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<b>Organization:</b>	<b>Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Transforming Neighborhood Network Centers for Job Creation and Broadband Access</b>
<b>Project Type:</b>	<b>Public Computer Center</b>
<b>State(s):</b>	<b>California</b>
<b>Federal Award:</b>	<b>\$1,239,980</b>

**ABOUT THE PROJECT**

The Transforming Neighborhood Network Centers for Job Creation and Broadband Access project plans to expand and enhance the services of five public computer centers located in public housing developments in San Bernardino County, California. Currently, the computer centers are open only to public housing residents and Section 8 recipients, have extremely limited hours, and receive slow Internet service. With this grant, the centers expect to add 25 new computer workstations (an increase of 50 percent), open to the general public, increase broadband speeds at each center, and extend operating hours to 60 hours per week. In addition, the project will provide three types of training for public housing residents, low income populations, children, and the general public: basic computer literacy workshops, 9-week long workforce skillbuilding courses, and in-depth online occupational training.

The Transforming Neighborhood Network Centers for Job Creation and Broadband Access project also proposes to:

- Expand the total number of workstations to 75 and serve hundreds of additional users per week.
- Provide the opportunity for local public school students to use these centers after school and during summer breaks.
- Pay tuition and education expenses for 60 workforce training program graduates via an arrangement with the San Bernardino Employment Training Agency to take additional educational and training programs offered online and by regional occupational programs, community colleges, and universities.
- Use the centers for San Bernardino Employment Training Agency job fairs.

**ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY**

The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino is a local government entity that has been in operation since 1941. It operates housing programs throughout the county and provides services and assistance to residents through its Neighborhood Networks computer centers. The Housing Authority currently serves adults, seniors, and children in sites, including approximately 5,000 people with disabilities. The Housing Authority also intends to contract with three small disadvantaged businesses, which will provide security, printing, and program evaluation consulting.

**PROJECT PARTNERS**

- Clayton-Morrow, Inc.
- San Bernardino Employment Training Agency
- Surveillance, Protection & Investigations Group, Inc.
- Sunwest Printing, Inc.
- Work Image Network

Data provided in the project description is based on information supplied by the applicant.

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