

Grant County Co-Works

Enable Learning  Accelerate Innovation



Grant County Co-Works is a home-base and accelerator for remote workers, solo-entrepreneurs, those that want to work on their own, and those that desire occasional group interaction. It is intended to encourage Adult Distance Learning, innovation and entrepreneurship, through providing the technology, workspace and environment necessary for success.



Education

Adult Learners



Access to technology is a **BARRIER FOR EDUCATION** in Grant County



With the onset of COVID-19, this space is critical for the purpose of distance learning for higher-education students, as well as those adults working to increase their skill set. There are many households in Grant County without adequate access to the Internet, or the proper equipment to utilize it directly.

Telecommuters



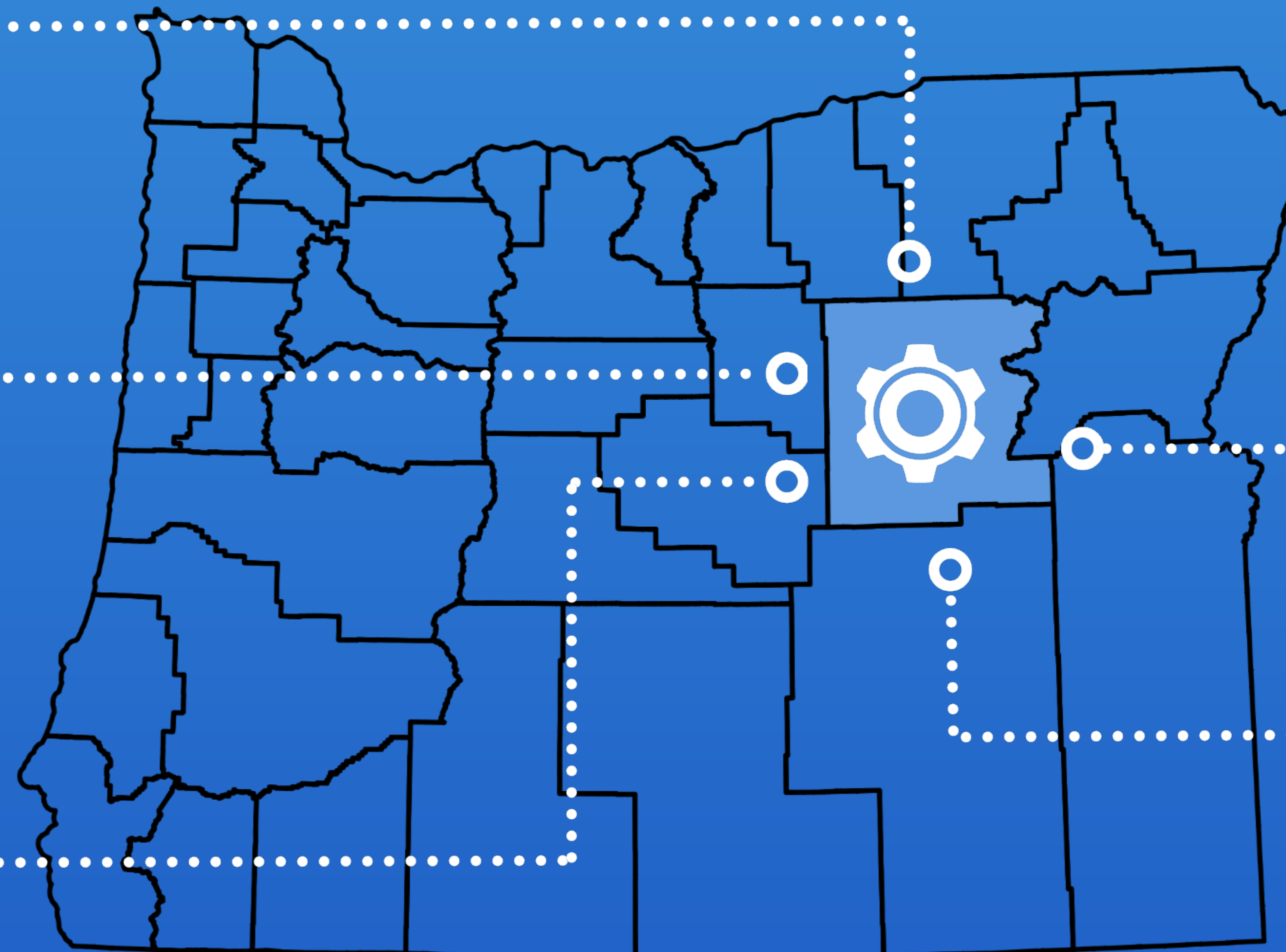
Distance Learning



Business Education



