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Dear Panel members:

We are proud to submit this application for funding for Public Computing Centers in Kentucky public libraries. Over the past 2 years, we have witnessed in our communities the serious effects of the recession. Library staff members have fought valiantly to stretch ever-limited library resources to provide services that allow people to file for unemployment benefits, create resumes, hunt for jobs, and take classes that enhance skills. The opportunity to apply for BTOP funds for PCC expansion has arrived at a most critical time.

With serious need for broadband access and the internet in the 60 communities included our project, the strong participation of our key partners, the devoted service of public library staff members, and the dedicated leadership provided by KDLA staff, I am confident our proposal is worthy of your consideration. This project will be a wise investment that serves the most vulnerable populations in our state and pays large dividends in the future.

If I may provide additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wayne Onkst".

Wayne Onkst
State Librarian and Commissioner

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Dear Mr. Onkst,

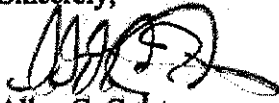
The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is pleased to award the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) a grant of \$240,000. As the lead applicant, KDLA will be submitting a proposal on March 15, 2010 to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) under the Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program's (BTOP) Public Computer Centers funding category. The foundation's grant funds are to be used to help fulfill NTIA's matching requirements for this BTOP project, which is intended to expand the capacity of libraries to maximize use of existing high levels of broadband to deliver workforce development and educational opportunities for the unemployed and under-employed.

The foundation's grant is contingent on KDLA receiving a BTOP award from NTIA and on the execution of a grant agreement between KDLA and the foundation. The grant will be paid in two equal installments. The first payment will be disbursed shortly after KDLA's receipt of an official BTOP award notice, and the second and final grant payment will be disbursed approximately one year after the first payment.

In addition to committing grant funds to support NTIA's matching requirements for BTOP, the foundation is awarding an additional \$150,000 for E-rate application training and support for local libraries participating in the BTOP project. These funds are intended to raise participation rates in the federal E-rate program to create a sustainable source of funding for recurring connectivity costs. These additional grant funds are also contingent upon KDLA receiving a BTOP award from NTIA and a fully-executed grant agreement with the foundation.

We are pleased to support KDLA in its application to NTIA and its efforts to meet community needs through high-quality technology and broadband Internet access in Kentucky.

Sincerely,

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Allan C. Golston
President, U.S. Program

Cc: Jill Nishi, Deputy Director, U.S. Libraries Initiative

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National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Review Panel

On behalf of **Taylor County Public Library**, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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Demand for public library broadband workstations greatly exceeds capacity during these economic times and this grant money would help alleviate pressures on library resources. Increasing PCC capacity with needed equipment and workstations to provide greater broadband access will significantly enhance the public library mission to serve the community. With eight desktops and two laptops to serve our 10,000 plus registered patrons, during peak utilization hours, 2:00-6:00p.m., patrons generally wait 15-45 minutes for an available computer. In order to try to shorten the wait time, we have adopted a one hour limit, 2 times per week policy.

Many of the older, displaced workers from our community have been coming to the library for assistance in job hunting over the internet and resume writing. One gentleman particularly comes to mind, "John". He had been unemployed since November 2008. When he began coming to the library in December 2008, he had VERY limited computer skills. Through "John" being patient (in waiting for a computer) and waiting for staff assistance, he acquired the knowledge to setup an email account, search the internet for jobs, apply for those jobs, and prepare professional resumes and cover letters. On March 1, 2010 "John" secured a full-time financial management position. We hope to continue supporting the unemployed, underemployed and impoverished members of our community by providing additional computers and programs on those computers, as well as providing additional training for our staff.

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Taylor County Public Library

Director: Elaine Munday



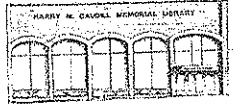
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Angelina R. Tidal, Director
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On behalf of the Harry M. Caudill Memorial Library and its branches, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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Demand for public library broadband workstations greatly exceeds capacity during these economic times and this grant money would help alleviate pressures on library resources. Increasing PCC capacity with needed equipment and workstations to provide greater broadband access will significantly enhance the public library mission to serve the community. In 2009 a total of 24, 589 patrons have utilized our public computers. Among our users were two agencies (LKLP and Workforce Agency) and their 25+ attendees. The classes lasted for four weeks. These were unemployed citizens who were being trained to enter the working force. Our computer lab was the most important tool they have accessed. They went on line to look for job listings, created their resumes and trained on their computer skills. Three trainees were interviewed and employed after their classes. We have also assisted many patrons in seeking answers to their IRS and Social Security issues via the computer.

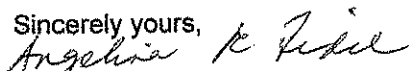
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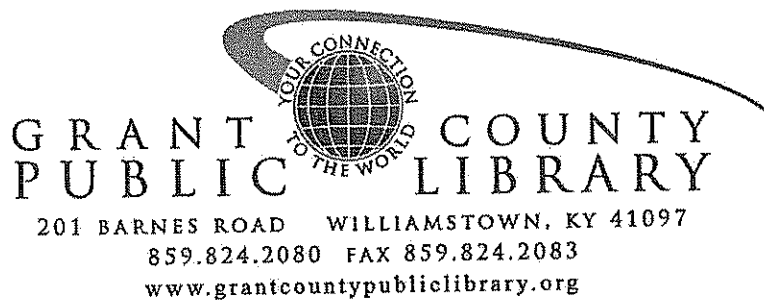
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I thank you for your kind consideration of this grant application.

Sincerely yours,


Angelina R. Tidal, Director



National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
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March 3, 2010

Dear Review Panel:

On behalf of the Grant County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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To attempt to address these issues in the spring of 2009 we partnered with our local Adult Education Center and we structured and compiled an effective five week, 40-hour jobs skills training for adults. We were able to provide two courses (spring and fall) and each was met with enthusiasm by participants. We were excited to find out that several participants were able to find jobs locally, and they attributed this to

having taken our course. While, without funding, we don't expect to continue that course on a long-term basis, we do see the need to provide training at a local level. We also envision the ability, with the approval of this grant, to provide these outreach services with community partners in order to reach as many people as possible.

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Sincerely,

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Susan Calloway Nimersheim, Director
Grant County Public Library

Webster Co. Public Library
Let your story SHINE!National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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On behalf of the Webster County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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In 2009 we had to hire two of our part-time employees as full time employees at each location to specifically monitor and assist in our computer labs, however, we all end up helping due to the constant demands of our patrons. No matter what the situation we do the best we can with the tools we have. We are still here today and our patrons keep coming back. With this grant we hope to better assist the public and ease the stress on our staff. In this case more is definitely better. We will be able to help our adult patrons with their struggles and allow our children to use the computers for research, as well as, recreation.

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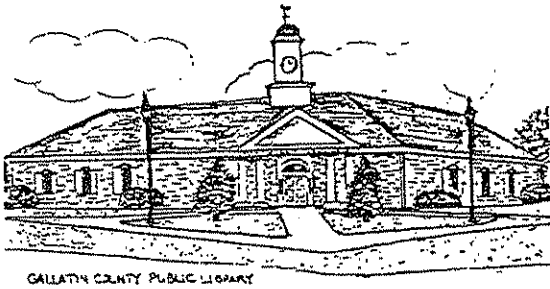
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National Telecommunications and Information Administration Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Review Panel

On behalf of Gallatin County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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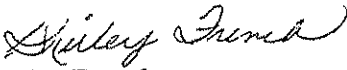
We often have older patrons with absolutely no basic technology skills needing to file their unemployment claims online. Not only do we help them by finding an available workstation, but we assist them complete their claims. Most have nowhere else to go for free Internet use or for this kind of assistance.

We offer free Basic Computer classes on a regular basis with good attendance. Last year we offered Senior Adult Basic Computer Classes on Monday mornings and it continued weekly for 6 months as the participants kept requesting its continuation.

