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BREMERTON & KING COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITIES WIN \$400,000 IN HUD GRANTS TO "CYBER-CONNECT" PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS

THEY ARE AMONG 40 HOUSING AUTHORITIES NATIONWIDE TO WIN \$10.6 MILLION TO ESTABLISH HUD NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK CENTERS

SEATTLE - The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development today competitively awarded \$10.6 million in grants to 40 public housing authorities in 24 states – including the Bremerton and King County housing authorities in Washington - to provide greater access to computers and the Internet for thousands of public housing residents.

The Bremerton housing authority will use its \$150,000 Neighborhood Network grant to establish a computer learning center at the 571-unit West Park public housing complex that currently is undergoing a revitalization.

"Having access to a computer and the Internet has become an essential part of our lives," said HUD Secretary Steven Preston. "Whether it's researching homework assignments or polishing a resume, this funding will help open doors to families who don't have access to a computer and build the skills needed in today's job market."

The funding comes from HUD's [Public Housing Neighborhood Network Program](#), which gives housing authorities across the U.S. the resources to create, expand or update community technology centers. The centers must be located at or near a public housing site. These centers provide access to computers, computer training and the Internet for families who live in public housing; participants in HUD's Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8); and residents of the surrounding community.

Neighborhood Network grants help the young and the old alike to become computer savvy. They give parents and children greater access to resources found on the Internet - everything from employment information to homework help. The centers generally provide a range of services to help residents achieve long-term economic self-sufficiency, including classes in computer literacy, financial planning and job training. Housing authorities also use the funding to hire staff to manage center activities or purchase equipment for the center.

2008 Public Housing Neighborhood Network Grants

State	Organization	Funding Amount
ALABAMA		
	Housing Authority of the City of Prichard	\$300,000
	Mobile Housing Board	\$250,000

	State Total:	\$550,000
CALIFORNIA		
	San Diego Housing Commission	\$300,000
	State Total:	\$300,000
COLORADO		
	Housing Authority of the City of Pueblo	\$400,000
	State Total:	\$400,000
CONNECTICUT		
	Housing Authority of the City of Meriden	\$150,000
	State Total:	\$150,000
FLORIDA		
	Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers	\$150,000
	State Total:	\$150,000
GEORGIA		
	Carrollton Housing Authority	\$150,000
	Gainesville Housing Authority	\$300,000
	State Total:	\$450,000
ILLINOIS		
	Housing Authority of the City of Rock Island	\$150,000
	Knox County Housing Authority	\$300,000
	Rockford Housing Authority	\$400,000
	State Total:	\$850,000
KENTUCKY		
	Campbellsville Housing & Redevelopment Authority	\$150,000
	Housing Authority of Madisonville	\$150,000
	Lebanon Housing Authority	\$150,000
	Louisville Metro Housing Authority	\$250,000
	State Total:	\$700,000
MARYLAND		
	Housing Authority of Baltimore City	\$599,592
	Housing Authority of the City of Frederick	\$150,000
	Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County MD	\$400,000
	State Total:	\$1,149,592
MICHIGAN		
	Port Huron Housing Commission	\$300,000
	State Total:	\$300,000
MINNESOTA		
	Public Housing Agency of the City of Saint Paul	\$250,000
	State Total:	\$250,000
MISSOURI		
	Housing Authority of St. Louis County	\$150,000
	State Total:	\$150,000
MONTANA		
	Public Housing Authority of Butte	\$150,000
	State Total:	\$150,000
NORTH CAROLINA		
	Housing of the City of Durham	\$400,000

	State Total:	\$400,000
NEW YORK		
	Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority	\$250,000
	Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Schenectady	\$200,000
	New York City Housing Authority	\$600,000
	Syracuse Housing Authority	\$200,000
	State Total:	\$1,250,000
OHIO		
	Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority	\$300,000
	Springfield Metropolitan Housing Authority	\$300,000
	State Total:	\$600,000
PENNSYLVANIA		
	Chester Housing Authority	\$400,000
	State Total:	\$400,000
RHODE ISLAND		
	Housing Authority of the City of Providence	\$250,000
	State Total:	\$250,000
TENNESSEE		
	Chattanooga Housing Authority	\$400,000
	Memphis Housing Authority	\$250,000
	State Total:	\$650,000
TEXAS		
	Housing Authority of the City of Temple	\$150,000
	Houston Housing Authority	\$250,000
	State Total:	\$400,000
VIRGINIA		
	Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority	\$300,000
	State Total:	\$300,000
VERMONT		
	Burlington Housing Authority	\$148,669
	State Total:	\$148,669
WASHINGTON		
	Housing Authority of the City of Bremerton	\$150,000
	King County Housing Authority	\$250,000
	State Total:	\$400,000
WISCONSIN		
	Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee	\$250,000
	State Total:	\$250,000
	Grand Total:	\$10,598,261

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HUD is the nation's housing agency committed to increasing homeownership, particularly among minorities; creating affordable housing opportunities for low-income Americans; and supporting the homeless, elderly, people with disabilities and people living with AIDS. The Department also promotes economic and community development and enforces the nation's fair housing laws. More information about HUD and its programs is available on the Internet at www.hud.gov and espanol.hud.gov.

