
(Date)


(Authorized Representative's Signature)

Daniel Barron
Name:

Chair
Title: