

Group seeks to improve Internet access

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GALVESTON — The Galveston Community Network Group has received a \$25,000 grant from the Texas Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board to develop a plan for providing Galveston residents and visitors with public access to the Internet and community-oriented Web-based services.

After the board approves the plan, the group will qualify for an additional \$500,000 to implement the project.

In its application to the state board, the group noted that a "digital divide" exists due to the diverse income status of the community's

population. The project's goal is to increase the number of places on the island where people can access electronic information technology.

The next general meeting of the Galveston Community Network Group is set for noon Dec. 19 at Texas A&M University at Galveston. The public is invited. For information, call (409) 740-4714.

The group consists of nine

academic, governmental and non-profit organizations. Members are Texas A&M University at Galveston, Galveston College, University of Texas Medical Branch, the city of Galveston, Rosenberg Public Library, Galveston County, Galveston Independent School District, the Moody Foundation-Moody Gardens and the Army Corps of Engineers.