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Rural Technology Improvement Grant Committee

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Dear Committee Members:

Please find our enclosed proposal for a Rural Technology Improvement Grant for the Tattleville Community Center. Our center is located in a small community of 9,000, located in Arbor County, Kansas. Ours is a remote community, located over one-hundred miles from any major city. We have an above-average number of people living in poverty, so the Tattleville Community Center has become an important link for our community.

Our city council has asked us to improve our technology we have available for the public. We currently offer internet access to anyone in our community on a first come, first serve basis, with priority given to local students. Our computer systems are old, and in need of repair and update, so this grant would allow us to add new computers, update our routers and wiring to improve our internet access, and provide our community room with televisions to use for public presentations. We have managed to raise part of the needed funding through a fundraising drive, and the City of Tattleville has offered to match 50% of your grant, should we receive it and are able to move forward. Your grant could improve the lives of hundreds in our rural community.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,

Allison Walsh, Director of Tattleville Community Center

The Tattleville Community Center wishes to apply for a $5,000 Rural Technology Improvement grant to improve our technology offerings for our town residents. Our center is located in a small town of 9,000 residents, located in Arbor County, Kansas.

Our community center is in an older building, with historic ties to our community. It was used as a community hospital in the early 1900's, and later was a temporary home to our elementary school during the 1939 to 1940 school year. The building also houses a small memorial to community members who have lost their lives in service of our country.

The building was converted to a community center in the mid 1980's, and is now a location that many local students rely on for needed computer access, as well as a meeting location for both our city council, and other groups in our community.

The Tattleville Community Center currently sees over fifty students using our computers for homework and entertainment each week, but we have to turn away at least thirty more because of our limited number of systems. We would like to add a regular homework assistance program, a summer technology class for children, a year-round technology class for adults, and access to two televisions for public presentations and use in our community room.

Our plans have received a great response from members of our community, and complete backing from the city council. The Tattleville City Council has offered to match 50% of any grant we may be able to obtain, so your dollars would mean even more to us.

We want to increase the number of computers available for our students. Currently, we have four systems, all of which have become dated. A local electronics store has agreed to update two of them at a discount, and we would like to add six new systems. After we dispose of the two systems that are now obsolete, that would bring us to a total of eight systems. This would allow twice the number of students to access these systems for their homework. We have been signing up volunteers to work evenings as homework helpers, and these new systems would make that even better.

We would use these same systems to teach a technology class in the daytime for adults. We already have twelve seniors signed up for these classes, when they begin, but we will be open to any adult. We will also be offering a summer technology class for children, which would use these systems.

The new computer systems would also be used for a job training program we are currently planning. That would aid an estimated ten people per month learn the new skills they need to compete.

We would like to add two 3d printers. These would be great learning tools for our children, as well as our adults, and could be used by locals who do not have access to machines like these.

And finally, we plan to purchase two large televisions for our community room. This room is used by local non-profit groups for their meetings, and the televisions would give them an opportunity to show presentations. The room is also regularly used for community meetings, and we expect the additional screens would be useful for those as well. This room is used through the mornings by the senior center next door, and they would be allowed the use of the screens.

Our budget is as follows:

Item	Cost	Grant Amount Used
2 60" televisions for the community room	$1,412	
New seating for the community room	$1,636	
6 new computer systems for the technology lab	$3,500	$3,500
Router and wiring for the technology lab	$511	$511
Furnishings for the technology lab (computer desks, chairs, etc.)	$2,019	
2 3d printers for the technology lab	$1,093	$989
Upgrade 2 current computer systems	$317	
Disposal of old equipment and furnishings	$339	
Total	**$10,827**	$5,000

Our planned timeline is as follows:

Update old computers, add new computers, furnishing for technology lab, router and wiring	May 2019
Furnishings and new televisions for the community room	June 2019
Disposal of old equipment and furnishings	July 2019
3d printers	August 2019

This timeline would allow us to have all our new programs in place in time for the start of the school year this fall. We are currently soliciting more volunteers for our planned programs, and have been met with enthusiasm from those we've spoke to. These programs would help hundreds of individuals in our community, and help raise up our community as a whole. We hope you will see the potential of what we are envisioning, and we hope you see the value your grant could offer to our community.