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Sincerely,

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Shirley French,
Director



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March 4, 2010

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
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On behalf of the Corbin Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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Our local citizens rely upon the library for many things. One obvious area of growing importance to our senior population is computer training. As our society becomes more dependent on computers every single day, the library provides a familiar, comfortable setting in which that group can learn basic computer skills. As seniors gain knowledge, they learn the skills necessary to keep up with the changing technology and with the availability of more advanced training could move beyond basics and incorporate those skills into everyday life, and even new job skills. The library provides the perfect location to help with these needs.

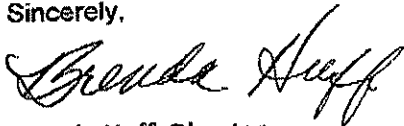
Our staff was very pleasantly surprised a few months ago, when a florist arrived with a delivery actually addressed to the library. The enclosed card expressed the sincere thanks of the student, who was overjoyed to learn that our library was willing and able to proctor his online tests, enabling him to able to complete his distance learning degree.

Last fall a young lady, after the death of her parents, came to the library to use a computer, and asked for assistance in finding her brother. With the information the young lady was able to provide, our staff was able to locate her brother in another state. She was able to contact her brother and is now living in another state, no longer alone, united with family members again.

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Sincerely,



Brenda Huff, Director
Corbin Public Library

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March 3, 2010

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Fleming County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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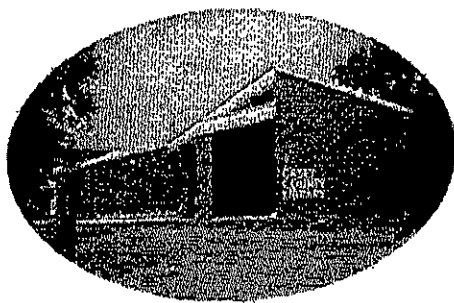
We teach beginning computer classes in our Tech Lab on a regular basis, and have the Maysville Community/Technical College teach classes in the afternoon and evenings. We also work with the KY Office of Employment Training to provide classes in our Tech Lab. Our local RECC does employee training on our computers.

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Sincerely,


Beverly Cooper, Director



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National Telecommunications and Information Administration Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Review Panel

On behalf of Casey County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Ky. Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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Jan Banks

Jan Banks
Executive Director

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Sincerely,



J.D. Zornes

Adair Co. Library Board President

**Allen County Public Library
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March 3, 2010

National Telecommunications
and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Review Panel

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Allen County Public Library in Scottsville, Kentucky, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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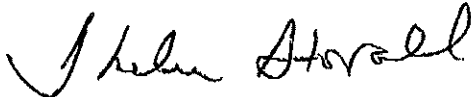
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Demand for public library broadband workstations greatly exceeds capacity during these economic times and this grant money would help alleviate pressures on library resources. Many patrons must wait for computers to be available. Increasing PCC capacity with needed equipment and workstations to provide greater broadband access will significantly enhance the public library mission to serve the community.

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Sincerely, .

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Shelia Stovall".

Shelia Stovall, Director
Allen County Public Library

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Anderson Public Library

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Review Panel

On behalf of the Anderson Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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The Anderson Public Library has recently added a jobs and educational database in an effort to help the many members of our community who are experiencing unemployment. Our staff offers individual assistance to users as time permits but we have neither enough staff nor a classroom environment that would allow us to instruct individuals in an organized, classroom setting. These grant funds would allow us to establish just such a classroom, making it possible for us to better assist our patrons in pursuing employment, utilize government e-services, and further their education on their own.

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Sincerely,



Pamela Mullins,
Library Director

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Bath County Memorial Library

March 4, 2010

National Telecommunications and Information Administration Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Review Panel

On behalf of the Bath County Memorial Library I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Our library serves an important role in our communities by providing public access broadband connected computers that are utilized by Kentuckians to address workforce development, unemployment, and educational attainment. These computers and equipment are used for activities and instruction including resume writing, conducting job searches, electronic correspondence for job searches, research and applying for government benefits, health and wellness research, among other related purposes. Kentuckians also utilize the public access workstations to continue and complete their education by conducting research or taking distance learning courses.

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At the present time, our computers are all busy and in the afternoons and nights there is usually a waiting line. We have tried with the help of some local grants to provide the services our patrons need. Our part-time technician has repaired and

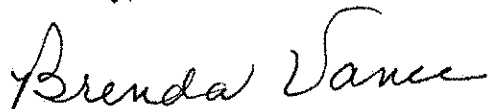
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replaced parts to keep our desktops in good working order. However, at this point, there are at least four that need replacing. We have no additional room to add desktops and are in need of laptops that can be used in other areas of the library.

We are getting requests every day for help with resumes and job searches. Many of these patrons are not familiar with computers or the Internet and are in need of basic training. Our staff is very willing to help them, but they are so busy and most of these patrons need significantly more time than they can spare. These grant funds would enable us to provide quality staff training to a larger number of those in our community that so desperately need our help.

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Sincerely,

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Brenda Vance
Director

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MARK ADLER, DIRECTOR

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Tuesday, March 2, 2010

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Review Panel

On behalf of Paris-Bourbon County Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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Demand for public library broadband workstations greatly exceeds capacity during these economic times and this grant money would help alleviate pressures on library resources. Increasing PCC capacity with needed equipment and workstations to provide greater broadband access will significantly enhance the public library mission to serve the community. Patrons at the Paris-Bourbon County library regularly must wait to use the public computers and are limited to an hour of use per day; this time limitation is necessary due to the high demand for computers. Over the past seven years we have tripled the number of publicly available computers and we far exceed the minimum number as recommended by the State Library. However, we continue to see growing demand for computer access and struggle to find ways to make enough resources available to our patrons.

The downswing in the economy has greatly impacted our patrons and we regularly hear them tell about disconnecting their at-home access to save money. Recently an aging couple with no computer skills visited the library, asking for assistance learning how to use the Internet. Further work with them revealed that they had heard they could find grocery coupons online and were desperate to get access to anything that would help them save money. We were obviously pleased to link them with the information they so greatly needed.

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Sincerely,



Mark Adler, Director
Paris-Bourbon County Library

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Boyle County Public Library 307 W. Broadway St. Danville, KY 40422 859-238-READ

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Review Panel

On behalf of Boyle County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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Demand for public library broadband workstations greatly exceeds capacity during these economic times and this grant money would help alleviate pressures on library resources. Increasing PCC capacity with needed equipment and workstations to provide greater broadband access will significantly enhance the public library mission to serve the community. Our statistics from February 2010 show computer usage at triple the rate of one year ago. The public's need for skilled assistance with their computer work is ever-growing. The library is serving a new population of citizens who have little or no computer skill and yet find themselves in serious need of services only accessible through electronic application.

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Sincerely,

Georgia de Araujo
Assistant Director, Boyle County Public Library

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March 5, 2010

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Review Panel

On behalf of Breckinridge County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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Thank You,



Holly Gregory, Director
Breckinridge County Public Library

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March 1, 2010

National Telecommunications and Information Administration Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Review Panel

On behalf of the Bullitt County Public Library District, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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Demand for public library broadband workstations greatly exceeds capacity during these economic times and this grant money would help alleviate pressures on library resources. Increasing PCC capacity with needed equipment and workstations to provide greater broadband access will significantly enhance the public library mission to serve the community. Our public computers are in constant use. We have computer areas for children, teens and adults, plus in conference rooms for longer time period use. We could double the number of computers and still keep them all very busy. Every day we have patrons coming in who need help using computers for to search for jobs. Patrons need help with using the Internet and using office applications. Our reference and circulation staff works with the patrons to teach them the basic skills they need to complete their tasks.

