

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: Municipio de Yauco

Project Title: Cafe Computer Center of Yauco

Project Type: Public Computer Center

Executive Summary

A. Distant communities outside of the host municipality are considered part of the municipality but do not share the same access to the technologies available in the host city. This problem is common throughout Puerto Rico but, primarily within the communities which incorporate minor communities located in the mountain areas which are rural to the primary host city. Consequently, technologies such as high speed internet (either in the form of DSL through telephone lines or Broadband service through cable companies) are not common in the mountain areas of Puerto Rico. Additionally, although local service providers are making haste to distribute these services to the mountain areas, the high cost of said services prevents many of the low income families residing there from affording such services.

B. By utilizing available space within designated governmental establishments, computer centers can be set up within these communities to provide a service by which access to the internet is available to students, businesses and the general population of these outlying communities.

C. The three areas to be served are Narranjo (population 699), Rio Prieto (population 783), and Vegas (population 178). The three communities lie within the boundaries of adjacent communities which might commute to one of these three centers for computer access.

D. The government of the municipality of Yauco is prepared to offer space within governmental establishments and provide all utilities and costs of internet service to provide 3 computer centers within these outlying communities.

E. Each computer center will consist of 3 operators working in 6 hour shifts for a total of 24 hours per operator per week at a salary of \$7.50/hour for a monthly salary of \$720.00. The center will be available for 12 hours from Monday to Saturday and will close on Sunday. The Director will work for 40 hours a week from Monday to Friday at a salary of \$13.00 USD/hour for an annual salary of \$25,000.00

The Secretary will work for 40 hours a week from Monday to Friday at a salary of \$9.00 USD/hour for an annual salary of \$17,000.00 USD/year.

F. Based on a two year project, the overall cost of the three computer centers for the municipality of Yauco will be:

\$181,785.44

The 20% match required by the city of Yauco will be \$36,357.09 leaving the Federal Request at:

\$145,428.35.00 USD