

XXXXX Foundation-Partnership Opportunities

Organization Background

Technology Uplift Inc. is a nonprofit organization that provides computer access and services to low-income communities through the establishment and maintenance of Uplift Computer Centers. Our mission is to encourage educational and technological advancement by connecting communities to computer technology. Technology Uplift strives to fulfill this mission by:

- ❖ Offering communities an opportunity to enhance their computer literacy;
- ❖ Providing mentoring to dismantle a poverty mentality, thereby increasing the earning potential of disadvantaged communities;
- ❖ Providing computer training to promote career development.

Currently, Technology Uplift provides services to five low-income communities in Atlanta, GA and four low-income communities in Norfolk, VA.

Project Title

Uplift Career Development Program

Requested Amount

\$XX,XXX.00

Projected Budget

\$XX,XXX.00

Funding Principle

XXXXXX

Project Start Date

XXXXXX

Project End Date

Continuous

What is the nature of this request?

The Uplift Career Development Program is being provided to residents of several inner city communities within Atlanta, GA. The program will prepare students for A+ Certification tests (A+ Core Hardware exam 220-221 and A+ OS Technology 220-222). The program is being expanded through a collaborative effort with the Cyber Centers of Atlanta and Learn.net, an Atlanta based company that provides businesses with on-line training courses. An A+ Certified Instructor will teach the course.

In accordance with the mission and goals of the organization, Technology Uplift will enhance computer literacy within the community through hands on instruction, provide students with marketable skills upon course completion, and create a workforce that will be able to support the technological needs of future Technology Uplift Computer Centers.

Project Background

For the past two years, Technology Uplift has provided A+ Certification training to the members of the Atlanta communities it serves during a single 8 week summer training session. For the past year Technology Uplift has worked tirelessly to gain collaborative partners in an effort to expand the scope and reach of the Uplift Career Development Program. Through a collaborative initiative with Atlanta Cyber Centers through the Mayor's Office of

Computer Technology and Learn.net, Technology Uplift will offer additional opportunities for training throughout the year at the Uplift Computer Center housed in the Martin Luther King Recreation Center.

Additional Funding for the Project

Technology Uplift has been able to expand its funding base over the past year through foundation grants, individual donations, a 2003 fall fundraiser at SciTrek, and Technology Uplift board member donations. In-kind donations from various businesses have assisted Technology Uplift in expanding the number of Uplift Computer Centers and in upgrading existing Uplift Computer Centers. Collaborative efforts with city government programs and private businesses have offset the cost of technological services and building maintenance.

Critical Evaluation Process

The effectiveness of the Career Development Programs is measured by Student Satisfaction Surveys, pass rates on the A+ Certification exams, job placement results, and attendance logs for each session. The organization strives for a 75% or better pass rate for the A+ Certification exams.

Describe how you plan to publicize this grant in local news media.

Technology Uplift promotes its programs through a variety of programs and media. With the attention of the Mayor's Office of Community Technology, Technology Uplift participated in the 2004 Technology Fair in Atlanta, GA. Community members and donors receive the quarterly newsletter, Uplifting News, which highlights donations for the quarter, accomplishments of the participants taking advantage of the programs offered at the Uplift Computer Centers, and news about newly created Uplift Computer Centers is given. Also, Technology Uplift maintains a website of events and activities for the public to view. The local news media and community bulletins are also wonderful assets that support Technology Uplift and its endeavors to reach out to the community.

Project Budget Breakdown

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Grant Routing

Local/Regional-Community Technology Development

Communities Served

Ethnicity

98% African American
2% Hispanic

Gender

100% All

Population Served

100% Underprivileged

Age Group

100% All