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Sincerely,

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Randy Matlow
Director Bullitt County Public Library

Butler County Public Library
116 W. Ohio Street
Morgantown, KY 42261

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Review Panel

On behalf of Butler County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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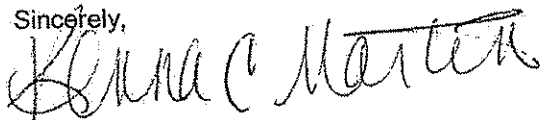
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Demand for public library broadband workstations greatly exceeds capacity during these economic times and this grant money would help alleviate pressures on library resources. Increasing PCC capacity with needed equipment and workstations to provide greater broadband access will significantly enhance the public library mission to serve the community. Currently, it has not been uncommon for the wait list for the computers to exceed ten people, which is an inconvenience for the patrons who visit the library during their lunch breaks or who are pressed for time. Our library has taken measures in order to address this issue, such as limiting the amount of time on the computers to thirty minutes if someone is waiting.

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Sincerely,



Kenna C. Martin

Director

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Review Panel

On behalf of George Coon Public Library, Princeton, Ky., I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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The only consolation we can offer our patrons is that we are working on plans for expansion and hopefully in near future, we will add more computers.

Our computers have really begun to get busier now that more and more patrons are filing their income taxes via computers. Also, patrons filing for unemployment benefits have a greater opportunity for more speedy response by using internet services for completion of the necessary forms for this benefit.

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Sincerely,
Kuang Boz
Director



Calloway County Public Library - 710 Main - Murray, Kentucky 42071 - (270) 753-2288

March 5, 2010

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Review Panel

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of Calloway County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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Demand for access at our library during the late afternoon and early evening hours is so large that patrons may be forced to wait for forty five minutes to get thirty minutes worth of access. It's deeply discouraging to have to stand and tell someone that their time is up when you know that another five minutes would see their work completed.


We have had to tell many of our patrons to come back another day since they would need more time than we could allot to them on that day. We have people trying to fill out applications for employment, trying to fill out the federal student aid applications, and a number of them just needing a place to type term papers for school because they can't afford word processing equipment at home.

But we do have some successes: One of our patron came in looking for a copy of her marriage certificate - from Kaiserslautern, Germany. She was married in 1948 and came to the United States with her GI husband. He had recently passed away and she needed to prove that they were actually married in order to get death benefits. Using our connection, we traced the certificate down to the office of the Standesamt in Berlin. (The German version of the Bureau of Vital Statistics.) I know twelve words of German, the clerk in the office of the Standesamt knew less English than that and the patron had spoken English for fifty years. But we prevailed and found her marriage certificate by use of the internet. She is now receiving her benefits and has been able to keep possession of her home simply because we had access to broad band communication.

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Ben M. Graves
Director,
Calloway County Public Library



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March 5, 2010

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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On behalf of the Carroll County Public Library I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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Demand for public library broadband workstations greatly exceeds capacity during these economic times and this grant money would help alleviate pressures on library resources. Increasing PCC capacity with needed equipment and workstations to provide greater broadband access will significantly enhance the public library mission to serve the community. It will allow us to better serve our patrons with education opportunities, as well. Increasing the quality and quantity of our laptops will allow us to offer computer classes that will accommodate more people. It will also allow us to provide one on one support, with more private workstations away from the computer bank.

Every day after school, our library is buzzing with activities. From 3:30 in the afternoon until about 7:00 p.m. our PCC is completely full. It is a mixed group of all ages and, at times, people are only allowed 30 minutes of access on the computer. It is nearly impossible to complete anything in that amount of time, but the demand necessitates a limit.

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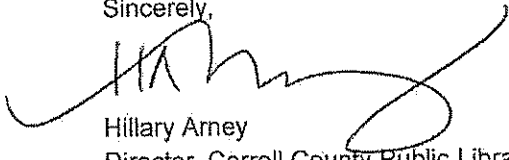
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Sincerely,

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Hillary Arney
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Gayla Duvall, Librarian**

**National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Review Panel**

On behalf of the Clinton County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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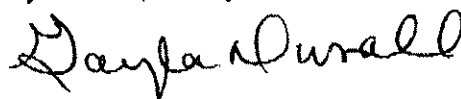
We have summer visitors whom will need to use the computers. As a town between two lakes we get quite a few users from the docks. One gentleman told us that he would have had to leave his family for the week if not for our computers. He was able to check his business in the morning and be on the lake the rest of the day.

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Gayla Duvall, Library Director

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March 3, 2010

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Review Panel

On behalf of the Hopkinsville-Christian County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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Thank you,


Julie Antee, Director



March 4, 2010

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National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

Review Panel

On behalf of the Crittenden County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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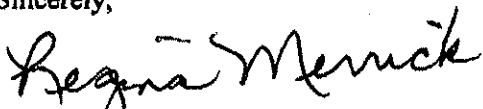
service is not available over much of our county, and it is easy to see why our number of computer users go up every year.

Having been blessed with new workstations five years ago, when most of our machines were in disrepair, we have, until recently, had the reputation of providing quality services to our community. Even these machines are slowly becoming unreliable.

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Sincerely,



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National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
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On behalf of the Cumberland County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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Lida J. Smith, Secretary

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National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Review Panel

On behalf of Edmonson County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Our library serves an important role in our communities by providing public access broadband connected computers that are utilized by Kentuckians to address workforce development, unemployment, and educational attainment. These computers and equipment are used for activities and instruction including resume writing, conducting job searches, electronic correspondence for job searches, research and applying for government benefits, health and wellness research, among other related purposes. Kentuckians also utilize the public access workstations to continue and complete their education by conducting research or taking distance learning courses.

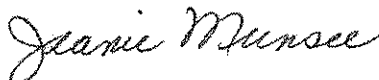
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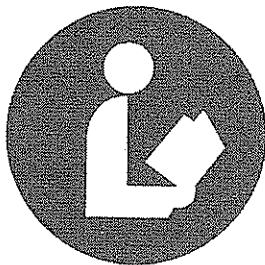
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Sincerely,



Jeanie Munsee
Director



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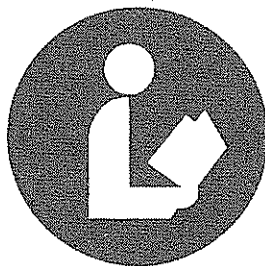
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We have had success helping many patrons with online applications. Some patrons have never applied for a job online and are frustrated at the way things have changed. Having knowledgeable staff members and up-to-date software/hardware is essential to their job-seeking ventures. We have served patrons along the entire spectrum from seeking a job listing to writing a resume to simply setting up their first e-mail account. These are, by far, our most appreciative computer users in the community.

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Sincerely,

Glenn W Kahmann, Director

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March 4, 2010

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Fulton County has one of the highest unemployment rates in Kentucky and these grant funds will also support the objectives of the Recovery Act – to spur job creation, stimulate long-term economic growth and opportunity, and motivate broadband adoption. This is especially important for Kentucky, as the Commonwealth has been disproportionately impacted by the economic climate.

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Respectfully,



Elaine Allen

Director

Fulton County Library District



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National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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On behalf of Garrard County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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Laura McWilliams

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March 3, 2010

**National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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Review Panel**

On behalf of the Graves County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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Demand for public library broadband workstations greatly exceeds capacity during these economic times and this grant money would help alleviate pressures on library resources. Increasing PCC capacity with needed equipment and workstations to provide greater broadband access will significantly enhance the public library mission to serve the community. Often in the afternoons when our computers are busiest, we have people sitting around in chairs waiting and staring at the people using the computers. It can be a little distracting if you are you're trying to do your homework or fill out a job resume. Even one of our elderly patrons commented her old cat could walk faster than the speed of these computers. We have 2 DSL Internet lines but the speed bogs down when we're busy and the limited number of computers can't meet patron demands. Faster Broadband access and added public computers would help eradicate this difficulty and better serve our community.

