Organization:	Coppin State University
Project Name:	Coppin Heights-Rosemont Family Computer Center: Creating Jobs and Improving Education and Health
Project Type:	Public Computer Center
State(s):	Maryland
Federal Award:	$932,116

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Coppin Heights-Rosemont Family Computer Center project plans to provide broadband access and computer education to the Coppin Heights-Rosemont community, a low-income neighborhood in Baltimore, Maryland with a high minority population. Consistent with the community's exisiting revitalization plan, Coppin State University will establish a 60-workstation computer center for use by the local community, and anticipates offering 15 training and educational courses on a regular basis, serving more than 500 users per week and more than 12,000 unique users within two years. Courses will be designed to attract the participation of entire families to improve their education, health, and quality of life. The project will encourage interaction between Coppin State students and faculty and the community by bringing students and faculty into the center to teach and assist users in computer skills. Over the course of the grant, university students and faculty are expected to provide more than 7,500 hours of volunteer service.

The Coppin Heights-Rosemont Family Computer Center project also proposes to:

- Make availabile training and educational materials on a range of topics, including Internet literacy, computer skills, job training, financial literacy, health information, and entrepreneurship.

- Offer targeted broadband training programs for children and teens.

- Include two computer labs with 25 workstations, and two tutorial rooms with five workstations.

- Partner with a small and disadvantaged business for advanced technology integration and mixed network communications solutions.

ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY

Coppin State University is a Historically Black University founded in 1900. In 2004, Coppin State and others worked with the community and developed the Greater Coppin Heights-Rosemont revitalization plan. The plan includes Coppin State establishing the Coppin Heights-Rosemont Family Computer Center to provide access to broadband services, numerous training and educational courses, and online resources. Coppin State has won several "Improving Teaching Quality" grants through the Maryland Higher Education Commission and, during the past year, has received more than $800,000 in Congressionally-Directed Grants to fund programs in urban education, science, and nursing.

PROJECT PARTNERS

- Advanced Technology Integrators
- Center for Community Technology Services
- Comcast
- Coppin Academy High School
- Greater Mondawmin Coordinating Council, Inc.
- One Economy Corporation
- Rosemont Elementary/Middle School