

Description

The Opportunity Online Hardware program aimed to ensure that 90 percent of libraries serving high need populations are regularly upgrading their computers and motivating local governments to commit local funding to computing services.

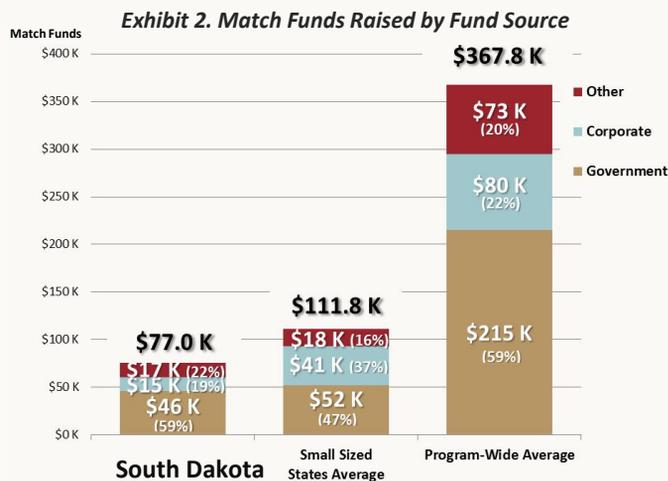
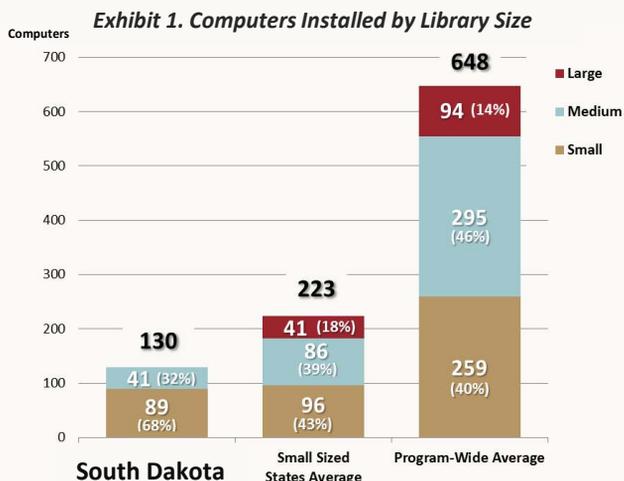
24 branches across 23 systems in South Dakota participated in the program, installing 130 new computers, raising over \$77,000 dollars, and improving access to technology for 85,900 people.

130 Computers Installed

Opportunity Online participants in South Dakota installed 130 computers while participating in the program.

\$77,000 in Match Funds Raised

South Dakota program participants raised \$77,000 in match funds, and 56% stated confidence to continue securing and maintaining public funds to support technology expenses beyond the Opportunity Online program.



Improved Access to Technology for 85,900 People

The Opportunity Online hardware program resulted in 85,900 people in South Dakota having improved access to technology. On average, SD program participants went from having one up-to-date computer per every 2,700 people to having twelve up-to-date computers available for the same population.

Exhibit 3. Population Served at Successful Libraries

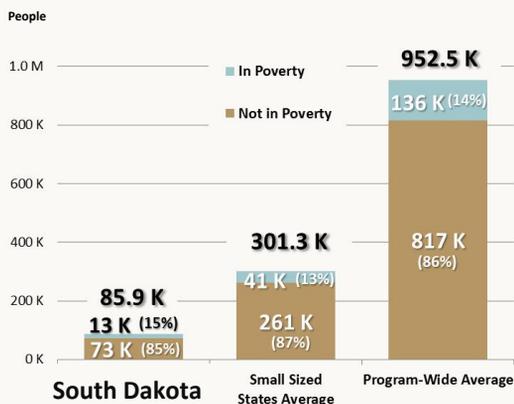


Exhibit 4. Public Access to Technology, Before and After

Before Grant – One Up-To-Date Computer per 2,700 People



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After Grant – Twelve Up-To-Date Computers per 2,700 People



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Opportunity Online program average went from one up-to-date computer per 5,300 people up to five up-to-date computers per 5,300 people.