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Sincerely,

Diane Bennett

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National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Review Panel

On behalf of Greenup County Public Library District, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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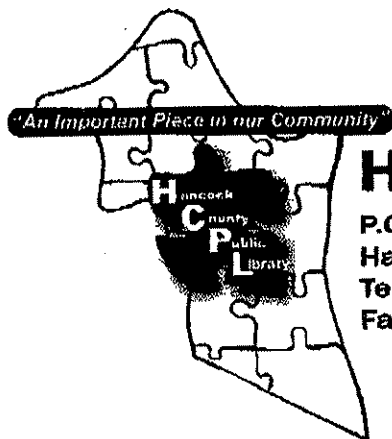
Connectivity is still a real issue in our area. With that improvement the wait for a computer would be less.

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Sincerely,


Dorothy K. Griffith-Director



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March 2, 2010

National Telecommunications and Information Administration Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Review Panel

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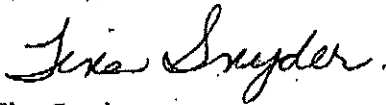
Demand for public library broadband workstations greatly exceeds capacity during these economic times and this grant money would help alleviate pressures on library resources. Increasing PCC capacity with needed equipment and workstations to provide greater broadband access will significantly enhance the public library mission to serve the community. We offer computer classes throughout the year for our patrons. Unfortunately, we can only offer those classes when the library is closed due to the location of our public computers. With the purchase of laptops, we can offer more classes to more people and have them in our meeting room at more convenient times.

Our computer classes and general computer use will be positively affected by the availability of the laptops. Not only will the laptops be used with the computer classes, but also with allowing more people to access the internet during peak usage times. With the use of our wireless access, the mobile laptop lab will also greatly impact our community's need for additional access to the internet.

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Sincerely,

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Tina Snyder

HCPL Director



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National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Review Panel

On behalf of the Harlan County Public Library System, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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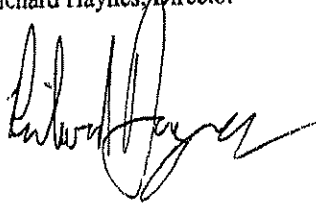
Demand for public library broadband workstations greatly exceeds capacity during these economic times and this grant money would help alleviate pressures on library resources. Increasing PCG capacity with needed equipment and workstations to provide greater broadband access will significantly enhance the public library mission to serve the community. Reliable broadband connections are not even an option to many citizens of Harlan County with DSL and Cable Internet connections available only in very limited locations within the county. Communicating with family, shopping, applying for jobs, etc. often require the use of internet and unfortunately only about 50% of the county's population has access to broadband

communication in their community. Additionally, due to the county's topography and remote location, 3G access is not even a possibility. The Harlan County Public Library is a hub for broadband access in our area, attracting business people (local and visiting), students, and other patrons with one of the few publically available wireless "hot spots" and public computer sites in the county.

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Richard Haynes, Director



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March 2, 2010

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Review Panel

On behalf of Cynthiana Harrison County Public Library I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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Demand for public library broadband workstations greatly exceeds capacity during these economic times and this grant money would help alleviate pressures on library resources. Increasing PCC capacity with needed equipment and workstations to provide greater broadband access will significantly enhance the public library mission to serve the community. Many patrons need assistance either filling out employment applications or filling out the necessary paperwork for advancement in their job. Many of these patrons have no computer skills at all. The assistance of the library staff is necessary for these tasks to be accomplished in a timely and successful manner.

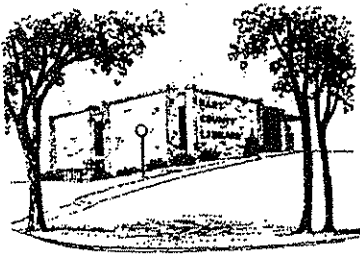
Our local state transportation department needed to use multiple laptops for their employees to complete forms for advancement in their pay grades. Most of these men knew nothing about computers. We were able to provide use of laptops and assistance to these men to help with this process.

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Sincerely,

Patricia Barnes
Patricia Barnes, Director



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National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Review Panel

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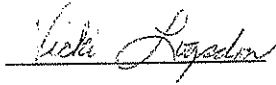
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Vicki Logsdon, Director

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David Houk", written over a horizontal line.

David Houk, Library Board President

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March 8, 2010

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Review Panel

On behalf of the Henry County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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While we have been able to meet the needs of our patrons for the most part, many times this past year we have had to institute wait lines for our public computers from the moment we open our doors. It is not uncommon for our computers to be as in demand at nine in the morning as they are shortly after our local school system lets children out for the day. If we could provide computer access to all patrons when they need it we would know that we were maximizing the possibility of success.

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Sincerely,



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National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Review Panel

On behalf of LaRue County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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Sincerely,

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March 5, 2010

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Review Panel

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Lewis County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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Due to the unemployment and literacy rate being extremely high in Lewis County, we see a lot of unemployed people signing up for unemployment. This has to be done by computer using the Internet. We at the library have become extremely efficient at helping these patrons use the computers in signing up for unemployment. Then if they get called back to work and then laid off, they know where to come for help.

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Sincerely,

Marilyn Conway

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Director



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March 3, 2010

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Review Panel

On behalf of the Logan County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Our library provides public access broadband connected computers that are utilized to address workforce development, unemployment, and educational attainment. These computers and equipment are used for resume writing, job searches, research and applying for government benefits, health and wellness research, and many other services.

We provide broadband access in a local, accessible and friendly environment that enables our users to get online at broadband speeds that are otherwise unavailable.

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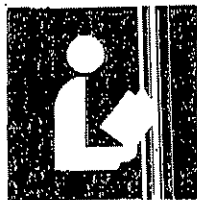
Recently a military mother came in wanting to access her son's Facebook account where he had posted pictures from Iraq. Several times a month students come to the library to take complete online courses and take online tests. We could share story after story about how the library has been instrumental in improving the quality of life for our users.

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National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
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On behalf of Lyon County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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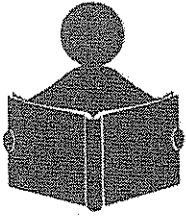
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We have a time limit on the use of computers. If anyone is waiting to use the computers a patron can only have 30 minutes. There are times when that is not enough time to finish what they are doing.

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Romona Engler, Director
Lyon County Public Library



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March 3, 2010

On behalf of The Martin County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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When our computers are busy especially at peak time and we see a frequent patron who arrives needing to complete college homework, etc, we ask anyone who is not using his/her computer for homework, research, or job applications to vacate their tasks and allow the newcomer to complete their necessary work. Some of our patrons have previously left when they saw computers full. We have worked hard to alleviate this problem. For example, a college student was sent to our library to fill out her FASFA online for student aid. She did not know how to do "anything" pertaining to completing this task. The college in which she was enrolled directed her to use this public library. One of our staff members secured a computer for her and assisted her in how to get on the website, how to make an account, to sign-in, and complete the application for financial aid. After having completed this task on the very last day to qualify for assistance, this young lady received her financial aid, and we are happy to state this young lady now comes to the library at least once a week to complete college work.

Consider another common example. An unemployed couple with a family is taking online classes from a local college. Since they do not have access to computers at home, they use our library exclusively to complete their homework. This couple is determined to "dig their way out of poverty" and make a life for themselves. Initially, the young man repeatedly asked for help with online databases and saving information. He didn't know anything about a memory stick. After the staff worked closely with him, he now browses databases and saves all his work on his own, even using his own memory stick.

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Sincerely,

Drema Jude
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Director

MASON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

March 4, 2010

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Review Panel

On behalf of Mason County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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In view of the sharp increase in online application procedures both for employment purposes and for other agency applications, we've initiated basic computer use workshops so that novice users are able to create email accounts, learn to fill out online applications, search for job opportunities, and print resumes. We use a dedicated laptop computer lab and provide an instructor. This begins to address the most common needs of job seekers, but doesn't satisfy the needs of the most usual drop-in customer who is unable to match their calendar with our schedule.

