

Operations Update: November 13, 2012, submitted by: Carol Ammons

AmeriCorps Close Out – Completion Date: January 20, 2013; Outstanding Revenue from state: approx. \$9,142.00

- I. AmeriCorps Budget reimbursements – in progress (last Periodic Expense Report submitted 12/18/12)

Personnel Concerns:

Janitorial Staff – Contract Professional Services for maintenance, selected Mr. Russell Barnes, custodial worker with Unit 4 and he will work 20 hours per week with UC-IMC, early morning shift in fall/winter and afternoons in summer. Mr. Russell has been providing electrical services to the IMC and has other “handy man” skills and assisted greatly with meeting fire code requirements.

Facility Updates:

All carpets, rugs and floors will be addressed over the holiday break. You will receive a notice regarding dates and times from Mr. Russell. The schedule will be shared with all tenants, workings groups, members, etc., on 12/19/2012, details are being finalized.

Bookkeeping Updates:

Recommendation of New Fiscal Policies – see attached (not approved during previous month’s meeting). *Action: The recommendations need approval to be added to the fiscal policies.*

Aging Report: Not available at the time of this summary.

Contract/Professional Services

The UC-IMC requires that any independent contractors hired to conduct business with the UC-IMC will be provided with a 1099 tax form. Upon hire, the UC-IMC bookkeeper will provide the contractors with IRS Form 1099-MISC in some cases. The IRS says that a 1099-MISC form must be filed by companies that pay individuals who are not employees \$600 or more during a year. However, our auditing firm recommends that our finance committee require 1099-MISC form for all contracted services. The UC-IMC will keep detailed financial records to ensure that all necessary information to file will be kept on hand.

Tracking Donations and Sending Thank You Letters

Due to the volume of individual donations received each year, UC-IMC will require that donation thank you letters be sent to donors above \$100.

Sales Taxes

UC-IMC will collect sales taxes **on items subject** to sales tax in the state to which the order is shipped; tax is generally calculated on the total selling price of each individual item. Sales taxes collected will be properly remitted to taxing authority in accordance with state and local regulations.

IMC FINANCIAL ASSETS: Note \$30,000 decrease this past fiscal year.

Fund Balances:		11/1/11	12/18/12
A. U of I Credit Union			
General Operations		\$34,845	\$30,619
Restricted Global Funds		\$26,371	\$26,374
Tang Donation Savings		\$50,202	\$50,241
Sustainer's Fund		\$6,561	\$7,656
B. PayPal Account		\$30,169	\$3,265
C. Investments		\$33,500	\$33,500
TOTAL:		\$181,648	\$151,655

IMC STAFFING: Note \$20,000 increase this coming fiscal year.

IMC STAFFING COSTS				
	2012 Budget		2013 Budget	
	hourly rate	Annual Cost	Hrs./Pay	Annual Cost
Operations Manager	salaries	\$7,180	salaries	\$35,360.00
Bookkeeper	\$13 / 20 wk	\$13,520		\$0.00
Finance Contracted		\$0	\$520 monthly	\$6,240
Tech Support		\$0	\$12/10 hr-wk	\$6,240
Maintenance	salaries AC	\$8,500		\$0.00
Maintenance Contracted		\$0	\$800 monthly 20 hrs. per wk.	\$9,600.00
Venue Coord.	salaries AC	\$8,500		\$0.00
Outreach	salaries AC	\$4,500		\$0.00
Receptionist		\$0		\$0.00
Event Staffing		\$0	\$10 per hour/ 10 hrs per wk.	\$5,200.00
Other		\$0		\$0.00
TOTAL		\$42,200		\$62,640

PREFACE

The 2013 draft budget is significantly different than budgets of the past three years. Major changes include the elimination of the Americorps grant, the departure of key local fiscal sponsors, and the readjustment of line items reflecting these and other changes. As a result revenue and expenditures are more straightforward and easier to understand. The nonrenewal of the Americorps grant and the loss of funds presents a new challenge to the Board as it addresses current staffing needs and future programming initiatives. Also major capital improvement costs must be carefully monitored because no allowance is made for these costs within the current revenue sources of the IMC.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

