## To: COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY BOARD (CTAB)

## From: Technology Matching Fund Review COmmittee

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## **Re: 2018 Technology Matching Fund Recommendations for Funding**

The Technology Matching Fund Review Panel has completed the 2018 Technology Matching Fund application review process. The 17-member review panel consisted of a diverse group of CTAB members, community members and City staff. Participants included Heather Lewis, Mark DeLoura, Torgie Madison, Charlotte Lunday, Steven Maheshwary, Brian Hsi, Julie Pham, Kenny Shelton, Maria Cuevas, Michael Constantine, Allison Borngesser, Stacey Wedlake, Chance Hunt, Delia Burke, Vicky Yuki, David Keyes and Seferiana Day. In this application cycle the City received forty-six applications, requesting over $1.69 million with an average request of $36,854.

After rigorously applying the Tech Matching Fund selection criteria, the committee is recommending funding a slate of twelve community organizations. The projects represent a broad range of community-driven, collaborative solutions to achieving digital equity in Seattle.  The grants will strengthen community partnerships, leverage existing expertise, and engage historically underserved or underrepresented communities.

Some highlights of this year’s recommended cohort are:

* The City’s budget of $400,000 will be matched with a projected $302,915 in community resources.
* The projects will reach over 8,349 residents throughout the City.
* The grants will benefit over 4,639 immigrants and refugees, 1,057 youth, 961 seniors and 1,058 people with disabilities.

**Projects recommended for funding:**

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| **Organization** | **Title** | **Request** |
| **Community Passageways** | **Technology Equity for Young Adults of Color**  Establish a computer lab for high need youth (ages 13-24) in Rainier Beach and offering computer literacy workshops in four critical areas---navigating adulthood, getting a job, succeeding in school, and using art to tell their story. In addition to the workshops, we will offer youth 1-on-1 assistance using their time in the computer lab productively. Give away ten prepaid phones for personal use to youth in extreme poverty who cannot afford a phone of their own and are at a critical stage in life where they would benefit tremendously from the connectivity a phone offers. | **$  18,351** |
| **East African Community Services** | **2018 Technology Matching Fund**  Develop a S.T.EM. Lab to empower girls, drawn from an ethnically diverse cohort of underrepresented, underserved refugees and immigrant youth living in South Seattle, with strong critical thinking and digital literacy skills so they are ready to pursue opportunities in higher education and jobs in high-demand technical fields. | **$  46,482** |
| **Garinagu Houngua** | **Garifuna Digital Literacy Workshop Series**  Provide a year-round, two-part workshop series designed to teach digital literacy, including hardware and software, typing skills, Microsoft Office suite, accessing Internet, using email, and social media skills to people in the Garifuna community (and other Central American/Caribbean communities) | **$  50,000** |
| **Helping Link** | **Mobile Computer + iPad Literacy Lab**  Upgrade the existing International District computer lab serving the Vietnamese community. Build staff capacity to provide a mobile lab, offering classes in partnership with affordable housing developers in the city. | **$  43,416** |
| **Literacy Source** | **Open Doors - Increasing basic digital literacy**  Increase digital literacy among historically underserved or underrepresented adults by offering basic computer skills instruction for adult learner Our project will:1) support two Learning Labs, each offered twice weekly throughout the year at our Lake City Learning center and 2) develop and provide focused, basic digital literacy workshops to support very beginning learners. The workshops will be offered evenings at our Center and throughout the year with our existing Ready to Work (RTW) partners - Neighborhood House in West Seattle and ACRS in the Rainier Valley. | **$  32,379** |
| **Millionair Club Charity** | **Computer Lab Expansion/Update**  Expand and update our computer lab serving low income adults for in our employment program to allow more workers to participate in orientations and trainings, such as in online OSHA trainings, sector-specific trainings, financial literacy workshops, resume building, food handlers permits and other online trainings that are sometimes the only thing holding a person back from getting a good job. | **$  30,000** |
| **PROVAIL** | **Adaptive Technology for Children with Disabilities**  Outfit an Assistive Technology Lab specifically created to meet the needs of children and youth with disabilities under age 18. Host a provider training in the lab so that more local therapists are aware of the latest adaptive technology and are able to apply it to enhance the lives of the clients they work with. | **$  26,982** |
| **Seattle Neighborhood Group** | **Building Our Bridge: Crossing the Digital Divide**  Provide a mobile computer lab and access to classes to increase technology access, computer skills, and knowledge of job seeking and internet security for low income residents in Seattle Housing Authority’s Rainier Vista community. | **$  25,168** |
| **Somali Family Safety Task Force** | **2018 Digital Literacy in West Seattle**  Expand our basic computer literacy classes to serve East African immigrant and refugee women living in West Seattle. The classes will focus on similar programming components of our successful New Holly courses, specifically: the women will bridge the digital divide essential to earn a living wage. | **$  25,200** |
| **South East Effective Development (SEED)** | **`Technology Builds Community`**  SEED will use grant funds to implement a computer center at the Dakota Family Apartments. The center will consist of 10 computers that will be available for residents' use, including 6 hours of lab time, where a support person will be available to assist residents. The center will also be used for computer trainings. | **$  18,269** |
| **United Indians of All Tribes Foundation** | **Broadband and Public Computer/Internet Access**  Build out broadband to our headquarters at Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center; update our technology infrastructure, to improve internet access for the public, clients, and event attendees; install a computer lab that will be open to the public, with four terminals and a dedicated server; and deliver a series of digital literacy workshops. | **$  33,813** |
| **YouthCare** | **Employment Technology Supports for Homeless Youth**  Purchase updated workstations, software, and network infrastructure to support GED preparation, job searches and applications, resume development, job interview preparation, career exploration, and computer skills trainings for youth and young adults experiencing homelessness. | **$  49,940** |

