

City of Bloomington – Bloomington Digital Underground (BDU) Advisory Committee

MEMORANDA
August 3, 2023 4:00PM

This meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format and be held both in the McCloskey Conference Room, located in Room 135, at 401 N. Morton Street, City Hall Bloomington, IN, and also remotely, which may be accessed at the following link:
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Meeting Called to Order: 4:10 p.m. by Rick Dietz

Board Members Present In Person: Chris Robb, Mike Trotzke, Mike Allen, and Mike Satterfield

Board Members Present Virtually: Marianne Chitwood, and Michelle Cole

Board Members Absent: Mike Sullivan

City Staff, officials, and guests present: Rick Deitz, Victoria Jones, and Dave Brodin

Approval of the Digital Equity Grant Receiptant Committee Recommendations (See Attached)

Motion by: Chriss Robb

Second by: Marianne Chitwood

Action: The motion received a vote of Yays: 6, Nays: 0, Abstentions: 0

Adjournment: 4:59 p.m.

Contact: Rick Dietz / 812-349-3485 / dietzr@bloomington.in.gov

Organization	Project title	Award	Project Desc.
Area 10 Agency on Aging	Creating Digital Literacy Opportunities and Tackling Social Isolation in the World of COVID	\$6,100	We are requesting funds to implement our Accessible Technology Loaner & Distribution Program for older adults in Monroe County. Our program goals include 1) helping seniors secure broadband access and effective computing devices and 2) providing the necessary digital skills for using these devices as well as their own to combat social isolation and promote connection with family, friends, and community.
Boys and Girls Clubs of Bloomington	Bee Safe Online	\$6,900	We are requesting funding for chrome books with lifetime licenses and the safety security training program. We are going to use these to run a program for the kids to train them on the dangers of being on the internet. We will make sure to cover how hackers obtain their information and what they can do with it. We will also train the staff as well so they can better inform the kids as to what they are seeing online and learning in the course. We will create a "bee" character that we can put on the walls with different phrases about online safety and security.
Community Justice and Mediation Center	Eviction Prevention Project	\$2,900	We are requesting funding support bridging the digital divide by the purchase of a new laptop, Microsoft Office, and an Adobe Pro annual license to support and enhance the efficiencies of the work of the EPP coordinator; the purchase of two mobile tablets/hotspots to support client access to referral resources, eviction/damages hearings, and on-site data collection/event participation. We are also requesting funds to develop and deliver a pilot training to area service providers that will provide tools and orientation to support their clients' technology needs for virtual eviction court access and navigation.
Courage to Change Sober Living	Printers/Scanners/Supplies/Wi-fi Service for Courage to Change Sober Living Houses	\$2,300	We are requesting funding to buy four printers/scanners and pay 1/2 of our internet service for our four Courage to Change Sober Living residences. Through the previous years Digital Equity Grant funding we have been able to provide our four sober living house with computers. Our residents have put these computers to good use but have asked us if we could provide printers/scanners as well. This will complete our desire to furnish our houses with computers/hardware for our residents to use while in our program.
Middle Way House	The RISE! Computer Lab	\$1,900	Middle Way House is requesting funding to create a RISE! computer lab within the community resource room. MWH will purchase two computer towers, two monitors, and Microsoft licensure in order for RISE! residents to have reliable access to technology.
Monroe County Community School Corporation Adult Education	The Fabrication of Skills, Prosperity, and Connections	\$5,900	We are requesting funding to design a mobile digital fabrication lab to serve as an incubator for solution based innovation and authentic cross curricular experiences, including contextualized digital skills. Ideally, the equipment requested though this application would be combined with four 3-D printers that we recently purchased. In addition to the 3-D printers, we would like our students to have access to the following digital fabrication tools: laser cutter, vinyl cutter, CNC router, computer programmable embroidery machine, and computer programable sewing machine. The funds from this grant would not cover the cost of all of those pieces of equipment, but would serve as a valuable supplement to the limited resources we currently have to offer. Through these grant funds, we would be able to purchase a Glowforge laser cutter and a vinyl cutter, both of which (when paired with the capabilities of the 3-D printers) offer limitless design possibilities.
Monroe County United Ministries	Your Path to Self-Sufficiency: Supporting Utilization & Institutionalization of Digital Resources	\$3,000	This project will provide appropriately-matched technology incentives to Your Path clients who achieve their large self-sufficiency goals (ie enrolling in higher education, savings of a certain amount, etc.). Such incentives are relevant to their goals and their long term success as well as are pseudo-assets our clients would otherwise not have access to (but desperately need) such as computers, tablets, and smart phones. Your Path is a FREE, voluntary, and self-driven opportunity where interested clients commit to working with a coach for 2-3 years to improve one or more stability areas in their lives. The program uses the data-backed assessment method called the bridge to self-sufficiency to define where a family is at any point in time in any or all of the 5 different multidimensional areas of life. These areas all impact each other and a family's ability to get and remain financially self-sufficient.