1. The 2013 budget is a deficit budget, -\$33,608. The 2013 revenue and expenditure column figures reflect for the most part actual Quickbook numbers as of December 4, 2012.
2. Reduced revenue is primarily the consequence of:
 - a decrease in rental income \$12,700
 - decrease in Community Shares contributions \$1700
 - departure of key fiscal sponsors \$1500
 - weak donor base and annual contributions totaling less than \$1000
 - nonrenewal of Americorps grant
3. Additional possible sources of revenue:
 - fully rented tenant spaces \$8760
 - WRFU tower space rent \$2400
 - donation increase – fund drive ~~\$30,000~~ \$3,000.00
 - ~~Media Democracy Fund \$30,000~~
 - unrestricted grants
 - other suggestions from Fundraising Committee
4. This budget does not incorporate any money for major capital improvement projects. Any such expenditures incurred during the year would likely need to come from reserves in investments or the Tang fund. An example of this would be the replacement of the boiler water pumps (\$8000 - \$23,000).
5. This budget reflects staffing positions and costs as developed by the Board during the last three months of 2012. It is a minimal staffing plan. Optimum staffing levels would include more personnel for reception/bookkeeping, venue, tech support, programming, and cost of living increases.
6. There are several 2012 revenue and expenditures items that will be carried over into the 2013 fiscal year, but are not in the 2013 budget. Revenue includes late AC and GRC payments of \$8000 and \$2611. Expenses include GRC seed money \$3000-\$4000 and WRFU tower cost overruns of \$6000-\$8000.
7. There is no allocation of funds for legal fees in this budget. Most likely there will be the need to do so as a civil lawsuit has been filed against the IMC.
8. It is crucial that the public space income be maintained (\$26,425).

DRAFT 2013 IMC BUDGET

INCOME LINE ITEMS	2012 Budget	2013 Budget	
1-1000 - RENTALS	2012	2013	Notes
1-1010 - Parking Lot	\$2,880.00	\$2,940.00	Parking slots are available
1-1020 - IMC Group Space-Resource Sharing			Rent has been very stable in this category
1-1021 - Rm 23 Books to Prisoners	\$4,200.00	\$4,320.00	
1-1022 - Rm 112 WRFU	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	
1-1023 - Rm 16 Makerspace	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	
1-1024 - Print/Public i	\$504.00	\$504.00	
1-1025 - Rm 21A SDaS	\$1,500.00	\$1,200.00	
1-1026 - Rm 24 & 25 The Bike Project	\$10,800.00	\$11,178.00	
Total 1-1020 - IMC Group Space-Resource Sharing	\$22,404.00	\$22,602.00	
1-1030 - Artists in Residence			Has been difficult keeping all rooms fully rented
1-1031 - C4A Rooms	\$22,850.00	\$0.00	C4A has left the IMC
1-1032 - Rm 21 SDaS	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	
1-1033 - Rm 212 Jessica Stanze	\$3,000.00	\$3,198.00	
1-1034 - Rm 215 Chris Evans	\$2,400.00	\$3,000.00	
1-1035 - Rm 222	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	Green Corps vacates January 1 (\$250 mo/\$3000yr)
1-1036 - Rm 10 Nicholas Hansen	\$2,400.00	\$3,600.00	
1-1037 - Rm 11 Maiko Lehman	\$1,440.00	\$1,440.00	
1-1038 - Rm 15 Meeting Room	\$0.00	\$250.00	
1-1039 - Rm 22 Chris Hampson	\$2,640.00	\$3,096.00	
1-1031b Rm 223 Zoe Mann	\$3,480.00	\$3,480.00	
1-1031c Rm 224	\$0.00	\$0.00	Currently vacant, was part of C4A (\$480 mo/\$5760 yr)
1-1032a - Rm 26 Storage	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1-1033a - Deposit	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1-1034a - Key Deposit	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total 1-1030 - Artists in Residence	\$45,410.00	\$22,864.00	Rms 222 & 224 if rented would bring in \$8760
1-1040 - Other Office Spaces			
1-1041 - Rm 206,206a,207,208 Ruth Wyman	\$6,600.00	\$15,708.00	
1-1042 - Rm 102 UP Center	\$5,400.00	\$5,400.00	
1-1043 Rm 226 Redeemer Church	\$0.00	\$8,100.00	
Total 1-1040 - Other Office Spaces	\$12,000.00	\$21,108.00	
Total 1-1000 - RENTALS	\$82,694.00	\$69,514.00	
1-1100 - IMC MEMBERSHIP & DONATIONS	2012	2013	
1-1160 - IMC In-Kind Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1-1110 - Individual Regular Membership	\$2,500.00	\$2,280.00	
1-1120 - Sustaining Membership	\$250.00	\$125.00	