= One Up-To-Date Computer



= 1,000 People

* Up-to-date computers represent computers four years old or newer.
 * Population statistics calculated using Community Attributes population assignment, uses Census 2000 figures.
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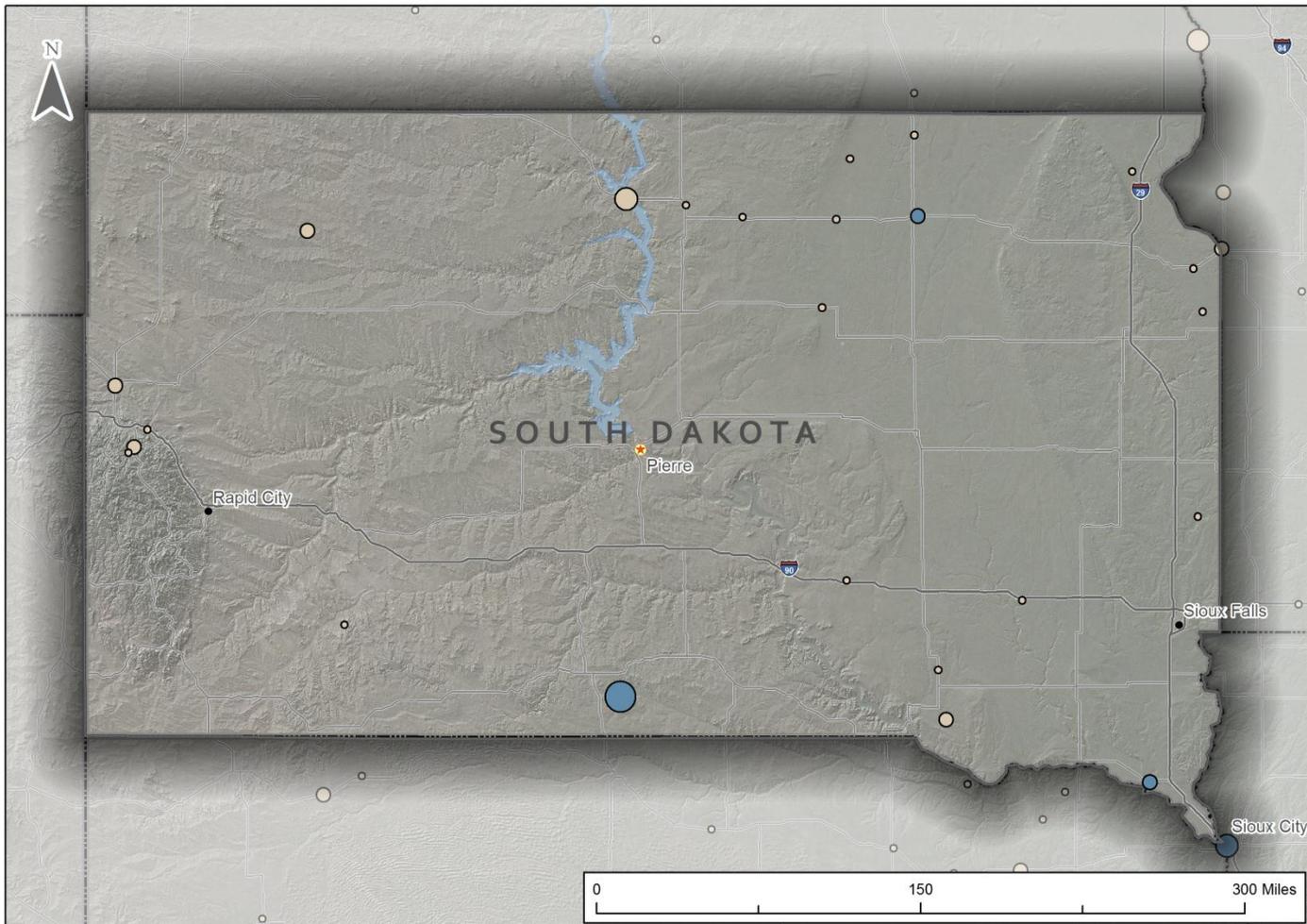
Opportunity Online Hardware Program

Summary of Program Outcomes, 2009 - 2011

South Dakota

24 Branches Served Across 23 Library Systems

24 South Dakota branches across 23 library systems successfully completed the Opportunity Online Hardware program. Spread across the entire state, these branches installed anywhere from 2 to 14 computers, based on the number of people in poverty served and the number of up-to-date computers at each branch.