Indiana Recovery Alliance	Digital Equity for Unhoused People and People Who Use Drugs to Access Health Care and Benefits	\$4,100	We are requesting \$8220 for 6 tablets, 6 tablet cases containing keyboards, 4 phones, and 4 phones cases as well as locking mounting equipment for the tablets so they can be locked securely in place when they are at the office for participant use and funding for data for the phones so they can provide hotspots and mobile access to the internet when we take our program to the streets and camps. We would utilize these devices to expand our services for health care navigation and access and benefits sign-up services, empowering our unhoused participants through the digital skills and access to devices to be able to make their own appointments and sign up for services like food stamps, housing, health care, and substance use treatment should they want it.
New Leaf, New Life	Office Internet & Printer Access	\$1,500	We are requesting funding to assist us with 11 months of Wi-Fi and printing supplies. This grant will assist us with supporting our clients that are currently incarcerated and have been recently released with accessing resources such as treatment applications, SNAP & HIP applications, and employment opportunities.
Pantry 279	Technology for new Pantry 279 Building	\$3,700	Pantry 279 is requesting funding for the purchase of a router, two desktop computers, two commercial printers, one laptop and internet access for one year. This technology will be used to expand our food service program as well as better serve the folks who currently are clients of Pantry 279.
Sojourn House	Sojourn House Education Pathway	\$3,100	The clients of Sojourn House thus far have been 100% un-housed. This social determinant of health creates a huge digital equity gap, however this is not captured on the survey. Clients of Sojourn House have become accustomed to utilizing a phone to navigate needs. While this is very helpful, basic computer skills are an issue due to access. Sojourn House works with clients on these basic computer skills including keyboarding, email access and usage, professional communication, word and excel skills, resume creation, applying for jobs, applying for housing and professional writing. Volunteers and staff help residents and clients develop skills to utilize technology and to be safe on the internet. Internet safety is not something that most of the clients are aware of and in fact some are victims of trafficking for that very reason. Purchasing devices with this grant will allow everyone in a computer class taught by Sojourn House to use their own device. It will allow them to work on homework as many are in GED classes and some are taking classes at Ivy Tech. Learning on a shared device is a challenge. Part of the sustainability pathway of the program includes purchasing their own technology devices, but this will allow them easy access until they are able to get through that step.
Summit Hill Community Development Corporation	Affordable Housing Community Computer & Network Access	\$5,900	We are requesting funding for this proposal. This project aims to expand the capacity of resources for our existing network/computer service infrastructure for BHA Clients (Section 8/RAD Housing) as well as community-wide patrons of our computer lab services. Additionally, we hope to disburse computers to individual households with such needs.
Wheeler Mission	PC and Printing Availability Program	\$2,700	to purchase and install two computer PCs and a black and white printer for our guests experiencing homelessness and the general public visiting our campus for services to use inside our Center for Men's cafeteria during designated timeframes each day. Such an award will kick-start Wheeler Mission—Bloomington's pilot PC and Printer Accessibility program and will serve as a very small-scale library where guests can enjoy Wi-Fi internet access, Microsoft Office Suite, and printing capabilities.