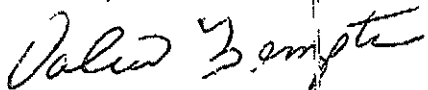
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Yours truly,

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Valerie Zempter, Director



National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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Demand for public library broadband workstations greatly exceeds capacity during these economic times and this grant money would help alleviate pressures on library resources. Increasing PCC capacity with needed equipment and workstations to provide greater broadband access will significantly enhance the public library mission to serve the community. Here at our library, our peak hours after school are somewhat of a nightmare. Last year we did add a PC Reservation software to help with the confusion but additional stations are definitely needed for our after school rush.

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Lisa Hardin – MCPL, IT Manager



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March 5, 2010

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Review Panel

Dear Panel:

On behalf of Mercer County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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It has been helpful to add wireless access for patrons. Those that own laptops are able to work more freely in different areas of the library and this has helped to free up a few of our desktops for other users. Yet for many people in our community, owning a laptop is a luxury and wireless access means nothing to them.

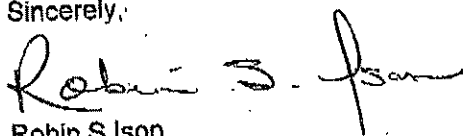
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One of the best ways that our library can serve our population in these dire economic times is through computer instruction. Using a paraphrase of the old adage, "Give a man a fish and he eats for a day, Teach a man to fish and he eats for a lifetime" -- this applies to computer instruction and how it can support patrons. These grant funds would be vital in helping our library offer computer instruction and training so that in turn our patrons have the skills to prepare resumes, perform job searches, and hopefully be successful in obtaining employment to make them more self-sufficient.

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Sincerely,



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National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Review Panel

On behalf of Metcalfe County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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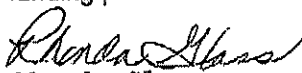
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To alleviate the time required on computers, the library staff is working one-on-one with individuals to assist with computer skills. In addition, volunteer students from the local high school come to the library weekly to teach adult computer classes and to assist with any projects adults need assistance with.

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March 2, 2010

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Review Panel

On behalf of William B. Harlan Memorial Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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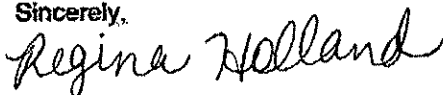
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For example, we assisted a gentleman whose daughter was stationed in Iraq. He realized that he could communicate via email with his daughter, but did not know how to set up an email address. We helped him get his email account set up at the library. Because he did not have a computer at home, he would often come in the library to check his email. Although his daughter was stationed thousands of miles away, he knew that really she was only a "mouse-click" away.

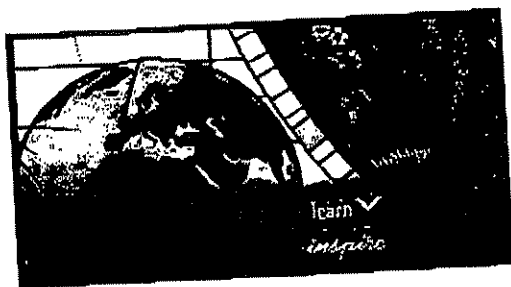
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Sincerely,



Regina Holland
Library Director



Nelson County Public Library
where the community comes together

March 1, 2010

**National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Review Panel**

On behalf of the Nelson County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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The Nelson County unemployment rate has reached 11.2%. During the past year we have experienced waiting times of up to one hour for the use of public access computers. The unemployed must register and apply for their benefit during designated days and hours. Failure to complete the required online forms would result in loss of all benefits for these families.

Many of our patrons have stated they can no longer afford to replace computer equipment or maintain their subscription to internet service at home. The only means of submitting applications for employment is online at their public library.

I personally assisted a gentleman in his 70s who was retired from self-employment and needed to return to work to survive. He had no knowledge of computer operations and was desperate to apply for

employment at Kroger. Kroger, like many employers, requires applicants to complete a lengthy application that takes more than an hour for most people.

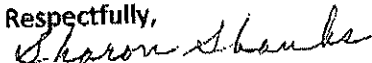
No only could this patron have benefited from basic instruction, he required extended time to complete the application process.

The Bardstown branch of our library system has added laptops for check-out to adult patrons conducting job searches, applying for benefits, or completing educational assignments. We have upgraded our resume program, and greatly expanded the databases of testing and legal resources.

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Respectfully,


Sharon Shanks

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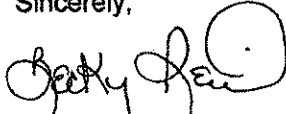
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We partner with the Nicholas County Adult Education program (located in the basement of the library) to help individuals develop more marketable job skills and assisting them in applying for jobs online. With additional computers and connectivity our patrons will be able to apply for jobs in a timely manner and also learn the necessary computer skills to provide them more opportunities.

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Sincerely,

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Becky Reid
Library Director



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March 5, 2010

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We need more terminals so we can lengthen the time usage. We find this necessary for those individuals who are testing, studying or filling out government type documents. Recently, we heard a patron in a loud voice say WOW!!! She looked as if she was going to fall off the computer stool. She quickly stood up and told the desk attendant that she had just been notified she passed her GED test. She had used our terminal to study and test; needless to say she was "giddy" with excitement. More success stories could be added to the list with the support of these additional funds.



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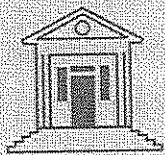
Thank you in advance for your time and attention!

Regards,

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Melissa Acquaviva

Library Director



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National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Review Panel

On behalf of the Owen County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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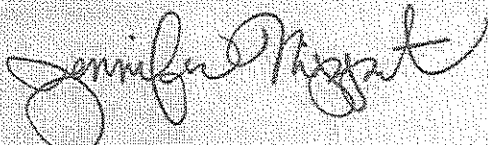
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Specifically in Owen County, broadband adoption across the community has lagged behind other areas in the state because of the economic challenges of building telecommunications infrastructure in an area with relatively sparse population and challenging geography. Many people who use the library computers on a daily basis are just physically unable to adopt a broadband connection due to the location of their homes. Additionally, the community's primary access to technical training and government services is online. For example, travel to the nearest community college and career center from the county seat takes approximately 45 minutes each way. The library has successfully provided internet access to several students taking online courses in a variety of fields, as well as tools for creating resumes and conducting job searches, without costing them expensive and unnecessary travel.

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Sincerely,

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Jennifer Nippert
Director, Owen County Public Library



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March 2, 2010

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Review Panel

On behalf of Perry County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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The Perry County Library staff have been trained to assist patrons with requests for resume help and to guide patrons to practice tests for various jobs and educational attainment. Since jobs are scarce, every amount of effort a patron makes gives them a better chance at obtaining a job. And the staff is trained to recognize the need and to provide all help possible that the library has to offer...being it computer use, resume help, practice tests, online education, etc. The Perry County Public Library realizes that self-improvement and encouraging self-worth is something that will benefit our community and we support this 100%.

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Elaine Couch, Director
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National Telecommunications and Information Administration Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Review Panel

On behalf of Pike County Public Library District, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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During the past year, our libraries alone have seen an increase in the general public visiting the library. Overall our library system had over 50,758 people use our computers during our last fiscal year. The vast majority have been seeking help writing resumes, searching for jobs, filling out online applications, emailing, and applying for unemployment benefits. Our computer classes are filled to capacity with patrons waiting for new sessions to begin. Because of our limited staff and vast county size, we are constantly searching for ways to improve services to our county-wide residents. Although our libraries offer classes on a continuous schedule, many of our unemployed citizens are unable to make trips to the library due to the unavailability of public transportation and limited funds. With new computer equipment our library system would be able offer additional classes, increase the number of participants in current classes, and even offer classes at remote locations throughout our county.

