Broadband USA

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A. General Application Information

Applicant Information	
Name and Federal ID for Applicant	
DUNS Number	833270569
CCR # (CAGE)	
Legal Business Name	
Point of Contact (POC)	Ext.
Alternate POC	Ext.
Electronic Business POC	Ext.
Alternate Electronic Business POC	Ext.

Name and Contact Information of Person to be Contacted on Matters Involving this Application:	
Prefix	Mr.
First Name	Allen
Middle Name	Dale
Last Name	Hurst

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Suffix	
Telephone Number	15734833028
Fax Number	
Email	allen@treeoflifecenter.net
Title	President

Additional Contact Information of Person to be Contacted on Matters Involving this Application:

Project Role	Name	Phone	Email
Secondary Point of Contact	Mr. Shawn Allen, Hurst	5733589134	shawn@treeoflifecenter.net

Other Required Identification Numbers	
Easygrants ID	6183
Funding Opportunity Number	500000
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number	**BTOP CFDA Number:** 11.557 **BTOP CFDA Title:** Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

Organization Classification	
Type of Organization	Non-profit Corporation
Is the organization a small business?	No
Does the organization meet the definition of a socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern?	No

Authorized Organizational Representative

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AOR	
Result	

Project Title and Project Description

Project Title: Tree of Life Center for Knowledge and Understanding

Project Description: A Public Computer Center, to promote the advancement of education and training in human relations, to break down barriers that divide and destroy families, communities, and lives. A common portal to access the collection of information available from around the world, thus fullfilling the original intent of the internet, to share Our common knowledge and understanding.

Other Applications

Is this application being submitted in coordination with any other application being submitted during this round of funding?

➢ No

Easygrants ID	Project Title

If YES, please explain any synergies and/or dependencies between this project and any other applications.

Is the Applicant exempt from the Department of Commerce requirements regarding individual background screening in connection with any award resulting from this Application?

➢ No, Applicant is subject to these requirements

If the answer to the above question is "No," please identify each key individual associated with the Applicant who would be required to complete Form CD-346, "Applicant for Funding Assistance," in connection with any award resulting from this Application:

Name	Title	Employer
Allen Dale Hurst	Owner	Tree of Life Center

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B. Executive Summary, Project Purpose and Benefits

Essay Question

Executive Summary of the proposed project:

a. The current rates for broadband access are simply unaffordable by common folks.Much like the cable system, these communications companies teased folks into their services and then got congress to outlaw free tv broadcast, this is criminal behaviour. Once the wires and equipment where paid for, it is most all profit, theoretically in ethical business sense the price should go down, but greed did succeed. My system will reduce these costs for folks.
b. By simply using a few satellite dishes and networks the Center itself will be connected. If the local community folks come aboard, we can then utilize current wired and or fiber optics connectivity.
c. The population of Bonne Terre is around 4,000 folks. The Center will be funded by public and private donations, as well as the folks will participate in putting the skills they learn to work to help themselves and the community overall.ie fundraising, making goods and selling them, basic business skills, self-sufficeincy.
d. I am a child of God, I can do anything I set my mind to, with His help. www.treeoflifecenter.net contains some of my work, a small model as it is.
e. The Center will focus on putting folks to work in all areas of life. the numbers are dependent upon participation, participation depends on the value of the service they receive, I expect most every one to participate in some form or another. Simply because it will be a good thing for everyone.
f. $1,200,000.00

Project purpose:

To bring my community together in a Spirit of renewed faith in the American and State government systems, to demonstrate that WE can All work together for the common good.
To give the good people of Bonne Terre a positive constructive purpose, to transform their mundane lives into vibrant joyful living experiences. This community was raped by St. Joe. Lead

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Co. and left for dead. The people have suffered ill effects to their physical and spiritual lives as a result of it. My relatives worked in the mines and communities. All I am seeking is a little assistance to show everyone that We the people still matter and this is Our United States. As for service area Charter and AT&T are corporate giants carrying on where St. Joe left off. I can build this facility if I can get your backing, because then the people will see, and have faith in me and you. I have said a lot of strong statements against the government but at the heart of it all I still have faith in it, even if it does not have faith in me and God.

Recovery Act and Other Governmental Collaboration:

Ladies and Gentleman, I have been trying to simply sit down face to face with my elected leaders for over 20 - 30 years. My message has not changed in that length of time. The same issues and problems we face today are the same as yesterday, selfishness and greed. People thinking more of themselves than they should, Liberty and Justice, Freedom and Equality, these are the same, In my experiences with government I have always been made to feel like I was worth less than dirt, although nowadays dirt is fairly expensive. Maybe I should rephrase and word it like this: The governments purpose is to assist and enable folks to provide a living for their families. Starting at the community level, up the organizational chart to the State and Federal levels. The Federal is the leveler so to speak, to ensure fairness accross the States. I have not found this to be true in my 50+ years on the face of the earth. I recall my grand folks and others telling stories of conflict between the local folks and the folks in the Capitols. It just doesn't make sense, we are taught in the schools that this great system of government is the best and unlike any other, yet, the same problems exist today that existed 40 years ago. Why? I want to bridge the gap between the people and the elected. Remove the middle man so to speak. Lobbyist and Criminal Orgs operating as charity and community betterment organizations.

