



DIGITAL HIGHWAY

TEXAS
CONNECTS
COALITION
www.txc2.org

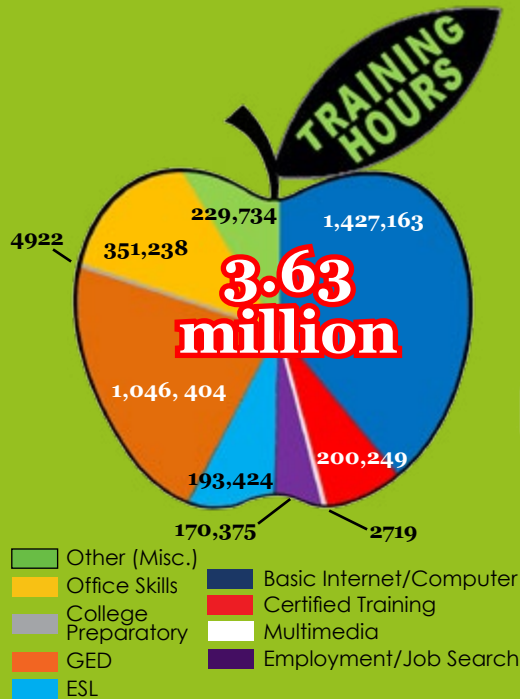


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713-454-6400
www.techforall.org

In 2010, two nonprofits, Austin Free-Net and Technology For All formed the Texas Connects Coalition (TxC2) to bring broadband access and computer skills training to underserved and low income communities. For this project, Technology For All, the lead partner in TxC2, received the second largest Broadband Technology Opportunities Program grant (\$9.6 million) awarded for public computer centers via the U.S. Dept. of Commerce.

This is the story of the TxC2 project.



1.978 million users

SEPT. 2010 - Project awarded by BTOP. 1st Public Computer Center established. 1st training offered.

SEPT. 2011 - Reached GOAL in "Number of Training Participants." Met local match value requirement.

OCT. 2011 - GIS mapping project with Smithville High School students.

DEC. 2011 - Reached GOAL in "Number of PCC sites reporting."

FEB. 2012 - Reached 1 MILLION training hours.

APRIL 2012 - Set up first Internet cafe at MS150 at Fayette County Fairgrounds.

MAY 2012 - Deployed 60 iPads and tablets for training.

JUNE 2012 - Reached GOAL in "Computers Installed."

JULY 2012 - 1st annual Broadband Across Texas Week created by TxC2.

SEPT. 2012 - Began TxC2 Impact Study with University of Texas.

DEC. 2012 - Reached 1 MILLION user mark at sites.

MARCH 2013 - Reached GOAL in "Number of Training Hours." Reached 2 MILLION training hours.

APRIL 2013 - Findings of TxC2 Impact Study by UT revealed at Digital Inclusion Conference. Set up Internet Cafe at MS 150 stop in La Grange.

MAY 2013- Participated in Houston's Disaster Preparedness event.

JUNE 2013 - 2nd Broadband Across Texas Week

DEC. 2013 End of grant funding. Sites continue public access to computers.



- AUSTIN
- BASTROP
- BENAVIDES
- BLANCO
- BREHAM
- BRYAN
- BUFFALO
- BULVERDE
- CALDWELL
- CENTERVILLE
- COLLEGE STATION
- FLATONIA
- FRANKLIN
- FREER
- GEORGETOWN
- HEARNE
- HOUSTON
- JEWETT
- JOHNSON CITY
- LA GRANGE
- LOCKHART
- MADISONVILLE
- MARQUEZ
- NAVASOTA
- ROUND ROCK
- SAN ANTONIO
- SAN DIEGO
- SCHULENBERG
- SMITHVILLE



1,815 FOR PUBLIC USE

TxC2 PROJECT TOTALS

Training Hours: 3.6 million
Computer Users: 1.978 million



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* \$ 9,490,254
+
** \$ 1,794,053
+
*** LOCAL MATCH \$ 6,669,450
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\$ 17,953,757

*Federal grant funds assigned through Dec. 31, 2013.

** Microsoft software donation.

***Local match includes values assigned to the square footage of each Public Computer Center, value of broadband connection, staff time for project oversight, cash donations and IT services.