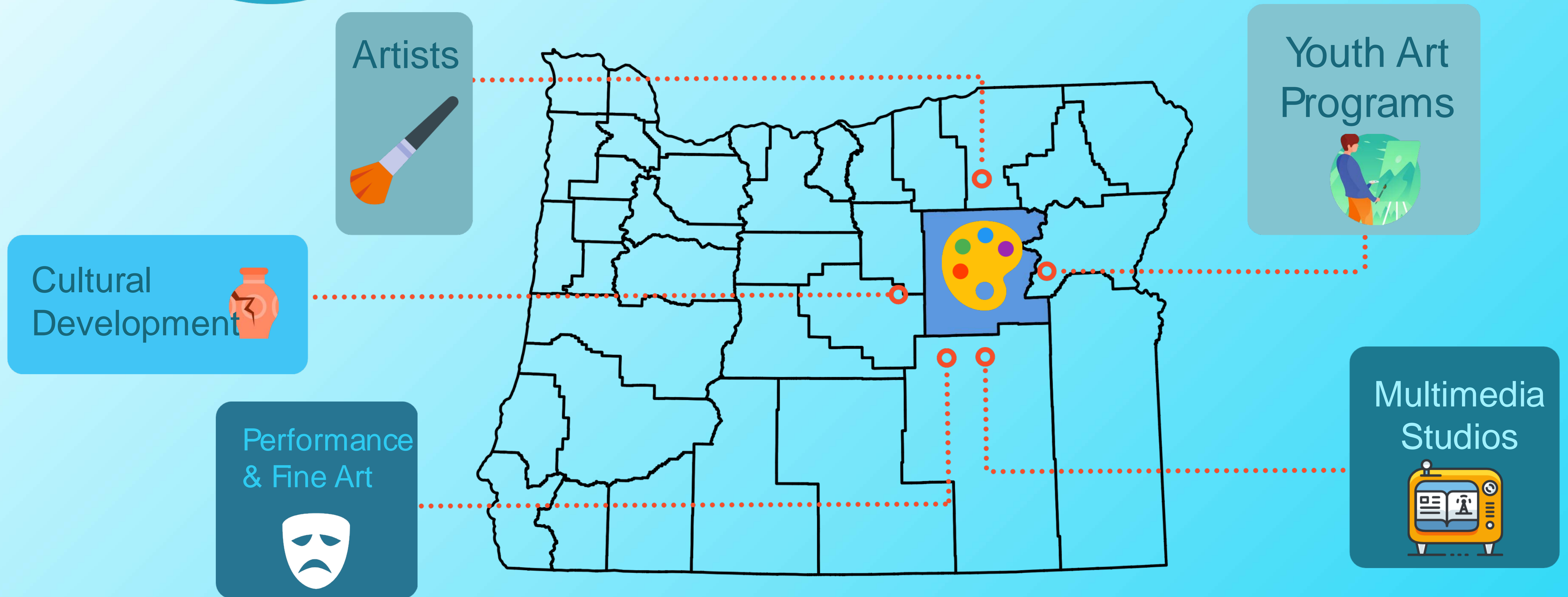
Entrepreneurs



In rural areas, small businesses drive the economy and are responsible for almost all job growth. According to Foundry Collective (2018), the **rural self-employment rate for eastern Oregon has dropped by 20% between years 1988 to 2016, which is more than double the overall decline.** In order to reverse this trend, it is **critical to provide the necessary tools** to entrepreneurs, students, and serve those without access to technology, especially with the severe impacts of COVID-19 in rural eastern Oregon.



Arts and Culture



Painted Sky Center for the Arts' mission is to *advance arts education and entertainment, enhancing the quality of life, and promoting cultural development in the community.* Through its programs, the Arts Center will be a dynamic organization that empowers and transforms individuals through creative education and experience.