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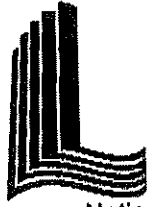
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 3/5/2010

Leean Louella Allen
Director of Libraries

Pike County Public Library District





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On behalf of Pulaski Co. Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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Demand for public library broadband workstations greatly exceeds capacity during these economic times and this grant money would help alleviate pressures on library resources. Increasing PCC capacity with needed equipment and workstations to provide greater broadband access will significantly enhance the public library mission to serve the community. We have lots of patrons that are not computer literate. The staff helps these people on a daily basis. Computer training would be beneficial in meeting these patron needs.

We had a 70 year old woman who wanted to learn to send and receive e-mails from her relatives that are out-of-town. She came to the library 1 hour a day for 2 weeks. She learned to open a e-mail account in Yahoo, also how to send and receive e-mail. One month later, she came into the library very excited about the skills that she had learned and shared some of her photos and stories from her family.

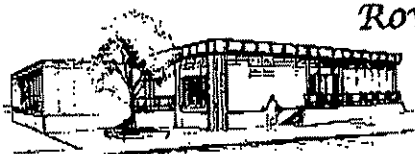
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Thank you.


Charlotte Keeney, PHR

Director



Rowan County Public Library

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March 5, 2010

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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On behalf of the Rowan County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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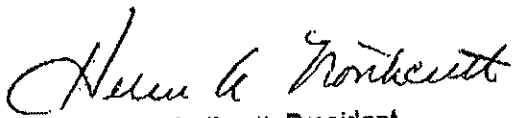
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Demand for public library broadband workstations greatly exceeds capacity during these economic times and this grant money would help alleviate pressures on library resources. Increasing PCC capacity with needed equipment and workstations to provide greater broadband access will significantly enhance the public library mission to serve the community. Computer use by Rowan County Public Library patrons has increased in the last year, most notably in the areas of searches relating to employment and to unemployment benefits, as well as for preparation of resumes and letters of application, and for completion of online employment applications.

Even though time limits are placed on computer use, Rowan County Public Library patrons routinely have to wait for an available computer. The waiting is made more difficult because the patrons are dealing with high levels of stress during the current economic downturn. Library resources have been used to add Microsoft Office to the laptop computers that circulate in-house. Library staff also uses the staff computer at the circulation desk to assist patrons with preparing their documents for printing. The Library needs additional computers for patron use as well as a greater speed of access to meet the needs.

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Helen A. Northcutt, President
Rowan County Public Library Board of Trustees



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National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Review Panel

On behalf of Russell County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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We provide services from helping with resumes to helping with unemployment applications. One particular patron has come into the library each year for three years to file for unemployment online. She is employed at Lake Cumberland State Park and is laid off during the off season. She had no access to the internet other than at the Library. She had no email address and no idea how to file for the unemployment benefits that she needed that first year that she came in. Our Information Technology Librarian was able to sit down with her, show her how to set up her email account, and fill out the necessary on-line forms to complete the on-line unemployment benefits application. Now, three years later, that same employee comes in to file for her unemployment but she is able to complete the process on her own. She is only one of our success stories.

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Sincerely,

Norma J. Pellerin
Norma J. Pellerin, Director
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National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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Review Panel

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Goodnight Memorial Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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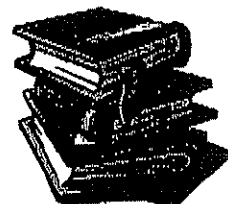
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Sincerely,


Audrey M. Phillips, Director



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National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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Review Panel

On behalf of TODD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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Anise Warden, Director
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On behalf of John L. Street Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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Demand for public library broadband workstations greatly exceeds capacity during these economic times and this grant money would help alleviate pressures on library resources. Increasing PCC capacity with needed equipment and workstations to provide greater broadband access will significantly enhance the public library mission to serve the community. Just today someone came in who wanted to print a resume they had saved on a jump drive. However, the resume was written in Word 2007 and we are still using Word 2003 we are in desperate need of updating the computers as well as the soft ware.

In the spring of the year we help a lot of temporary summer employees who work for Lake Barkley State Park. These jobs have to be applied for online.

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Sincerely,
Pam Metts



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Monday, March 01, 2010

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Review Panel

On behalf of Trimble County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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Demand for public library broadband workstations greatly exceeds capacity during these economic times and this grant money would help alleviate pressures on library resources. Increasing PCC capacity with needed equipment and workstations to provide greater broadband access will significantly enhance the public library mission to serve the community. As we are the only free wireless hotspot in Trimble County and most of our county doesn't have physical access available for cable high speed internet, computer and internet access is the primary motivation for our library users. Because of this demand, waiting lists for our public computers are common. In spite of this disadvantage, library patrons still flock to the library for computer access, especially to creative resumes, job search, and apply online.

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Sincerely,

Kathy McKown
Kathy McKown, Director
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March 2, 2010

National Telecommunications and Information Administration Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Review Panel

On behalf of the Union County Public Library District I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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Demand for public library broadband workstations greatly exceeds capacity during these economic times and this grant money would help alleviate pressures on library resources. Increasing PCC capacity with needed equipment and workstations to provide greater broadband access will significantly enhance the public library mission to serve the community. Very often people have to wait for a workstation to come open, sometimes as long as thirty to forty-five minutes. When a local factory closed we spent much of our time helping the former employees with their unemployment, resumes, and classes.

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Sincerely,



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March 2, 2010

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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On behalf of the Wayne County Public Library, I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BTOP, with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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One example of how vitally important computer access through public libraries follows: On one occasion a patron was having difficulty writing and transmitting her resume to an employer. Staff worked with her for some time to resolve the problems and succeeded in transmitting her resume. Several weeks later the patron returned to let us know that she had gotten the job and to thank us for all our help. She felt that she would not have gotten the job if not for the availability of the library computers and the help the staff provided. Needless to say, it was very rewarding to know that our efforts and the services we provide had been instrumental in helping this lady obtain a much needed job.

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Sincerely,



Anne Garner, Library Director
Wayne County Public Library

Kentucky Public Library PCC Workforce Opportunity Expansion

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Joseph U. Meyer
Acting Secretary

Jennifer J. Hicks
Acting Executive Director

March 1, 2010

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of the application of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives for Recovery Act Funding from the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. As we have seen during the last 2 years, public libraries have been very important in making public computing access available for Kentucky residents during the economic downturn. Kentucky's Office of Employment and Training has worked closely with the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives in making resources available for unemployed and underemployed Kentuckians during this time. Kentucky's public libraries have been awarded \$281,020 in ARRA funding to public libraries to assist in providing workforce information to their customers. This BTOP grant would enable the public libraries to build on the foundation provided by the previously awarded funding.

If this application is awarded, the Office of Employment and Training will provide outreach classes for Kentucky residents in the libraries that are awarded grant funding. The classes in areas such as resume writing, interviewing techniques, and basic work readiness will be determined based on local needs in consultation with the library staff. Classes and job fairs held at public libraries have been successful and we feel the need for these classes will continue into the future. The libraries have played an important role in communities during this period of economic downturn. As we've seen demand exceed capacity in Career Centers, the libraries have stepped up as a valuable partner to help their communities towards economic recovery.

While we have 58 offices across the state, many of Kentucky's 120 counties do not have an office situated in the county. In addition, public libraries often have extended evening and weekend hours during which services can be provided. We feel that our partnership with public libraries has been beneficial to Kentucky's residents and this grant would enable us to continue and expand our partnership into the future to the benefit of Kentucky's unemployed and underemployed residents.

We appreciate your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Jennifer J. Hicks
Acting Executive Director



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March 2, 2010

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Kentucky Community and Technical College system, I want to express support for the application of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives for Recovery Act Funding from the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.

Kentucky's community and technical colleges have been partners with the state's public libraries for many years. This partnership has been especially important in the past 2 years during the economic downturn. Public libraries have provided convenient locations and extended hours so that students without computers and high speed access at home can have internet access. Some students have taken classes at public libraries while others have used resources such as the Kentucky Virtual Library.