**2018 Tech Matching Fund Award Map**

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**Projects Not Recommended for Funding:**

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| **Organization** | **Title** | **Request** |
| 206 Zulu | Coolout Academy | $50,000 |
| Awareness and Recovery Institute | East African Youth Video Production Program | $33,805 |
| Chick Tech | Chick Tech Summer Camp | $30,200 |
| Coalition for Refugees from Burma | CELA Parent Technology and Leadership Program | $50,000 |
| Creative Justice | Creative Justice Digital | $13,200 |
| Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association | Forest Restoration Technology Upgrade | $5,150 |
| Enactus City University of Seattle | One Text Away | $49,860 |
| Eritrean Community in Seattle & Vicinity | Mobile Device Learning | $45,799 |
| Geeking Out Kids of Color | Geeking Out Kids In Our Community | $50,000 |
| Indigenouz PlaceMakerz | Interweaving Technology With Native Arts & Ways | $50,000 |
| iUrban Teen | STEM training for underrepresented youth. | $39,600 |
| Kin On Community Health Care | Kin On SmartLab: New Senior-Friendly Lunch & Learn | $39,807 |
| Lee Ngo | Junior Leaders of Innovation (Seattle 2018-2019) | $50,000 |
| Mercy Housing Northwest | Mt. Baker Digital Equity and Opportunity | $49,995 |
| MIT Enterprise Forum of the Northwest | STEM Community Outreach program | $14,990 |
| MIT Enterprise Forum of the Northwest | MITEF Accessibility for the Hearing Impaired | $5,857 |
| North Seattle Boys & Girls Club branch of Boys & Girls Clubs of King County | Deepen Digital Literacy - Rotary Boys & Girls Club | $30,000 |
| Path with Art | Path with Art Podcast | $32,144 |
| Prison Scholar Fund | Digital Runway | $49,600 |
| ProForum | Duwamish Digital Quilt | $46,581 |
| Reel Grrls | 2018 Technology Matching Fund | $49,785 |
| Ritu Bahl | Computing Kids CADMA Partnership | $41,684 |
| Somali Community Services of Seattle | Somali Youth Digital Media Enterprise (SYDME) | $28,800 |
| South Sudan Kuku Association of North America (SSKANA) | SSKANA Technology Matching Fund Project | $18,800 |
| Southeast Seattle Senior Center | SESSC Senior Electronic Education | $25,260 |
| Southwest Seattle Historical Society | West Seattle Minute (Google Maps-enabled videos) | $41,383 |
| STEMPaths Innovation Network | ApprenTek | $49,210 |
| Stemtac | STEM & Digital Literacy Education Program Pilot | $49,100 |
| Urban Impact | Economic Development Technology Program | $11,093 |
| Washington African Media Association (WAMA) | Journalism and Innovative Digital Storytelling | $49,826 |
| WeCount | WeCount: helping others safely and easily | $50,000 |
| Xbot Robotics | SE Seattle robotics elementary/middle age students | $26,040 |
| Yeleen Production | Central Area Youth Digital Sound System Program | $43,812 |
| YWCA Seattle | King | Snohomish | Technology Supports for White Center Families | $50,000 |