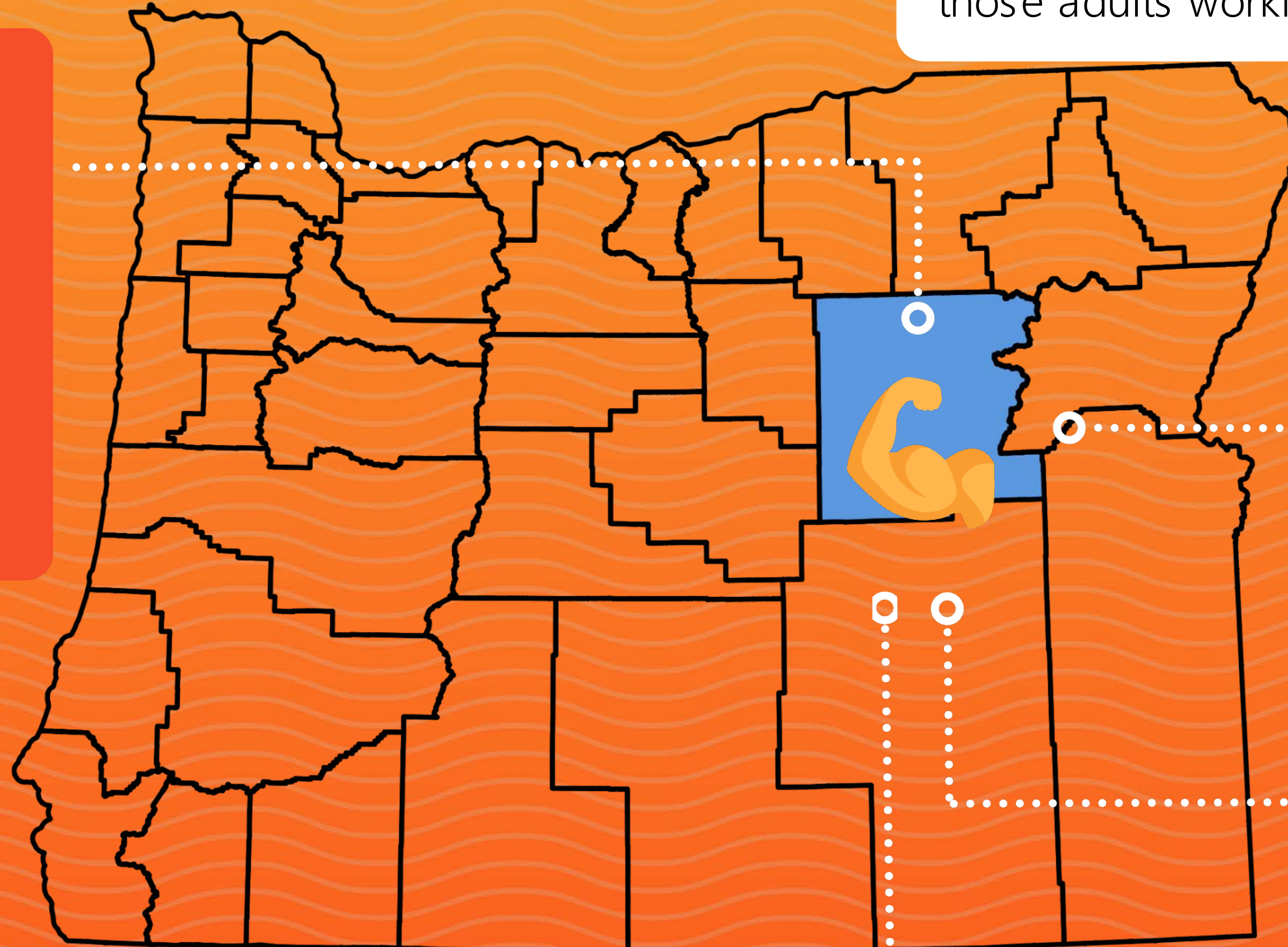
Covid Resiliency

Telecommuting

New businesses, better-educated and more capable population will fundamentally add to the commerce and standard of living in Grant County.

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Business

450
workers
unemployed

Rural Economy

14% Grant County currently has the second highest unemployment rate in eastern Oregon



3-Phase Plan

Phase 1

Begins with space on the main street of John Day and one in Prairie City, a small town 13 miles east of John Day and Seneca.