1-2200 • Books to Prisoners				BTP manages their own bookkeeping
1-2210 • Amazon Sales		\$9,696.00	\$9,696.00	
1-2220 • Donations		\$10,453.00	\$10,453.00	
1-2230 • Local Book Sales		\$7,973.00	\$7,973.00	
1-2240 • Grants and Awards		\$0.00	\$0.00	
1-2250 • Fundraisers		\$1,738.00	\$1,738.00	
1-2260 • Miscellaneous		\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total 1-2200 • Books to Prisoners		\$29,860.00	\$29,860.00	
1-2300 • WRFU				IMC now directly supports WRFU
1-2310 • Memberships		\$500.00	\$245.00	
1-2320 • Donations		\$500.00	\$10.00	
1-2330 • Fundraising		\$4,900.00	\$0.00	
1-2340 • Tower Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	
1-2350 • Grant		\$0.00	\$0.00	
1-2360 • Underwriting		\$0.00	\$0.00	
1-2370 • PayPal		\$0.00	\$0.00	
1-2380 • Other		\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total 1-2300 • WRFU		\$5,900.00	\$255.00	
1-2400 • Makerspace				
1-2410 • Memberships		\$0.00	\$0.00	
1-2420 • Donations		\$0.00	\$2,090.00	
1-2430 • Fundraising		\$0.00	\$0.00	
1-2440 • Grant		\$0.00	\$0.00	
1-2450 • Screen Printing		\$0.00	\$0.00	
1-2460 • Other		\$0.00	\$0.00	
1-2470 • Help Desk		\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total 1-2400 • Makerspace		\$0.00	\$2,090.00	
1-2500 • Print/Public I				
1-2510 • Memberships		\$0.00	\$0.00	
1-2520 • Donations		\$3,660.00	\$2,860.00	
1-2530 • Fundraising		\$0.00	\$0.00	
1-2540 • Grant		\$0.00	\$0.00	
1-2550 • Other		\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total 1-2500 • Print/Public I		\$3,660.00	\$2,860.00	
1-2600 • Costume Closet				
1-2610 • Memberships		\$0.00	\$0.00	
1-2620 • Donations		\$0.00	\$0.00	
1-2630 • Fundraising		\$0.00	\$0.00	
1-2640 • Grant		\$0.00	\$0.00	
1-2650 • Other		\$0.00	\$0.00	

EXPENSE LINE ITEMS			
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2-1000 - IMC PAYROLL	2012	2013	
2-1010 - IMC Staff			
2-1011 - Wages	\$19,500.00	\$40,560.00	Office Manager & Event Staffing
2-1012 - FICA	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	
2-1013 - Workman's Comp	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2-1014 - Health Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2-1015 - Federal Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2-1016 - State Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2-1000 - TOTAL IMC PAYROLL	\$20,700.00	\$40,560.00	

2-1100 - OFFICE & BUSINESS EXPENSES	2012	2013	
2-1110 - General Office			
2-1111 - Telephone	\$700.00	\$1,320.00	
2-1112 - Postage	\$500.00	\$250.00	
2-1113 - Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$700.00	
2-1114 - Office Equipment	\$500.00	\$0.00	
2-1115 - Computer Equipment	\$0.00	\$750.00	
2-1116 - Software	\$384.00	\$420.00	
2-1117 - Media Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2-1118 - Photocopier	\$300.00	\$0.00	
2-1119 - Printing & Publication	\$300.00	\$75.00	
2-1111a - Publicity	\$100.00	\$75.00	
2-1112a - Advertising	\$300.00	\$675.00	
2-1113a - Fundraising	\$700.00	\$475.00	
2-1114a - Bank Fees/Charges	\$150.00	\$75.00	
Total 2-1110 - General Office	\$5,434.00	\$4,815.00	
2-1120 - Contracted Fees			
2-1121 - Audit	\$6,700.00	\$6,750.00	
2-1122 - Tax Preparation	\$750.00	\$750.00	
2-1123 - Consultant Fees	\$524.00	\$508.00	
2-1124 - PayPal Charges	\$100.00	\$60.00	
2-1125 - Legal/Attorney	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2-1126 - Contract Labor	\$0.00	\$12,480.00	Insurance Agent Fee Bookkeeper & Tech Support Salaries
Total 2-1120 - Contracted Fees	\$8,074.00	\$20,548.00	
2-1130 - Insurance			
2-1131 - Director Insurance	\$1,092.00	\$1,088.00	
2-1132 - General Liability	\$2,954.00	\$2,499.00	
Total 2-1130 - Insurance	\$4,046.00	\$3,587.00	
2-1150 - Travel	\$400.00	\$400.00	
2-1100 - TOTAL OFFICE & BUSINESS EXPENSES	\$17,954.00	\$29,350.00	

