



COUNCIL AGENDA: 04-20-04
ITEM:

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Sara L. Hensley
Wandzia Grycz

SUBJECT: 3COM CORPORATION
GRANT ACCEPTANCE

DATE: 03-29-04

Approved

Date

COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide
SNI AREA: N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant from 3Com Corporation valued by 3Com at \$100,000 and to execute all necessary documents to provide equipment and assistance to after school programs and youth center sites.

BACKGROUND

During the spring of 2001, 3Com Corporation, in partnership with the U.S. Conference of Mayors, invited cities to participate in the 3Com Urban Challenge Program. The purpose of the grant was to help cities utilize technology to improve education curriculum and public sector communication systems. Recipients of this grant would receive 3Com equipment and an unspecified level of service and maintenance from 3Com on the equipment, training, and consultation. No actual dollars were to be awarded.

Components of this grant aligned with the overall strategies of the youth services masterplan "*Blueprint for Bridging the Digital Divide*" by providing opportunities for youth to be educationally at or above grade level. This would be accomplished through increased youth and families neighborhood-based access to computers and online services. PRNS staff submitted a grant application on May 1, 2001.

On June 4, 2001, PRNS staff received notification that the City of San José was one of the recipients of the 3Com Urban Challenge Award. Delays in full project implementation have been due to changes in and availability of project personnel at 3Com, and identification of sites with the ability to integrate the new technology within existing systems. In addition, equipment received through this grant does not comply with the City's IT standards and therefore could not be easily deployed at City sites.

ANALYSIS

On June 25, 2001, the 3Com Corporation announced a \$100,000 grant award to the City of San José at the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Detroit, Michigan. The City's focus in applying for this grant was to help provide online access to staff and participants at before and after school programs in the City. Acceptance of the grant will allow the City to donate the equipment to after school programs that currently do not have online access due to environment or cost restriction.

Benefits from the grant include:

- Expanding access to the Internet to facilitate academic achievement.
- Expanding access to the Internet for staff at the applicable facility to develop program reports and applications.

PRNS staff has received the 3Com equipment (See Attachment A) and has identified City and non-City sites as potential recipients for equipment and related services. City sites identified are: Alum Rock Youth Center and Meadowfair Community Center. Non-City sites identified are: Bachrodt Elementary School, Central County Occupational Center, East Side Union High Cadet Academy, Edenvale Elementary School, Franklin Elementary School, Goss Elementary School, Kennedy Elementary School, Miner Elementary School, Slonaker Elementary School, Stipe Elementary School, Summerdale Elementary School, and the Center for Training and Careers at a site to be determined. Sites were identified using a broad criterion that included the following: (1) need of online access; (2) compatibility with existing IT systems; and (3) the availability of matching hardware resources. The amount of equipment and/or services will vary based on the needs of the site.

PRNS staff will work closely with the City IT Department to plan for migration of equipment at City sites to meet established City standards. 3Com has informally indicated that they will assist the City with maintenance and support of the equipment at City-owned sites during the first five years. Staff will be negotiating a formal agreement with 3Com regarding maintenance and support levels to be provided. Replacement and maintenance for the equipment at City sites and ongoing maintenance and support will be funded from the existing budget or brought forward through the budget process. The City and each non-City operated recipient of the granted equipment shall enter into an agreement for "Acceptance of Donated Equipment," in which the recipient agrees that the equipment is transferred "as is" and that City makes no warranties or representations regarding the equipment, and that the recipient is solely responsible for the installation, replacement, maintenance and support of the equipment.

Staff also requests that City Council authorize the City Manager to add additional sites if the above listed sites are unable to use the available equipment.

COST IMPLICATIONS

There are no additional costs to the City.

COORDINATION

This memorandum has been coordinated with the Information Technology Department, the City Attorney's Office, and the City Manager's Budget Office.

CEQA

Not a project.

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Attachment