2010 Targeted Competitive – Renew Washington Grant Awards, Rounds One & Two

The purpose of this grant cycle is to provide grant funds to help libraries initiate new services, enhance existing services, conduct outreach and partnership efforts, or complete other activities that are identified as important to the library in addressing the needs of people needing access to employment-related information, resources, and services.

These grants are supported using LSTA funding provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Round One

Grant: 10-TC_RW-001 Award: \$25,000 Organization: Everett Public Library Title: Relief for Everett – Increasing Technology Access and Skills for Today's Job Market

Abstract: The Everett Public Library will hire qualified sub-contractors to provide on-demand technological assistance in both of the library's branches and provide a curriculum of basic technology courses designed to assist job seekers and career-changers, especially the technologically disadvantaged.

Grant: 10-TC_RW-002 Award: \$25,000
Organization: Port Townsend Public Library

Title: Transition Yourself - Finding Your Work Path in Hard Times, Part 2

Abstract: The 2010 grant will build upon successes of the 2009 grant with ongoing support for staff training and collection development. Port Townsend Public Library will continue to provide job search/transition workshops and network groups with a focus on senior workers, teens, and innovative community interactions with businesses and employers.

Grant: 10-TC_RW-003 Organization: Seattle Public Library Title: Online Job Help at SPL Award: \$25,000

Award: \$24,000

Abstract: The Seattle Public Library will offer an interactive online service that will provide career and job seeking help for their patrons. The service will offer live online support as well as referrals to other sites for test-taking, resume building, skill development, and job information.

Grant: 10-TC_RW-004 Organization: Sedro-Woolley Public Library Title: So You Want to Start a Business

Abstract: In order to benefit the community's access to economic development, Sedro-Woolley Public Library will offer intensive support opportunities for people interested in starting and operating a small business within the community. The focus will be on enhanced collection development, mentoring, providing mini-workshops on small business topics, and serving as a clearinghouse for small businesses.

Grant: 10-TC_RW-005 Award: \$25,000 Organization: Whitman County Library District Title: Whitman County Library Occupations Resource Connections (WORC)

Abstract: The WORC program will provide countywide support services including individual assistance, skill building help sessions, and designated career resource computer centers to Whitman County residents. The objectives of this program are to provide individuals with skills, resources and opportunities to help them become successful in this economic crisis.

Grant: 10-TC_RW-006

Award: \$16,750

Organization: Mount Vernon City Library **Title:** The Library, Still the Heart of the Community

Abstract: The 2009 Renew Washington grant supported the Mount Vernon City Library in helping the public deal with an economic recovery that has NOT trickled down to "real people". The 2010 grant will help the Library continue to provide information, training, and resources in areas such as job search, computer skills, job skills, living on a budget, and living in a sustainable way, as people and families deal with the loss of a job or other direct impacts of the recession.

Round Two

Grant: 10-TC_RW-007 Award: \$25,000 Organization: Spokane Community College Library Title: Jobs, Jobs, Jobs...Renew Washington, Part 2 **Abstract:** Building on its 2009–2010 Renew Washington program, the SCC Library will enhance its business/entrepreneurship and "survive and thrive" resources. Collaborating with SCC's Avista Center for Entrepreneurship, the library will host speakers and workshops, highlighting resources to help patrons survive in hard times and understand business in order to start their own.

Grant: 10-TC_RW-011 Award: \$25,000 Organization: Whatcom County Library System Title: Continuing Steps on the Path

Abstract: This Renew Washington work extends and strengthens the first year's effort via the Outreach Project Coordinator's expertise and relationship building among the low income and minority populations. With branch libraries as hubs, the emphasis is community outreach focusing on computer skills, job search, and education leading to self sufficiency.

Grant: 10-TC_RW-012 Organization: Odessa Public Library Title: Reliable Access for the Future Award: \$8,430

Abstract: The Odessa Public Library will provide updated computers, software, and text material to assist its patrons in researching job training, communications with potential employers, access to electronic applications, and email capabilities to those who are most disadvantaged in the community.

Grant: 10-TC_RW-014 Award: \$25,000 Organization: Ellensburg Public Library Title: Ready, Set, Jobs: Help is Available @ Your Library

Abstract: The Ellensburg Public Library will strengthen its position with businesses, local agencies and community members by implementing a library/community collaboration plan. This grant will maximize the library's ability to provide quality services to agencies and individuals who need a helping hand during these difficult economic times.

Grant: 10-TC_RW-015 Award: \$20,000 Organization: Pierce County Library System Title: Job and Business Laptop Labs

Abstract: Pierce County Library will extend the resources and services of the Job and Business Center project to outlying areas of Pierce County by providing laptop labs, computer instruction classes, and specialized support services to the unemployed and the underemployed so they can be successful in today's job market.

Grant: 10-TC_RW-016Award: \$18,200Organization: Central Washington University, James E. Brooks LibraryTitle: Stories for Learning, Laptops for Growing

Abstract: The James E. Brooks Library will provide CWU students and community members targeted/dedicated access to 15 laptop computers, books, electronic resources, and well trained staff to help them identify, apply to, and ultimately secure employment. While performing their employment search, their children will be engaged with story hour, First Book books donations, and early childhood literacy embedded learning kits, thus serving the whole family in a supportive environment, with the primary goal of connecting employee with future employer.