2-1400 - IMC Grants Exp.	2012	2013
2-1410 - Illinois Art Council	\$0.00	\$0.00
2-1420 - We Choose Health	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
2-1440 - Cunningham Township Grant	\$4,500.00	\$0.00
2-1400 - IMC Grants Exp. - Other	\$0.00	\$0.00
2-1400 - TOTAL IMC Grants Exp.	\$4,500.00	\$10,000.00

2-2000 - WORKING GROUP EXPENSES	2012	2013
2-2100 - Common Space Working Group		
2-2110 - Common Space One Time Rentals	\$0.00	\$0.00
2-2120 - Common Space Recurring Rentals	\$0.00	\$0.00
2-2130 - Supplies	\$500.00	\$250.00
2-2140 - Equipment	\$2,000.00	\$500.00
2-2160 - Printing/Publicity	\$500.00	\$250.00
2-2170 - Contracted Services	\$0.00	\$0.00
2-2180 - Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00
2-2190 - Security Deposit	\$0.00	\$0.00
2-2190a - Key Deposit	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total 2-2100 - Common Space Working Group	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00
2-2200 - Books to Prisoners		
2-2210 - Rent	\$4,320.00	\$4,320.00
2-2220 - Americorp	\$4,004.00	\$4,004.00
2-2230 - Photocopier	\$300.00	\$300.00
2-2240 - Shipping/Postage	\$6,410.00	\$6,410.00
2-2250 - Dictionaries	\$2,144.00	\$2,144.00
2-2260 - Supplies and Operations	\$1,040.00	\$1,040.00
2-2270 - Amazon	\$5,959.00	\$5,959.00
2-2280 - Fundraising	\$1,403.00	\$1,403.00
2-2290 - Miscellaneous	\$4,240.00	\$4,240.00
Total 2-2200 - Books to Prisoners	\$29,820.00	\$29,820.00
2-2300 - WRFU		
2-2310 - Rent	\$1,800.00	\$0.00
2-2320 - Utilities	\$0.00	\$0.00
2-2330 - Supplies	\$100.00	\$0.00
2-2340 - Equipment	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
2-2360 - Printing/Publicity	\$0.00	\$0.00
2-2370 - Workgroup Disbursals	\$0.00	\$0.00
2-2380 - Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00
2-2390 - Tower	\$0.00	\$0.00
2-2310a - Program Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00
2-2320a - Licenses & Permits	\$500.00	\$500.00
Total 2-2300 - WRFU	\$5,900.00	\$500.00

IMC now financially subsidizes WRFU
Rent no longer required

Total 2-2800 · Tech	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2-2900 · Community Connections			
2-2910 · Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2-2930 · Printing/Publicity	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2-2940 · Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total 2-2900 · Community Connections	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2-2000 · TOTAL WORKING GROUP EXPENSES	\$45,370.00	\$37,970.00	

2-4000 · IMC FISCAL SPONSORS	2012	2013	
2-4100 · Local IMC Sponsors			No disbursements made in 2012
2-4130 · 3 R's	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2-4140 · Recycled Rhythms	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2-4150 · Creative Intervention Agency	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2-4160 · EcoDance	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2-4180 · Root Causes	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2-4190 SDaS	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2-4100 · Total Local IMC Sponsors	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2-4200 · National IMC Sponsors	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2-4300 · International IMC Sponsors	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2-4000 · TOTAL IMC FISCAL SPONSORS	\$0.00	\$0.00	

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$171,620.00	\$205,532.00	
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2013 BUDGET BALANCE

-\$33,608.00

Facilities Committee Report to IMC Board of Directors, 12/18/2012

Facilities Updates



Annual Fire Inspection Conducted & Passed

Initial inspection occurred on 10/22/2012 and follow up on 12/12/12. All issues identified have been remediated.