Phase 2

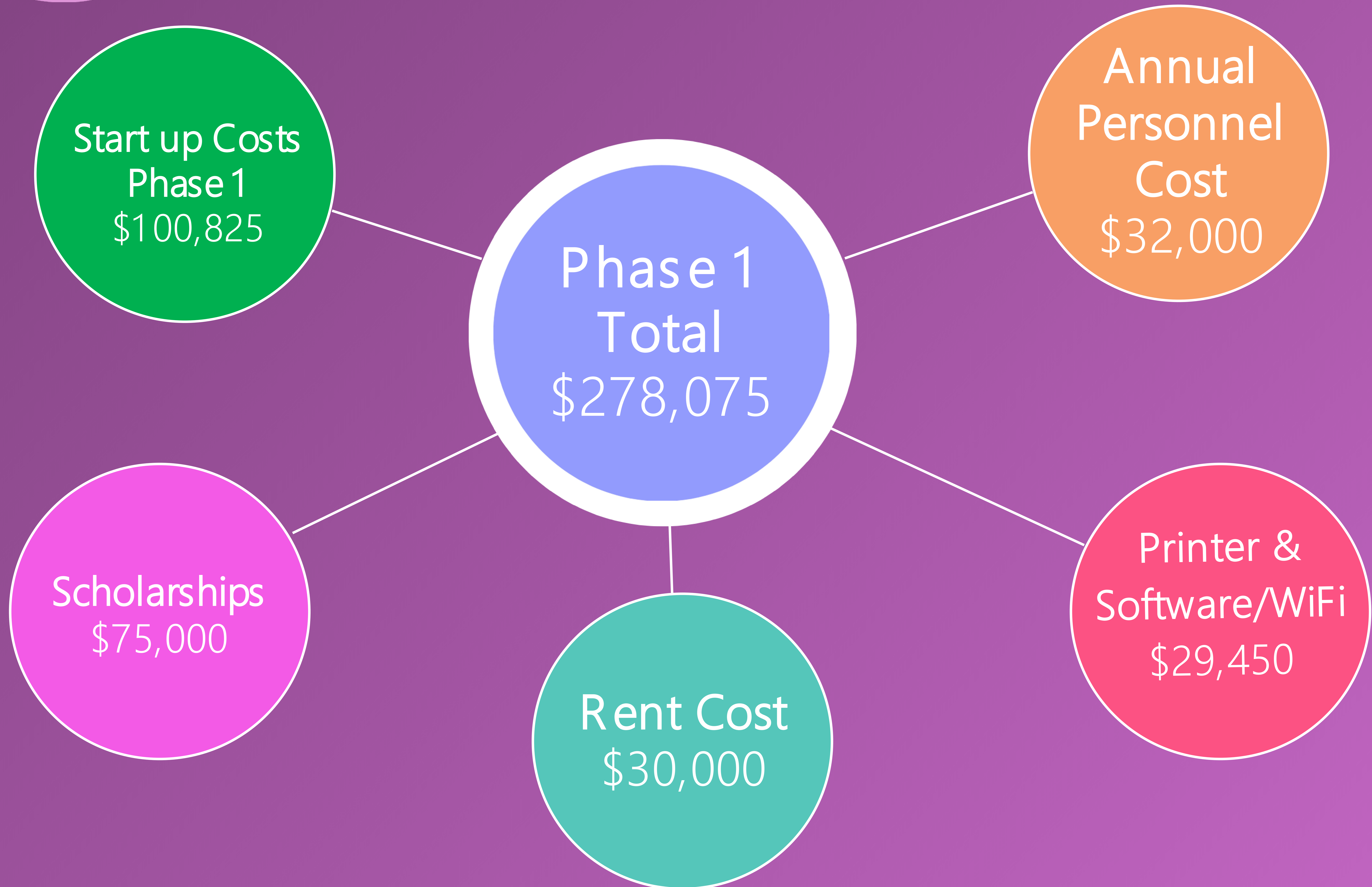
Expansion and improvement of Grant County Co-Works locations to three other communities in the county (i.e. Long Creek, Monument, Dayville) that were not initiated in Phase 1.

Phase 3

This will be a multi-purpose tech/education center with many amenities for students, artists, and entrepreneurs of Grant County and surrounding regions to optimize learning and training for underserved and minority populations.



Phase 1 Funding Breakout





Timeline





Budget

Phase 1

Office Expenses	John Day	Prairie City	Seneca
Rent	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$7,500
Scholarships and Seed Funds	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Administration (OSU Extension Oversight)	\$15,625	\$8,625	\$7,000
Utilities/cleaning	\$4,500	\$3,000	\$3,000
Remodel*	\$5,000	\$1,875	\$1,875
WiFi	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Computers*	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Software	\$1,500	\$750	\$750
Printer*	\$5,900	\$5,900	\$5,900
Network wiring*	\$5,000	\$3,750	\$3,750
Camera/security*	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250
Website/Logo/Marketing	\$12,500	\$1,875	\$1,000
General Office Supplies	\$8,750	\$5,000	\$5,000
Printing Costs	\$1,750	\$1,250	\$1,250
Furniture*	\$8,750	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total for Year 1	\$124,025	\$78,275	\$75,775

Phase 2

Office Expenses	Expenses Per Location
Rent	\$3,750 (\$312x12)
Utilities	\$1,500 (\$125x12)
Remodel*	\$1,250
WiFi	\$1,500
Computers*	\$3,000 (2x\$1500)
Software	\$400 (2x\$200)
Printer*	\$5,900
Network wiring*	\$1,250
Camera/security*	\$1,250
Furniture*	\$2,500
Total For Each Site	\$22,300
Grand Total Year 1 (3 sites)	\$66,900

Phase 3

Item	Cost
Land	\$0 (donated by City of John Day)
Tech/Ed Center Facility	\$4,500,000
Annual Operations	\$100,000
Projected Total	\$4,600,000



Total costs for 2 years of operations including 6 sites in Grant County
= \$522,765