Technology Strategy:

My Dad was an electronics technician, he started in the Army in radar, he then worked for McDonnel Douglas, helped design and implement the radar system in the F-16 fighter jet. I have been involved with electronics my whole life. I enjoy technology and the practical and effective use of it, to make our lives better and safer. Again, go to www.treeoflifecenter.net check out my web site and you will see my ability to work with the technologies involved, I have and Associates in Electrical and Electronic Technology, I am currently enrolled in ITT-Technical Institute studying Information Systems Security. We will use Open Source software technologies and Hughes Networks along with Oracle, to reduce cost and licensing costs, and will develop

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and adapt using in house programmers. Again teaching self-sufficiency. These folks are the best in the industry, I trust them, they trust me.

Public Availability:

➤ This facility is open to everyone who wishes to utilize it. The dues are simply to participate and assist in its survival. Again self-sufficiency.

Restrictions on Center Use:

➤ There shall be no violent or hateful activities on or associated with the Center, No pornography, or illegal activities.

Involvement of Community College:

➤ I am an Alumni of Mineral Area Gollege and intend to solicit their full and welcome cooperation, the center would expand their services, as long as it does not add to the cost of our services.

Is the applicant is seeking a waiver of the Buy American provision pursuant to section x.Q of the NOFA?

➤ No

Is the applicant deliquent on any federal debt?

➤ No

➤ If Yes, justification for deliquency:

Are you seeking a waiver of any requirement set forth in the NOFA that is not mandated by statute or applicable law?

➤ No

C. Partners
Are you partnering with any other key institutions, organizations, or other entities for this project?
➤ Yes

If YES, key partners are listed below:

Project Role: Contractor Name: Heimburger, Bob Email: bob@heimburgerconstruction.com

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Address 1: 7166 Hillsboro Rd
Address 2:
Address 3:
City: Bonne Terre
State: Missouri
Zip Code: 63628
Organization: Heimburger Construction
Organization Type: For-profit Entity
Small business: Yes
Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: Yes

Project Role: Third party in-kind contributor
Name: Barton, Larry
Email: citymanager@bonneterre.net
Address 1: 118 N Allen Street
Address 2:
Address 3:
City: Bonne Terre
State: Missouri
Zip Code: 63628
Organization: City of Bonne Terre
Organization Type: City or Township Government
Small business: No
Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No

Project Role: Third party in-kind contributor
Name: Poorman, Yancy
Email: YPoorman@ncsd.k12.mo.us
Address 1: 300 Berry Road
Address 2:
Address 3:
City: Bonne Terre
State: Missouri
Zip Code: 63628
Organization: North St. Francois County School District
Organization Type: Non-profit Institution
Small business: No
Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No

Description of the involvement of the partners listed above in the project.

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Heimburger Construction will be the Contractor to build the building and perform site work. City of Bonne Terre is the real benefactor of the project, as it will realize the benefit from happier more productive citizens and increased tax revenue from monies spent and invested in the community, also they will have access to a more secure and cost effective communications system.

The students of North County will benefit from the Center because access will be available 24/7. A place where they can study and do home work in a secure and friendly environment.

I hope I have been able to properly explain and show the real benefits of my proposal, This is a new concept in opening up the barriers between the people and their governments and educational institutions. The cost effectiveness should be apparent for all involved. You see I am a poor man, I have been poor most all my life, as is most of my friends and neighbors, but by pulling together we can ALL become much more wealthy, maybe not financially but Spiritually and Lovingly, if we do that, money won't matter, We can accomplish our goals with the resources the good Lord provides us with, Our hearts and minds.

D. Congressional Districts

Applicant Headquarters

> Missouri

Project Service States

Missouri

Project Service Areas

Missouri - 3

Will any portion of your proposed project serve federally recognized tribal entities?

> Yes

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Indicate each federally recognized tribal entity your proposed project will serve.
Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Have you consulted with each of the federally recognized tribal entities identified above?

➢ No

E. Demographics

Demographics

Will your proposed project be specifically directed to serve vulnerable population groups?

➢ Yes

If "Yes" which vulnerable population groups will your proposed project serve? Check as many as apply:

Hispanic

Black/African-American

Asian

Native American or Native Alaskan

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

English as Second Language (ESL)

Disabled

Low Income

Unemployed

Senior Citizen (55 and over)

Youth

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Other:

Vulnerable Populations

➢ This program and the benefits of it are open to All Gods' Children. It is the primary mission.

