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2014 Awards Recommendations

River City Youth Foundation - \$25,000.00, 100% of request

GTOPs will support *TechComunidad Dove Springs*; a bilingual digital technology empowerment and mobilization program for low-income parents and children in southeast Austin. Through a culturally sensitive, community learning mobilization approach, families gain 3 things: The Confidence, Basic Skills, and A Tech Product (Access), to immediately improve their lives and their community.

HACA Scholarship Foundation, Inc. - \$25,000.00, 100% of request

GTOPs will support *Project Reboot*; at Booker T. Washington (BTW) public housing community as a proposed site for Google Fiber services through the Community Connections Program. With equipment that is more than 10 years old, new computers are needed at the site's community center and Neighborhood Network Center to take full advantage of the gigabit speed connectivity offering.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Austin & Travis County, Inc. - \$14,000.00, 100% of request

GTOPs will support *HOT Spot (Hands on Technology)*; Boys & Girls Clubs of Austin & Travis County, Inc. enable young people to realize their full potential. We work with disadvantaged youth in areas of Academic Success, Character/Leadership, and Healthy Lifestyles. HOT Spot nurtures youth intellectually and creatively, giving them invaluable skills for school and their future careers by teaching them computer hardware knowledge and software skills.

Skillpoint Alliance - \$24,000.00, 96% of request

GTOPs will support *Esquina de la Tecnología/Technology Corner*, with the already popular Esquina de la Salud in 2014. Each event will highlight resource tables that demonstrate the vast array of online resources available to enhance the lives of Dove Springs residents and inspire desire for becoming proficient in computer technology.

American YouthWorks - \$22,986.20, 92% of request

GTOPs will support *Youth Media Corps*; an education and workforce development program that teaches at-risk youth the basics of computer refurbishing, graphics, web design, video, and computer programming. Students use these skills to benefit their community by providing reduced cost computers to low income families, and offering technology training to underserved populations.

Breakthrough - \$22,000.00, 88% of request

GTOPs will support *Austin's Connected Classroom*; Breakthrough combines dependable, supported access to computers and information technology with individualized, long-term case management and college readiness programming to help students overcome significant barriers along the path to college.

Girlstart - \$14,136.80, 82% of request

GTOPs will support need-based scholarships to high-need *Girlstart Summer Camp* attendees. Summer Camps are thematic, week-long STEM experiences for girls in the 3rd-10th grades. Girlstart Summer Camp builds STEM skills and increase participants' interest in STEM subjects and careers through hands-on technology opportunities and access.

Literacy Coalition of Central Texas - \$18,931.38, 78% of request

GTOPs will support *Learner Web Project*; Literacy Coalition creates a more employable, digitally skilled workforce by providing underserved populations free access to tutor-facilitated, evidence-based online learning tools at public access computer labs. Individuals improve digital literacy skills, explore career pathways and Austin job trends, and prepare for the new computerized GED exam

Thinkery (Austin Children's Museum) - \$18,250.00, 73% of request

GTOPs will support *Tech Reach* to enhance program delivery. Modifications include delivering Tech Reach experiences at libraries, local nonprofits and schools, offering new curriculum and expanding professional development to empower formal and informal educators to lead low-income students in innovative digital and technology-making experiences.

Easter Seals - Central Texas, Inc. - \$15,695.62, 70% of request

GTOPs will support *Integrated Technology Programs*; which will support the expansion of two programs that share a singular goal of increasing digital literacy and inclusion for people with disabilities in the greater Austin area. The programs will allow for people with disabilities to learn how to use e-readers and iPads in a social and educational setting.