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| <b>Organization:</b>  | <b>Computers for Youth Foundation, Inc.</b>          |
| <b>Project Name:</b>  | <b>CFY/LAUSD Family Broadband Engagement Program</b> |
| <b>Project Type:</b>  | <b>Sustainable Broadband Adoption</b>                |
| <b>State(s):</b>      | <b>California</b>                                    |
| <b>Federal Award:</b> | <b>\$7,615,229</b>                                   |

**ABOUT THE PROJECT**

Computers for Youth Foundation, Inc. (Computers for Youth) and the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) plan to expand a successful pilot program to increase broadband technology awareness and usage among an estimated 34,000 low-income individuals and 15,000 households. The project plans to target sixth-grade students and their families to help students succeed academically and increase family involvement in children's education through computer and Internet tools. Students and their families will participate in four-hour weekend workshops that provide computer training in English and Spanish, after which they will receive a refurbished computer with educational software. Nearly 8,000 households are anticipated to become new broadband subscribers as a result of this project.

The CFY/LAUSD Family Broadband Engagement Program proposes to:

- Provide ongoing support for home computer usage, including a 24-hour bilingual technical help desk and free local repair services.
- Help increase home broadband adoption by connecting families with affordable broadband service options, including free Wi-Fi service through Open Neighborhoods, broadband available through One Economy's affordable housing programs, and existing low-cost broadband service from commercial service providers.
- Collaborate with schools and teachers on ways to integrate newly available home computers and broadband access into classroom instruction.
- Use surveys at workshops and through the help desk to determine how many families become new broadband subscribers.

**ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY**

Computers for Youth Foundation, Inc., a national not-for-profit educational organization established in 1999, is dedicated to improving the home learning environment of low-income school children. The Foundation has previously served more than 39,000 students, parents, and teachers in New York, Philadelphia, Atlanta, San Jose, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. A recent pilot of this project at the El Sereno Middle School resulted in more than 96 percent of participating parents reporting significantly greater confidence in serving as their children's learning partners through technology. Marvir, Inc., a socially and economically disadvantaged business, plans to provide shipping and logistical support for the distribution of computers.

**PROJECT PARTNERS**

- Computers for Classrooms, Inc.
- Los Angeles Unified School District
- Marvir, Inc. dba Airgroup Express
- One Economy Corporation
- Open Neighborhoods/Open Mar Vista
- Southeast Community Development Corporation

Data provided in the project description is based on information supplied by the applicant. An executive summary of this application can be found on [www.broadbandusa.gov](http://www.broadbandusa.gov).

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