Computers Installed

- More than 20
- 11 - 20
- 6 - 10
- 0 - 5

Library Size

- Large
- Medium
- Small

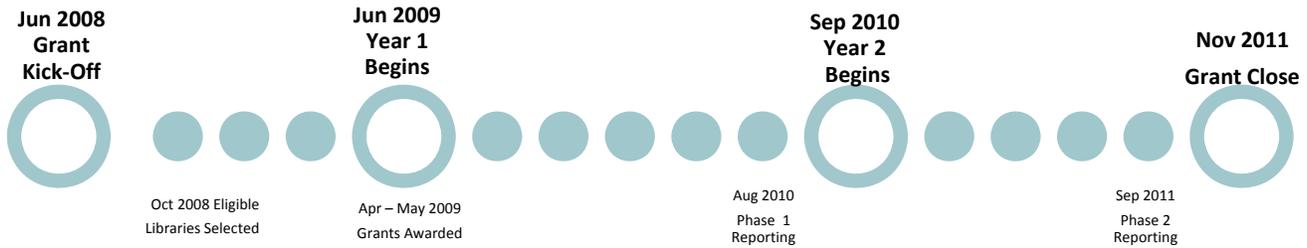


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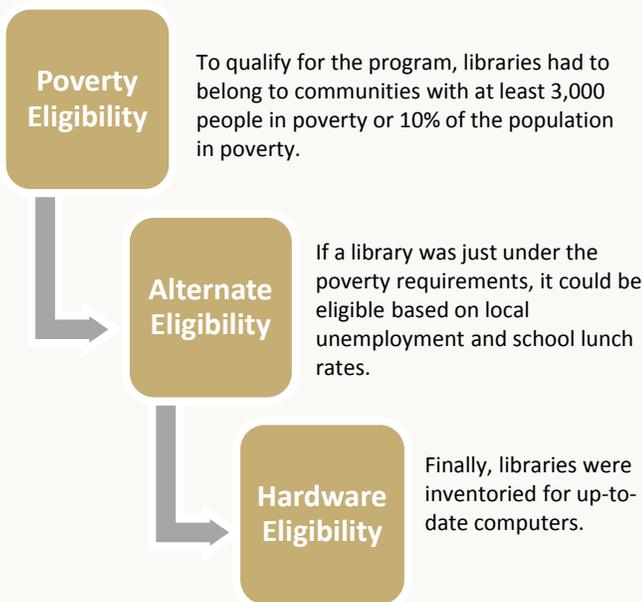
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Program Timeline



How Libraries Were Selected

Libraries that participated in the Opportunity Online program went through a series of eligibility screens which determined their award from the Foundation.

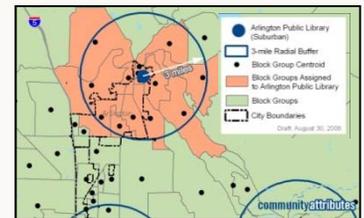


Poverty Eligibility

Based on economic need

10% of total population OR more than 3,000 people living in poverty for each library service area.

- Rural: 10 mile radius from branch
- Suburban: 3 mile radius from branch
- Urban: 1 mile radius from branch



Hardware Eligibility

Based on hardware need

Vulnerable to having their computer and Internet services become obsolete

How we assessed eligibility

1. Poverty-eligible libraries ran TechAtlas script
2. We conducted analysis to determine 'level of service' to apply across all poverty eligible libraries
3. We determined eligibility for each individual library

Preparing Libraries to Continue Supporting Technology

As part of the program, libraries were required to raise match funds for awarded computers and to send librarians to advocacy training.

Exhibit 5. SD Librarian Confidence to Continue Raising Technology Funds Moving Forward

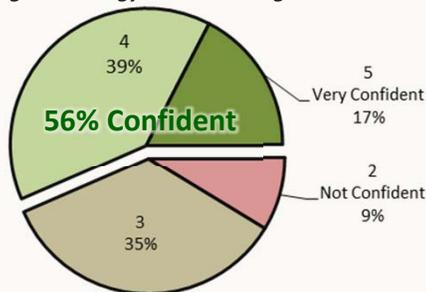


Exhibit 6. SD Librarians that Received Advocacy Training (Approximate)