Boiler Combustion analysis completed after repairs

Reliable Mechanical repaired a gas valve actuator which controls gas flow to the boiler. Afterward performed combustion analysis of the boiler. Boiler is operating at 82.3% efficiency.



Pursuing Technology Service Agreement with Volo Broadband

Danielle Chynoweth and Chris Ritzo are in early discussions with Volo Broadband regarding their interest in space on the WRFU tower in exchange for IT services provided to the IMC. We are currently seeking guidance on the market value of our tower space and outlining IT service needs for the agreement.



Discussing Space Rental Agreement with UPTV

Danielle Chynoweth and Chris Ritzo are in discussions with leadership of UPTV on a proposed space usage and rental arrangement with UPTV. UPTV is interested in having expanded space to carry out community access television production and training. This agreement would look at shared cost installation of movable room dividing walls in the Sun Room and UPTV's use and management of computers in the former production room and staff offices. Discussions are ongoing and exploratory at this stage.



Technology Updates



UC2B Installation We expect that UC2B fiber will be installed to our building soon. UC2B representatives have not yet set an installation date.



VOIP service from Volo Broadband A bid from Volo Broadband for VOIP phone service has been solicited and we plan to discuss cost sharing arrangements with them for network administration and support



Wired Network upgrades Work proceeds on installing wired network jacks in all building spaces. Currently working on basement level. Operations manager can report how many tenants currently are paying monthly for wired jack access.



TIF RIP Custom Redevelopment Proposal

City of Urbana community development staff continue to wait for our decision to move forward on an application for TIF RIP funding. We are proposing a 3 year project plan which will utilize TIF RIP funds from the City, our own equity dollars and fundraising, as well as financing with our lender to complete window restoration, energy efficiency updates and projects related to tenanting.


Additional funding streams could come from these sources:



IFF Nonprofit Low-Interest Loan Program

IFF, a leading nonprofit community development financial institution, offers affordable,

flexible financing to nonprofits looking to integrate “green” design and construction techniques into their facilities projects. IFF finances a wide range of sustainable solutions--including renovation/retrofit and new construction projects with energy-saving elements, HVAC and lighting upgrades, energy efficient windows, and more, <http://iff.org/loan-program-overview>. To discuss your project or obtain information on rates and terms, contact an IFF loan officer toll-free at 866-629-0060 or general@iff.org.

 Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation
<http://www.illinoiscleanenergy.org/energy-efficiency/>

 **Building and Facilities Strategic Plan**

The outgoing chair encourages the board to look seriously at the three year strategic building and plan, including items in the TIF RIP Custom Redevelopment Proposal proposed for discussion over the past four months.



Phone
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Flue gas measurement

Owner
IMC

Location



Measurement

Time 12/4/2012 11:20:21 AM
Instrument testo 350
Serial number 02406391 (11)

Smoke number 1
Smoke number 2
Smoke number 3
Mean smoke number
Smoke pump number
HCT

Fuel Natural Gas
Oil derivate

12/4/2012 11:20:21 AM	Date / time
459.9	°F Tstack
4.81	% O2
45	ppm CO
9.01	% CO2
32.8	ppm NOx
29	ppm NO
3.8	ppm NO2
82.3	% Eff net
26.6	% ExAir
17.7	% Loss
0.97	l/min Pump
78.3	°F Tamb
x1	Dilution factor



Urbana Champaign Independent Media Center

Fun-raising Committee of the UCIMC Board - September 15, 2012

Active fun-raisers: Danielle Chynoweth, Chris Ritzo, Carol Ammons, Belden Fields, Suzanne Linder. Am I missing anyone? Our goal is to have a representation from every working group on our fundraising committee. Want to help? Talk to Danelle.