Accessibility

This center will meet all federal, state, and local, as well as Gods' laws. There will be computer access to any one who needs it, even if I have to take a laptop to their home or car, we will have braille keyboards, voice command, or if some one simply tells what they are looking for someone will assist them. Whatever technology that is needed I will find the person or company to aquire it. It is called cooperative communication, people are dying just for the chance to help some one else help themself.

Other Languages

➢ With technology, there are no language barriers. All languages. I speak American.

Outreach

Public Computing Centers Outreach

➢ The Center will serve any one who wishes to access it. Being a hub on the internet, it has global outreach. Services and access will be provided freely to all.

How many total users do you expect to generate through the use of BTOP funds at your public computer center(s)?

➢ 2000

Training and Education

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Peripherals and equipment

➢ We will have 30 - 50 workstations, Oracle will provide most all networking equipment, a HughesNet satellite link to the internet. assorted AV equipment, music and recording equipment.

Workstation software

➢ Linux/Unix Open Source software. Windows. Macintosh.

Training and education programs

➢ OpenSource Office compatible, We will develop In house and Utilize distributed programs from the Internet. All academic areas of study, Technical and Vocational.

If you are providing educational or training programs, how many people in total will these programs reach on an annual basis?

➢ 1000

How many hours of training will be provided to each participant?

➢ 200

How many Full Time Employee (FTE) instructors or facilitators will you employ for these courses?

➢ 12

F. Project Budget

Project Budget	
Federal Grant Request	$1,200,000
Total Match Amount	$350,000
Total Budget	$1,550,000
Match Percent	22.6%

Projects Outside Recommended Funding Range:

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Sustainability:

> Will establish Trust and Foundation, solicite public and private donations.

Matching Funds	
Applicant is providing matching funds of at least 20% towards the total eligible project costs?	Yes
Describe the matching contributions	My services are provided at no cost. I have not secured funding as of yet. I intend to challenge the community, Again part of the process of getting them involved with their own sufficiency thus reduceing their dependance on government assistance, teach a man to fish, and you have fed him for life, give a man a fish, you have fed him for the moment. It is apparent that I really do not have time to complete all aspects of this application within the required time frame, but I only became aware of it about 45 days ago. I am confident with support of the federal government that We the community of Bonne Terre can and will accomplish this goal. It will just take longer. I am not giving up, as I am not a quitter.
Unjust enrichment	
Disclosure of federal and/or state funding sources	I am seeking no other state of federal funding.

Budget Narrative	
Budget narrative	$850,000 for building, $100,000 for land and development, $80,000 for equipment, $50,000 for furnishings, $$240,000 for 12 employees pay for 1st yr., $14,400 for utilities 1st yr., $12,000 misc. expenses 1sr yr. the $203,600 balance carries over for the next year.
Budget reasonableness	All one has to do is get out in the community and see the effects of 20 - 30 years of inequality and injustice have done to the smaller cities

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	and towns all across the US. I can provide a better quality of service for a fraction of the cost other folks charge. And I stand behind my work for ever.
Demonstration of need	The community has one main employer the East Missouri Regional Diagnostic and Evaluation Corrections facility. I grew up in Bonne Terre, I have been away for about 20 years, I have returned to the area recently and the prison is the only improvement, if you consider that an improvement. If we can not find government funding, there will be more delay in economic recovery, I have made application for a loan with Commerce Bank, and been denied, my finances are 0, I quit a construction job with Heimburger to devote my full time and energy to my own industry, the Kingdom of God, it does not pay much money but the rewards are eternal and more valuable than silver or gold. I spoke with a fellow worker last week and they are down to two workers and no jobs in the future, this is serious business folks, and you people in Washington just do not seem to get it.

Funds to States/Territories

States	Amount of Federal Grant Request
Missouri	1,200,000

Funds to States/Territories Total: $1,200,000

G. Historical Financials

Matching Funds			
	2007	**2008**	**2009**
Revenue	0	6,299	22,132
Expenditures	0	8,000	22,000
Net Assets	0	-1,701	132

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Change in Net Assets from Prior Year	0	0	132
Bond Rating (if applicable)			

H. Public Computer Center Summary

Jobs	
How many direct jobs-years will be created from this project?	17
How many indirect jobs will be created from this project?	11
How many jobs will be induced from this project?	6

Methodology used to estimate jobs:

I used the whitehouses method.