As the economic downturn has continued, we have seen increased demands for service on community colleges and libraries. We believe the proposed Kentucky Public Computer Center program will provide additional opportunities to serve students of the community college system as they are trained or retrained for the workforce. Taking advantage of opportunities provided by expanded public computing centers, KCTCS staff will be available for providing instruction at public libraries in such topics as basic computer skills, resume writing, and job search skills. These classes will be taught by our trained instructors for \$375 per 6-8 hour class using grant funding.

We look forward to working with the public libraries across Kentucky in delivering these services for unemployed and underemployed Kentuckians. We feel the long term benefits will be substantial. Thank you for considering this application.

Best Regards,



Rick Chlopan
Chief Information Officer



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March 5, 2010

Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
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To Whom It May Concern:

As the Vice President of Kentucky Adult Education, I am writing to support the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives' Broadband Technology Opportunity Program grant application. This opportunity would give adults access to technology and resources greatly needed to help them succeed in today's workforce.


The vast majority of jobs in today's economy will require some postsecondary education. In 2002, the share of jobs requiring at least some formal postsecondary education or training was already 74 percent. It is estimated that by 2013, 90 percent of the fastest-growing jobs, 60 percent of all new jobs and 40 percent of manufacturing jobs will require some form of postsecondary education. Nearly 20 percent of Kentucky's working-age population, age 18-64, lack a high school diploma or GED credential.

There are many challenges in providing necessary educational opportunities for adults. We believe that libraries provide welcoming sites for adult students where they can access necessary technology and receive personalized service that enables them to overcome some of the barriers faced as they attempt to attain additional education.

Many adult students lack the funds necessary for computer hardware and broadband Internet access. Libraries equipped with state-of-the-art technology and high-speed access provide a great venue for these students. I am confident that the equipment and services made available in libraries by these grant funds would benefit many unemployed, underemployed and undereducated Kentuckians as they attempt to deal with the effects of the recession. We are prepared to work with public libraries, as we have done in the past, to provide opportunities that enable Kentuckians to compete for good jobs, support their families and succeed in postsecondary education.

I encourage your consideration and funding of this proposal. If I may provide additional information, please feel free to contact me at 502-573-5114, ext. 124 or at Reecie.Stagnolia@ky.gov.

Sincerely,


Reecie D. Stagnolia, Vice President



Kentucky Public Library PCC
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March 10, 2010

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Review Panel
United States Department of Commerce
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Dear Panel Members:

It is a pleasure to endorse the application of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives to receive American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to expand public computing centers and deliver additional educational opportunities at sixty public libraries across Kentucky.

As the economic downturn has progressed, public libraries have stepped to the forefront in responding to the needs of the unemployed, underemployed, and undereducated residents of Kentucky. In many communities the public library is the only location where our residents can access computers and electronic resources necessary for coping in today's society. Public libraries have created partnerships with government agencies, schools and colleges, and social service agencies to share resources and opportunities for serving the needs of Kentuckians during this difficult time.

I am pleased to support this proposal as it addresses the statutory purposes of the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program by providing access to the unserved, improving access to the underserved, and providing education, awareness, training access, equipment and support to libraries.

Funding this project will be a wise investment as it will assist those most impacted by the current economic recession, and it will also strengthen the infrastructure that will lead to long-term growth. If my office may be of assistance as you consider this proposal, please let us know. We look forward to assisting our public libraries in implementing this project for the benefit of our most vulnerable residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven L. Beshear".

Steven L. Beshear



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Kentucky House of Representatives

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March 11, 2010

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Review Panel

Dear Review Panel members:

On behalf of the Kentucky House of Representatives, I want to urge you to consider and approve the application of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives for Recovery Act Funds from the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program to create and expand public computing centers in public libraries.

Kentucky's public libraries have provided the only access to computers and the internet for many Kentuckians. During this deep recession in which Kentucky has experienced unemployment rates in double digits, access to technology at libraries has become even more important. Increased numbers of people have come to libraries to apply for unemployment and other government benefits, create resumes, apply for jobs, prepare for high school equivalency examinations, and take college classes. The need for additional equipment is apparent in waiting lines at computers. As many people do not have previous experience with technology, the need for training classes is equally important.

Funding for this grant will provide both equipment and training classes in 60 communities across Kentucky where our most vulnerable citizens reside. This grant will be very helpful in the recovery and it will also provide long term benefits for Kentucky in the form of increased knowledge and experience with technology for those who have had limited access.


Our state budget situation has forced reductions in many programs and does not allow additional funding that would provide these services. This investment in our public libraries, however, will pay dividends in the future as it allows a foundation for improved education and economic development by preparing residents for better jobs.

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The Kentucky House of Representatives strongly supports public libraries and this application. I am confident it will be a wise expenditure of Recovery Act Funds. If you have any questions regarding my support, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Gregory D. Stumbo
Speaker of the House

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my support of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through an application for funding from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), with authority from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Many of the libraries in my district will benefit from this funding.

Our state libraries serve an important role in our communities by providing public access broadband connected computers that are utilized by Kentuckians to address workforce development, unemployment, and educational attainment. These computers and equipment are used for activities and instruction including resume writing, conducting job searches, electronic correspondence for job searches, research and applying for government benefits, health and wellness research, completing distance learning courses, among other related purposes. Kentuckians also utilize the public access workstations to continue and complete their education by conducting research or taking distance learning courses.

The support libraries provides validates their role as an anchor institution in the community, providing broadband access in a local, accessible and friendly environment that enables many Kentuckians to get online at broadband speeds that otherwise would not be able to. Kentucky public libraries serve people of all ages, ethnicity and socio-economic strata within the community.

Demand for public library broadband workstations greatly exceeds capacity during these economic times and this grant money would help alleviate pressures on librarian resources. Increasing PCC capacity with needed equipment and workstations to provide greater broadband access will significantly enhance the public library mission to serve the community.

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Use of these grant funds will also support the objectives of the Recovery Act – to spur job creation, stimulate long-term economic growth and opportunity, and motivate broadband adoption. This is especially important for Kentucky, as the Commonwealth has been disproportionately impacted by the economic climate.

KDLA has a track record of managing grants and helping public libraries with the tools required to serve the needs of the community. I am pleased to support KDLA and appreciate this opportunity for Kentucky libraries, especially those in my district, to provide the enhanced services in this proposal to our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Chandler". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ben Chandler
Member of Congress

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March 4, 2010

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
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Dear Program Director:

I am writing to offer my full support to the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) proposal to expand the public access computer centers through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Our state libraries serve an important role in our communities by providing public access broadband connected computers that are utilized by Kentuckians to address workforce development, unemployment, and educational attainment. These computers and equipment are used for activities and instruction including resume writing, conducting job searches, electronic correspondence for job searches, research and applying for government benefits, health and wellness research, completing distance learning courses, among other related purposes. Kentuckians also utilize the public access workstations to continue and complete their education by conducting research or taking distance learning courses.

The support that libraries provide validates their role as an anchor institution in the community, offering broadband access in a local, accessible and friendly environment that enables many Kentuckians to get online who otherwise would not be able to do so. Kentucky public libraries serve people of all ages, ethnicity and socio-economic groups within the community. The demand for public library broadband workstations greatly exceeds capacity during these economic times, and this grant money would help alleviate pressures on librarian resources and significantly enhance the public library's mission to serve the community. I am hopeful that you will give this application your full consideration for funding. If I may be of any assistance to you, please contact Christy Hale at my District Office at 1403 South Main Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240 or by phone at 270-885-8079.

Sincerely,



Ed Whitfield
Member of Congress

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Dear Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Review Panel:

I am writing to you in support of the application submitted by the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives for funding assistance through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. Because the KDLA's program will benefit libraries in my district that serve my constituents, I am extremely interested in their efforts.

Our state libraries serve an important role in our communities by providing public access broadband connected computers that are utilized by Kentuckians to address workforce development, unemployment, and educational attainment. These computers and equipment are used for activities and instruction including resume writing, conducting job searches, electronic correspondence for job searches, research and applying for government benefits, health and wellness research, completing distance learning courses, among other related purposes. Kentuckians also utilize the public access workstations to continue and complete their education by conducting research or taking distance learning courses.