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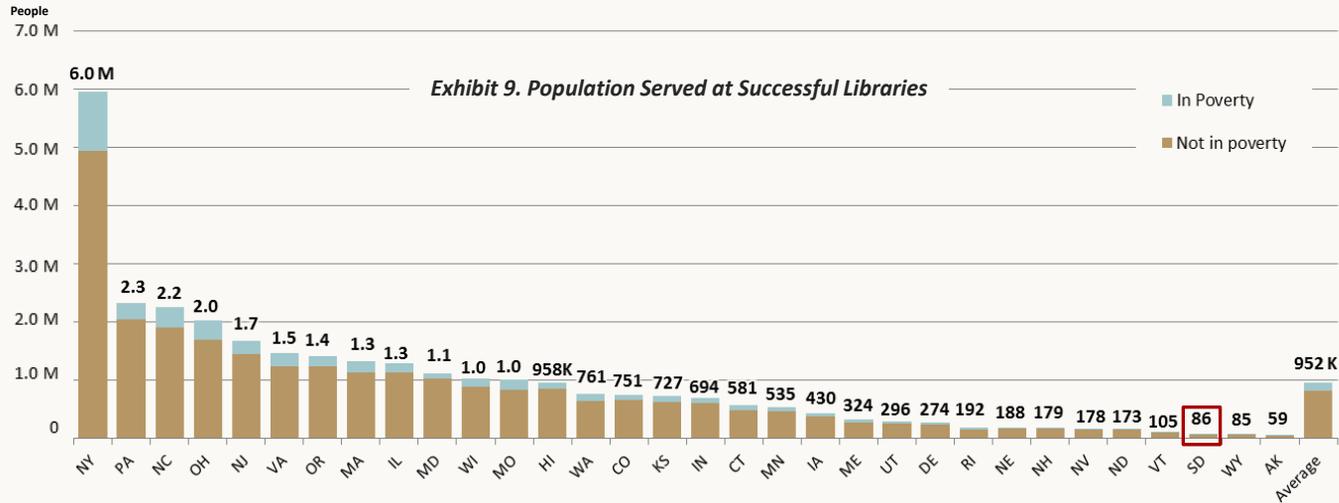
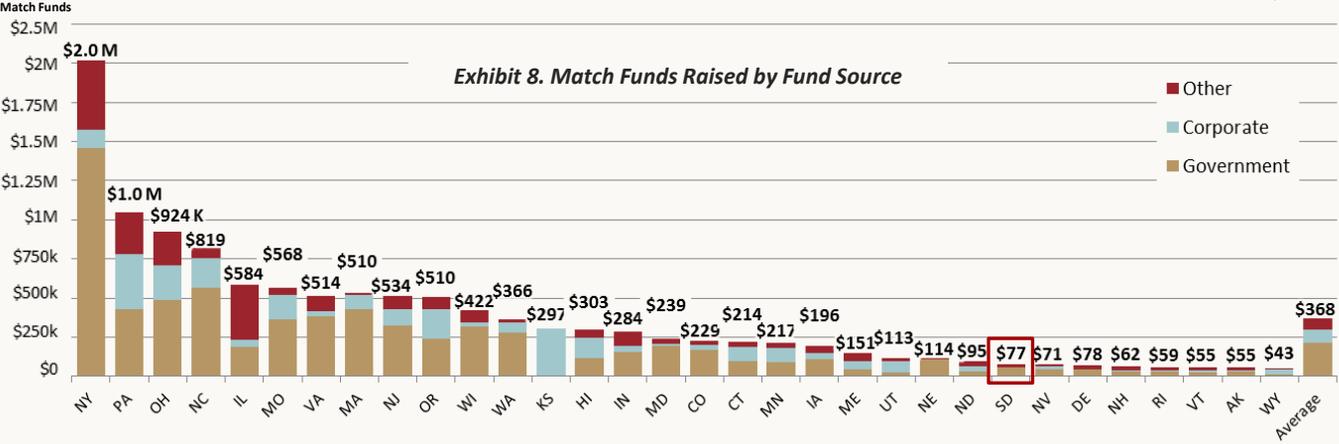
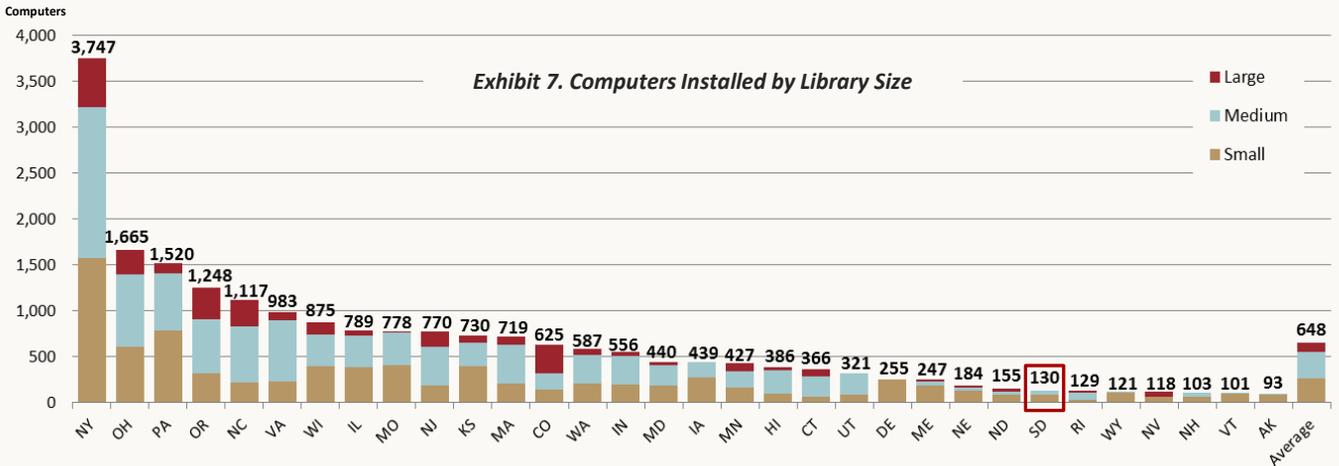
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Nationwide Outcomes

South Dakota was one of the smallest states to participate in the Opportunity Online grant program, and contains one of the highest proportions of small libraries compared to the other grant participants.



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