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| Organization: | Connected Tennessee, LLC |
| Project Name: | Computers 4 Kids: Preparing Tennessee's Next Generation for Success |
| Project Type: | Sustainable Broadband Adoption |
| State: | Tennessee |
| Federal Award: | \$2,287,387 |

ABOUT THE PROJECT

According to **Connected Tennessee**, there are thousands of disadvantaged Tennesseans who are unable to participate in the educational, economic, and civic opportunities available online simply because there are no computers in their households. Connected Tennessee's Computers 4 Kids project intends to focus on economically vulnerable youth in the Volunteer State by deploying laptops, academic support programs, and workforce training to two disparate, but especially at-risk, populations: those in the state's foster care system that are "aging out" as they turn 18, and youth that are active in the state's 76 Boys & Girls Clubs. The project plans to provide younger children in the Boys & Girls Clubs with broadband access in a safe environment via its Club Tech program.

Computers 4 Kids also proposes to:

- Distribute almost 800 computers to Boys & Girls Clubs statewide, encourage broadband subscribership, and train as many as 58,000 youth over the life of the project, offering approximately 9 million training hours.
- Provide over 2,000 older youth in the foster care system with laptop computers and support with high school completion and workforce training through the state's network of Career Centers.
- Organize community events to build awareness of the program and the benefits of broadband access for education and career preparation at all ages.

ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY

Connected Tennessee is an independent non-profit organization that works with assorted Tennessee private- and public-sector entities to decrease the cost of technology expansion and increase the ease of doing business in Tennessee. Connected Tennessee aims to accelerate the availability and use of technology statewide to create a better business environment, more effective community and economic development, improved healthcare, enhanced education, and more efficient government.

PROJECT PARTNERS

- Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development
- Tennessee Department of Children's Services
- Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development
- Boys & Girls Clubs in Tennessee
- CIBER, Inc.
- Internet Keep Safe Coalition
- Microsoft Corporation

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