The support libraries provide validates their role as an anchor institution in the community, providing broadband access in a local, accessible and friendly environment that enables many Kentuckians to get online at broadband speeds that otherwise would not be able to. Kentucky public libraries are available to everyone within the community.

Demand for public library broadband workstations greatly exceeds capacity during these economic times and this grant money would help alleviate pressures on librarian resources. Increasing PCC capacity with needed equipment and workstations to provide greater broadband access will significantly enhance the public library mission to serve the community.

Mr. Wayne Onkst

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I am asking for your full and fair consideration, within applicable laws and regulations, of this request. If I can provide you with any additional information, please contact Brian Smith, my Director of Economic Development at 270-438-6599 or brian.smith2@mail.house.gov. You may forward your reply to my Hardin County office located at 411 W. Lincoln Trail Boulevard, Radcliff, Kentucky, 40106. Thank you in advance for your kind assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brett Guthrie", written over a horizontal line.

BRETT GUTHRIE
Member of Congress

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HAROLD ROGERS
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March 5, 2010

The Honorable Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
U.S. Department of Commerce
Room 4898
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
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Re: Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives BTOP Competitive Grant Application

Dear Secretary Strickling:

I write in support of the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant application submitted by the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives (KDLA) to expand public access computer centers in my region of Appalachian Kentucky. Fully funding KDLA's proposal would greatly improve the capacity of our public libraries to provide free broadband access in the most economically-depressed regions of the state and the country, and I encourage you to look favorably upon the application.

Our state libraries serve an important role in our communities by providing public access to broadband-connected computers. Thousands of Kentuckians utilize these Public Computing Centers (PCC) for workforce development and educational attainment, and as you are no doubt aware, demand for public library broadband workstations greatly exceeds capacity during these challenging economic times. KDLA's proposal would support 60 library systems serving the most vulnerable populations in the state, including ten libraries in my congressional district. In addition to improving computer equipment at public libraries, these grant funds would be utilized by KDLA to expand instructional courses addressing unemployment, workforce development and educational attainment, so that residents of Eastern Kentucky might have greater access to training on resume writing, conducting job searches, applying for government benefits and taking distance learning courses. Such services are particularly important in my region, where unemployment continues to hover above the national and state averages.

In summary, libraries serve as anchor institutions in our communities, serving people of all ages, ethnicity and socio-economic strata within the community. KDLA has a proven track record of managing grants to provide vital assistance to public libraries, and its proposal clearly supports the objectives of BTOP to spur job creation, stimulate long-term economic growth and

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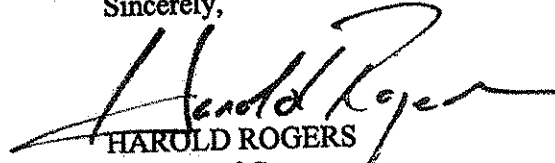
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encourage broadband adoption. I encourage you to take this into consideration when evaluating KDLA's proposal, and offer my strongest support for Kentucky's application.

Sincerely,



HAROLD ROGERS
Member of Congress

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The Honorable Larry Strickling
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Dear Mr. Strickling:

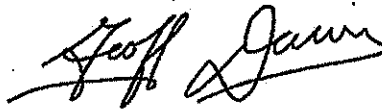
I am writing in support of the application submitted by the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) for the Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program (BTOP).

KDLA proposes to expand public access computer centers across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Sixty library systems, including thirteen libraries in my Fourth Congressional District, have chosen to participate in this proposal. The demand for public library broadband workstations exceeds capacity and these grant funds would help alleviate current pressures on library resources. Increasing such capacity with needed equipment and workstations will significantly enhance the public library mission to serve communities across the Commonwealth.

Libraries serve an essential role by providing public access broadband connected computers that can be utilized by Kentuckians to address workforce development, unemployment, and educational attainment. These computers and equipment are used for activities and instruction including resume writing, conducting job searches, electronic correspondence for job searches, applying for government benefits, health and wellness research, and completing distance learning courses.

Please give the application submitted by the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives your most serious consideration. If you have any questions, please contact me or Matt Stevens in my Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, District Office at (859) 426-0080.

Sincerely,



Geoff Davis
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March 11, 2010

Wayne Onkst
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Dear Wayne:

I write this letter in strong support of the Kentucky Public Libraries grant application to the National Telecommunications Information Administration BTOP program for Public Computer Centers. The Kentucky Regional Optical Network (KyRON), a program of the Council on Postsecondary Education, is a regional research and education network currently serving 121 community anchor institutions in Kentucky and whose mission is to extend broadband access to as many additional community anchor institutions as possible.

KyRON has enjoyed a long history of working with the staff of the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives (KDLA) and know of their commitment to bringing rich content from the Internet and the Internet2 networks to the citizens of Kentucky through its public libraries that only high-speed broadband can deliver. KDLA has the ability to successfully deliver the promises contained within their grant application.

KyRON is submitting a companion application under the BTOP Comprehensive Community Infrastructure (CCI) program that is aligned with your PCC application. It will bring 10Mbps connections to the 60 libraries included in this PCC application. KDLA is a full partner, along with Kentucky community colleges, universities and public safety organizations. The CCI application is asking for over \$12m to connect these 60 libraries.

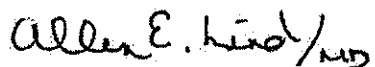
I applaud KDLA for selecting 60 libraries that are located in the most rural locations of the state and serve the areas most needing improved educational opportunities – reaching more of the most vulnerable populations. For many people in these communities the public library is the only place where people have access to high speed internet service. The plan for a high-speed connection, modern computers and trained librarians is a powerful combination that will change lives and empower these communities.

The public libraries that are already a part of the KyRON network are experiencing strong use of their facilities and are performing innovative outreach programming using interactive video and webinars to connect their communities to rich cultural resources around the country and around the world.

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I recommend that NTIA please approve the KDLA PCC request and help equalize the playing field for these 60 rural communities with vulnerable populations. You can be assured that the entire Kentucky educational community will continue to collaborate and create synergies that will leverage the funding of this KDLA grant and magnify its results.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allen E. Lind" followed by a stylized flourish.

Allen E. Lind
Chief Executive Officer
Kentucky Regional Optical Network

KyRON



March 2, 2010

The Honorable Larry E. Strickling
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Hon. Larry Strickling:

I am writing to advise you that ConnectKentucky is fully supportive of the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Public Computing Center grant application being submitted by the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives (KDLA). ConnectKentucky's BTOP Sustainable Broadband Adoption grant application supports and supplements KDLA's Public Computing Center grant application.

ConnectKentucky's Sustainable Broadband Adoption grant proposes in part to provide critical technology resources to community anchors, including libraries identified in partnership with KDLA. If KDLA's Public Computing Center grant is approved, the funds available will support one public library facility as the public computing center per county. Many branch library locations of a county's library system will still have unmet patron technology resource needs. ConnectKentucky's grant proposal seeks to further address the public technology resource needs of Kentucky's public library branches, complimenting KDLA's grant application. According to each branch library's needs, ConnectKentucky's project will provide additional technology resources including: computers and printers for public computing areas; basic computer literacy; advanced adult job/career, resume and business startup technology training courses; and regional train-the-trainer programs to ensure branch library technology capacity beyond the KDLA's BTOP funding request.

If granted BTOP funding, the KDLA Public Computing Center and ConnectKentucky's Sustainable Broadband Adoption grant applications will advance the BTOP statutory purposes of 1) providing broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment, and support to community anchor institutions, job-creating strategic facilities, and vulnerable populations and 2) stimulating demand for broadband. It is in this accord that I respectfully request that the NTIA fund the KDLA Public Computing Center grant application.

Should you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

René F. True
Executive Director



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