

**Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center (UNCC)**  
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**UNCC Does Not Currently Have Internet Connection.**

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1) Description

A brief description of what existing experience or model your organization has and what you propose to do as part of this grant. (1-3 paragraphs)

**Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center (UNCC) is a grassroots community-based human service establishment. Developed in partnership with the Housing Authority of Champaign County; along with additional support of the United Way of Champaign County, City of Urbana, and Urbana School District 116. UNCC exists to enhance the educational, social/emotional, and physical well-being of children and families which it serves. UNCC focuses on serving low-income and minority neighborhoods in Urbana. Its programs are open to the public.**

**Initial programs offered by UNCC include:**

- **Sankofa Afterschool Empowerment Program** which provides participants access to study, tutoring, computer-based academics, life skills groups, mentoring, and physical/recreational activities.
- **Weekend “Fun Stop”** which provides participants the opportunity to engage in supervised, constructive recreational (i.e. video, table, board games) activities. Activities normally occur on Fridays 6pm - 9pm and Saturdays 5pm - 9pm, with specific dates announced at least one week in advance.
- **Parents Invested Empowerment Services Initiative** which exist to develop programs and to conduct events that will encourage productive family participation in the educational, social and spiritual development of our children and teens.

**Programs in development include:**

- Youth Music in which high school students volunteer as music class leaders for younger children.
- Woman’s Club which will integrate reading and exercise programs.

**While UNCC has no internet access, computer use by staff, volunteers, and the general public supports all of its programs.**

**As part of UC2B, UNCC propose the following:**

- **Adding computer education classes for children, teens and parents/adults.** Classes—taught by Parkland and Cybernavigators--will range from Introduction to Computers to HTML to graphic design. The applications and skills taught in these classes will build upon basic computer skills and expand participant’s technical

expertise. Classes will be taught in groups of 10-12 with dates and times scheduled on a rotational basis.

- **Expansion of our facilities and technology to include broadband internet access, additional computers, and a CyberLounge for youth.** This will also entail renovation (carpet, tables, electrical outlets) of currently unused space in our current facility,

## 2) Data

**Data about how many people you currently serve and how many this grant will add. (number of users, workstations, people trained, small businesses helped, jobs created)**

UNCC serves children and families who reside in the city of Urbana, with special emphasis on assisting low-income minority residents of southeast Urbana i.e. Scottswood and nearby neighborhoods.

CURRENT HRS = 3-6 M-F, 6-9 EVERY OTHER FRIDAY (FUN TIME), 6-7:30 PARENT MEETING ONCE/MO.

UC2B EXPANDED HRS during the school year = 8 (2 EVENINGS 6-7:30, SAT = 1-5). SUMMER PROGRAM = 8-5PM M-F, NEW SAT 1-5.

Current after school student enrollment is 26 (same 26 come mon-fri). Parents Invested (a group) consist of 8-10 active adults who conduct monthly meetings.

UC2B WILL INCREASE OUR After School enrollment to 50; and our Parents Invested group to 20.

UNCC is equipped with 16 used Dell Computers (2004-2008), 6 that were donated by Busey Bank of Urbana and 6 that were donated by Urbana Free Library. None of these are internet computers.

UC2B will add computers and other digital technology, with computers increased from 16-28 and internet computers increased from 0 to 28.

FAIR MARKET VALUE OF existing computers CAN BE COUNTED AS MATCH.

The expanded programs would increase the equipment in the UNCC as follows: 6 new computers, 6 new digital cameras, new educational and other skill building software.

With UC2B, UNCC will devote 4 hrs/week to bilingual (English/Spanish) computer activities.

## 3) Budget

A proposed budget that includes equipment, staff salaries, and ay renovation or construction. (If you don't feel comfortable giving dollar amounts, at least list the items, eg 30 workstations, 2 part time staff trainers.)

## Computer Maintenance

Provided by Parkland

### Staff Salaries:

Computer Teacher and lab monitors (provided by Parkland)  
CyberNavigators, including one to act as Program Supervisor for every hour UNCC is open, except 3-5 M-F.

Match: 2 UNCC volunteers during every hour of UNCC operation.

Match: 1 Program Supervisor (Janice Mitchell for USD) – \$x/hr. for 10 hrs/week (3-5 pm M-F).  
In other words, Urbana School District counts Janice's work at the UNCC after school program as part of her regular District job.

### Equipment:

6 computers @ \$1500 = \$9000

6 netbooks @300

6 digital cameras @ \$120 = \$720

9 MS Office licenses @ \$59/seat =

2 LCDs @ 500

literacy/math software = \$5K

Renovations for upstairs: tutoring, lifeskills will go upstairs, so adding cyberlounge downstairs

TOTAL COST OF RENOVATION WE ASK THE GRANT TO PAY include new items that Janice emailed to Sharon, plus:

utility increase for expanded hours = \$500/mo.

Carpet\flooring for proposed expansion = \$500

Activity tables ( x 4) \$200.00 = \$800