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Applicant Name: CAMPBELLSVILLE HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Project Title: Campbellsville Housing & Redevelopment Authority & Lebanon Housing Authority Computer Centers

Project Type: Public Computer Center

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The Campbellsville Housing & Redevelopment Authority, as lead applicant, has served the community of Campbellsville, Kentucky since 1961. The Campbellsville Housing Authority became the managing agent for the Lebanon Housing Authority in Lebanon, Ky., located 20 miles east of Campbellsville, in 1998. Lebanon Housing Authority has served the community of Lebanon, Kentucky since 1960. In 2007, CHRA was named the recipient of the Kentucky State Office of the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development 2007 Outstanding Large Public Housing Agency in Kentucky. Our mission is to promote adequate, affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment for the families we serve, without discrimination. The Campbellsville Housing Authority's and Lebanon Housing Authority's public housing Neighborhood Networks Computer Centers, to be known as the 'TECH' Centers, purpose is to expand public housing residents' access to broadband services and computer usage and to serve as the connection to digital literacy, job skills training, educational opportunities and (Awareness) Healthy Living guidance for all ages. The need to be address is the Campbellsville & Lebanon Housing Authorities public housing computer centers' capability to facilitate access to broadband services, increase broadband capacity, to offer digital network technology, to develop and make available training, education, support and awareness programs along with web-based resources for the Lebanon Housing Authority's Computer Center to service vulnerable populations located in Lebanon, Kentucky public housing sites. CHRA is submitting an application requesting $1,387,502 from U.S. Department of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration Broadband Technology Opportunities ' Public Computer Centers Program with the purpose to expand CHRA & LHA Networks Network Computer Centers to provide access to broadband services and computer usage. CHRA proposes operate a computer center with 29 workstations and LHA with 32 workstations available to the public five days a week. With the assistance of our community partners that are qualified in providing resources in job skills training, digital literacy, education, and awareness programs, CHRA will serve as the connection to digital literacy, job skills training, educational opportunities, youth activities and (Awareness) Healthy Living guidance for all ages. With a goal of providing broadband access & awareness, education and to stimulate demand for broadband as well as promoting economic growth through job training and creation, we intend to offer the following services for all ages: computer access with broadband services, job skills training, educational opportunities, digital literacy technology, Healthy Living Awareness and a Youth Program. These services are needed to eliminate the lack of digital opportunity that is available to vulnerable populations living in public housing and the surrounding rural areas. Our 1,038 residents of public housing fall into the category of
the 'vulnerable population'. CHRA & LHA computer center's goal for three years is to serve 180 residents per year in a job, educational &/or supportive training programs to enhance 21st century digital opportunities and 120 residents per year with broadband services & computer usage. The provision of digital opportunity will provide the following benefits: increase job readiness, help raise income and employment of residents, help raise education levels and student achievement, increase awareness of on-line health resources, public services and benefits available, and increase digital literacy. CHRA & LHA Computer Center promotion of digital information will increase the availability of opportunities in the 21st century for CHRA & LHA residents. A benefit of the CHRA & LHA's proposed BTOP-Public Computer Center application, funding to support digital technology through improvement broadband services and computer accessible and usage of our 1038 housing residents, it provides for the job creation of (FTE) 12 job. These positions that are needed to operate and conduct a computer center and training program include a project coordinator, two technology instructors, two job skills instructors, two youth instructors, two awareness instructors, one education facilitator, six public housing resident workers/assistants, and six summer time (June & July) workers. These positions are equivalent to 12 full time jobs created/saved.