Proposed # of Public Computer Centers	
Schools (k-12)	0
Libraries	0
Medical and Healthcare Providers	0
Public Safety Entities	0
Community Colleges	0
Public Housing	0
Other Institutions of Higher Education	0
Other Community Support Organization	1
Other Government Facilities	0

Total Proposed Public   1

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Computer Centers

Current Total Persons in Service Area   4000

Minority Serving Institutions	
Historically Black Colleges and Universities	0
Tribal Colleges and Universities	0
Alaska Native Serving Institutions	0
Hispanic Serving Institutions	0
Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions	0
TOTAL MINORITY SERVING INSTITUTIONS	0

Weekly Usage Summary	
Total Current # of Persons Served per 120-hour Business Week	0
Total Proposed # of Persons Served per 120-hour Business Week	210
Total Current # of Persons Served per 48-hour Weekend	0
Total Proposed # of Persons Served per 48-hour Weekend	60

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Broadband Workstation Summary	
Number of Current Workstations proposed to be upgraded	1
Total Current # of Broadband Workstations	1
Total Proposed # of Broadband Workstations	40
Average Current Facility Broadband Connection Speed	100.00 Mbps
Average Proposed Facility Broadband Connection Speed	100.00 Mbps

I. Project Readiness

Licenses and Regulatory Approvals

Business License- pending funding. Building Permits- pending funding, Tax Exempt Status-pending funding, Incorporation filings-pending funding,

Organizational Readiness

Tree of Life Center is ready able and willing, all we need is some money to spend.

Project Timeline and Challenges

I have CLEAR AND CONCISE PLAN AND COURSE OF ACTION, the only impediment I have is 0 funding. People are scared to commit to any extra spending because of the economic conditions and when all they see is congress fighting and argueing about doctors, lawyers, and such. And obviously do not care about the working family, what can one expect, this country is on the brink of financial meltdown and you all just do not get it. I am fully confident if funded this project can be implemented and up to full speed in less than 2 years.

SPIN Number

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J. Environmental Questionnaire

Does this PCC application have construction or ground disturbing activities?

Yes

If no, please answer the questions below. If yes, please do not answer the questions below and instead proceed to the next page to answer the expanded environmental questionnaire.

Does the proposed action involve the procurement of materials? If so, will the materials be installed, stored or operated in an existing building or structure? If yes, please click "Add" to include the list of equipment and peripherals to be procured.

Does the proposed action involve procurement of electronic equipment? If yes, will the equipment be disposed of in an environmentally sound manner at the end of its useful life?

Does the proposed action involve construction, remodeling, or renovation? If so, will these activities be limited to only minor interior renovations to a structure, facility, or installation? If yes, click "Add" to include a description of the proposed renovations with your project summary.

Does the proposed action involve the production and/or distribution of informational materials, brochures, or newsletter?

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Does the proposed action involve training, teaching, or meeting facilitation at an existing facility or structure? If yes, click "Add" to explain.

Does the proposed action involve ground or surface disturbance to accommodate new fiber optic cable? If yes, please click "Add" to include a description of the extent of service upgrade, a list of the permits required, and linear footage of underground fiber optic cabling required.

Does the proposed action involve an upgrade of broadband service to an existing facility or structure? If yes, please include a description of the extent of service upgrade, a list of the permits required, and linear footage of underground fiber optic cabling required?

K. Environmental Questionnaire – Part 2

Project Description

PCC will be new construction, steel frame, stone exterior, sheet metal roof. Satellite dishes mounted on roof.

Property Changes

5 acres of private land will be used, 2 of which for the building and parking.

Buildings

The Center will be new construction. The building will be 10,000 square foot structure as described previously. 75' X 125'

Wetlands

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There are no wetlands that will be disturbed with this project.

Critical Habitats

Center will be located within city limits, and will be ecologically friendly, as we love all Gods' creations.

Floodplain

The Center will not be located in a floodplain, God said, He would not destroy the earth with a flood again.

Protected Land

The Center will be located again in city limits, on fresh clean ground. The whole city is a historic site.

Coastal Area

Bonne Terre, Missouri is no where near the Ocean.

Brownfield

We will not build near the chat dump, although I spent my child hood all over the old lead mineing town, and I AM still alive and well, a little upset about the crap associated with trying to get help for folks who suffer at the hands of a government that has become too large and unmanageable.

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Uploads

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Upload Name	File Name	Uploaded By	Uploaded Date
Management Team Resumes and Organization Chart	Resume.pdf	Hurst, Allen	03/15/2010
Historical Financial Statements	Financial Statement.pdf	Hurst, Allen	03/15/2010
Public Center Detail	Problem Solving Getting Started.xls	Hurst, Allen	03/15/2010
Detailed Budget	PersonalMonthlyBudget1.xlsx	Hurst, Allen	03/15/2010
BTOP Certifications	Diplomas.pdf	Hurst, Allen	03/15/2010
SF424 Budget (A or C)	SF-424A&C.pdf	Hurst, Allen	03/15/2010
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