

Application to Serve on the Oversight Committee

1. SDFF's History working in City Heights

San Diego Futures Foundation provides four technology/education programs for four different age groups and a School-to-Career enrichment program in City Heights.

The eLearn2Earn Program is offered to middle school age youth, and for use in community technology centers. The purpose of eLearn2Earn is to support academic development and technology skills using an online curriculum. Overall, participants have demonstrated learning gains of 67% in 5 core subjects. Elearn2Earn has two sites in city Heights. **DiverseCity Tech** is an innovative program in which recent high school graduates participate in a paid year-long internship combining information technology and business s training with work experience. DiverseCity Tech interns reinvest their training back into the community by planning and implementing customized IT projects for small business owners and entrepreneurs. **The San Diego Broadband Initiative (SDBI)** was launched in July of 2008. The SDBI delivers computer hardware, software, applications, training, technical services, and related resources to 1,625 low-income families in San Diego's urban disadvantaged neighborhoods including City Heights

SDFF- AOIT Internship Program - SDFF works with Hoover High School to deliver a highly successful internship program. The internship program uses a project-based learning approach. Students completely disassemble and refurbish donated computers that are then re-donated to other non-profit organizations. Students gain the business and technical experience leading to increased confidence, enhanced technical skills, and references while providing nonprofits with updated computers.

SDFF has also set up community technology centers for the City Heights Community Development Corporation, Community Housing Works, Hoover High School and more. As well, SDFF has donated hundreds of refurbished computers to City heights community based organizations to numerous to list.

2. SDFF's established resident base in City Heights

SDFFF works with City Heights residents primarily through education and training programs including students attending Hoover High School Academy of Information Technology, middle school youth residing in Community Housing Works housing programs. The DiverseCity Techs work directly with disadvantaged small businesses in San Diego County.

3. SDFFF's potential role in the 9-month planning process

SDFFF provided services in 3 of the Healthy Communities outcomes areas. However, SDFFF can play a significant role for the planning process based on our technical expertise. SDFFF develops and implements web-based portals that streamline communication, collect and compile data and results. By creating a portal for the City Heights Healthy communities planning process, SDFFF will assist all program partners and residents to stay informed, share information and report and present results and findings. The internet also plays a significant role in improving the community health outcomes. It can be used a tool for creating awareness and galvanizing the community plus provide instant, general and specific health-related information for all ages. Access to technology is essential for numerous quality of life and health factors.

4. SDFFF expertise and resources for outcome areas

SDFFF is experienced at developing interactive websites and community portals for initiatives and collaborative programs. Examples of SDFFF's work in this areas include: the Youth Connect Network (resources for education, employment and other services), Fostering Change (information, resources and a forum for aging- out foster youth), San Diego Broadband Initiative (on-line technology training, services and resources directory and more) and sdcommunities.net. (direct posting, interactive forums, community dialog) accessible to 3 million San Diego residents.

5. Diversity representation in City Heights

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SDFF has a culturally diverse staff of 14, representative of the neighborhood. Multiple employees are fluent in Spanish . As well, there are two staff members, bilingual in English and Vietnamese and one fluent in American Sign Language.