UCIMC is supported primarily through admissions/space rentals, memberships and donations, and grants. In addition to large donations below we have sustaining donors, sponsors of the Public I, Grassroots Radio Conference, and other project, SDAS guaranteeing our mortgage loan, and tens of thousands of volunteer hours – **thank you!**

Grants Secured:

- **CU Public Health - \$10,000** towards a media trainer – project is to make 4 stories about health and wellness with area school children in the next year. This grant may renew for 5 years and might be matched with another grant.
- **Illinois Arts Council** renewed at **\$8,500** for next year, up from \$7500. This money goes to general operations.
- **University of Illinois - \$1,000** of Dept of Commerce and Economic Opportunity funds for robotics to support a workshop with the U of I.
- **City of Urbana - \$1,500** - U-C Mini Maker Faire.
- **City of Urbana - \$1,000** – Zine Fest
- **Acorn Active Media – \$2,000** to MakerSpace. Also donated for **10 LCD monitors** for the new computer lab.

Large In Kind Donations:

- **University Of Illinois** - Dept of Arch. - UI public engagement grant to design lobby.
- **Open Technology Institute (of New America Foundation)** – donated Firewall.
- **Urbana Free Library** – donated 8 computers & tables.
- **Volo.net** – donated **20 computers** used by computer lab & staff, 2 servers, extra broadband during the GRC.
- **Cunningham Township** – refers clients to UCIMC who clean and staff the front desk to meet their work obligation for township assistance. Please welcome and thank them.

Grants Denied:

- **Urbana Social Service Grant** which has funded Indymedia and Arts Lab for 3 years was not renewed – they have started a 3 year limit on grants.
- **AmeriCorps** grant was NOT renewed. After Oct, 2012, this program will close.

Grants Progress:

- **Urbana Economic Development Agreement - \$41,000** matched by \$160,000 of our own investment to increase energy efficiency, upgrade the heating and cooling system, and replace/repair most of the windows.
- ~~**Media Democracy Fund - \$30,000**~~ towards staffing to help conduct local and regional outreach and build partnerships and support UCIMC leadership in the Media Action Grassroots Network.
- **Broadband Illinois - \$40,000** – a partnership with Pixo (formerly OJC) and the Champaign County Bursing Home to conduct a pilot program to make use of UC2B connectivity to improve residents lives (skyping with loved ones far away, etc)



Urbana Champaign Independent Media Highlights

- **UCIMC = media + art + social justice.** We foster the creation and distribution of media and art emphasizing underrepresented voices and perspectives and to promote empowerment and expression through media and arts education.
- Operates a community radio station, media training facility, performance venue, public access computer center, makerspace, computer help desk, book, musical instrument, and costume library, and art gallery and studios.
- Purchased the downtown Urbana post office building in 2005 and converted it into a Community Media and Arts Center, while retaining the postal services downtown.
- UCIMC venues have been used to successfully end the unfair jail phone contract, clean up toxic waste, exonerate LGBT activists, stop police acquisition of tasers, blow the whistle on jail torture, and document racial profiling.
- Is a MAGNet anchor in the media justice movement & an internationally recognized model for how community media can be used by residents to transform and empower their community, changing policy and transforming lives.
- Played a fiscal sponsorship and support role for 59 media & arts organizations including: Global Indymedia Fund, Media Mobilizing Project, Katrina Wireless Response Initiative, Common Language Project, IndyKids, and IMCs in Argentina, Baghdad, Boston, Chiapas, DC, Israel, NYC, Nigeria, & Palestine.
- Powered by 2.25 FTE, 16 active board members, and hundreds of volunteers, serving 425 organizations and 256,198 members of the public in 2011.
- Helped bring \$22.5 million dollars in broadband stimulus funds to build a public broadband system in our community, playing a lead role in organizing civil society participation in the grant process.
- Hosted 153 events in 2011, producing an annual Zine Fest, Prisoner Arts Festival, MakerFaire, IMC Music Fest, Grassroots Radio Conference (2012), Indymedia African Convergence (Nairobi, 2009).
- Participated in a panel before the FCC in June 2010 about the role of Community Media in the Future of Journalism, and have lead workshops in Burma, Thailand, Kenya, Italy, Mexico, and the U.S.
- Shipped 78,784 free books to 12,440 Illinois prisoners, created 2 new jail libraries and won Governor's Hometown Award for this work.
- Is an anchor institution on the public broadband network. Provides free community web hosting and listservs to 204 organizations such as the Jobs with Justice, Red Cross, and the Anti-War Anti-Racism effort.
- Developed CUWiN (cuwireless.net), an internationally recognized leader in open source mesh network software. Deployed the first open wifi network in Champaign-Urbana, Homer, Illinois, tribal lands of the Mesa Grande Reservation, and the townships of South Africa.

