## To: COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY BOARD (CTAB)

## From: Technology Matching Fund Review PANEL

DATE: March 10, 2020

## **2020 Technology Matching Fund Recommendations for Funding**

The Technology Matching Fund Review Panel has completed the 2020 Technology Matching Fund application review process. The review panel consisted of a diverse group of CTAB members, community members and City staff. Participants included Torgie Madison, Rene Peters, Katie Crimmins, Tyler Woebkenberg, Liz Gruchala-Gilbert, Kristen Hoffman, Carina Meyer Vicky Yuki, and David Keyes. In this application cycle the City received forty-one applications, requesting over $900,000 in funds.

After rigorously applying the Tech Matching Fund selection criteria, the committee is recommending funding fourteen 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 $320,000 will be matched with a projected $346,000 in community resources.
* The projects will reach over 3,230 residents throughout the City.
* The grants will benefit over 1,598 immigrants and refugees, 1,248 youth, 1,376 older adults, 259 battling homelessness and 275 people with disabilities.

**Projects recommended for funding:**

**206 Zulu**

*Coolout Academy Digital Literacy Program*

Teach young people, particularly youth of color, the ins and outs of video and media production, from basic fundamentals to technical aspects, industry and professional development to hands on and in the field experience. Upgrade our video equipment to fully activate our space at Washington Hall, a historic venue and hub for many diverse communities, to further our media production projects with the young people, training and managing them as they learn to operate a fully functional community driven online broadcast station.

**Award: $12,490 Match: $18,000**

**Boys & Girls Club of King County**

*Bringing Technology to Northgate Boys & Girls Club*

Bring technology to Northgate Boys & Girls Club and enable Club kids to acquire essential digital literacy skills and improve overall academic performance. This equipment would be used in the implementation of daily programming and open up a world of possibilities for Northgate Club kids, enabling our kids to become producers, as well as consumers, of technology.

**Award: $12,252 Match: $9,092**

**Empowering Youth and Families Outreach**

Purchase seven new all-in-one computers, upgrading from our five outdated computer stations and adding two more to allow the students in all our programs access to up to date technology during programming.  Students in our Before and After School Program utilize computers daily to assist in their tutoring activities in addition to the coding lessons taught by Amazon. Our College and Career Readiness students use computers to search for scholarships, career information, create resumes, write college essays, and submit applications. The computers will also be used in the Entreprenurial training program.

**Award: $25,000 Match: $44,620**

**Eritrean Association of Greater Seattle**

*Digital Equity and Advancement Project*

Build the capacity of the Eritrean Association to provide technology in order to: 1) support the academic achievement of our children and youth through homework help, technical support and computer classes, 2) support the Eritrean language, dance and cultural development of our youth through digital research about Eritrea and Tigrigna as part of their studies, 3) help immigrant and refugee parents and guardians connect with academic resources for their children and learn how to keep their children safe online, 4) help the many seniors attending our expanded Senior Lunch Program stay connected and engaged, 5) help immigrant and refugee job seekers find and secure job opportunities, and 6) increase immigrants and refugee’s ability to be civically engaged by participating in 2020 Census, voter education, etc.

**Award: $24,998 Match: $28,090**

**Filipino Community of Seattle**

*FCS Innovation Learning Project*

The FCS Innovation Learning Project will serve low-income Rainier Valley residents with limited technical skills - including at-risk children/youth of color, immigrants/refugees, and seniors. Our Project will expand digital access and literacy and teach critical thinking and team-building skills using state of the art technical equipment in our current Community Center and our new Innovation Learning Center. **Award: $25,000 Match: $13,800**

**First Place**

*The Diversity S.T.E.M Training Program*

First Place in combination with our community partners will be hosting a workforce development training bootcamp for S.T.E.M educators and youth leaders. Our community partners Key Tech Labs, The Sam Bruce Tuskegee Airmen, and The Mona Bailey Academy will be managing and teaching what we are calling the “MBA S.T.E.M. Bootcamp”, in order to build a community of S.T.E.M educators that represent the new face of S.T.E.M..

**Award: $24,993 Match: $14,900**

**Garinagu Houngua**

*Garifuna technology literacy*

The project would be a two-part workshop series aimed to address the lack of skill within both the Garifuna community and the less included community members at large. Many people in the Garifuna community (and other Central American/Caribbean communities) do not have the digital literacy skills needed to compete in today's labor industry in a state as tech-centric as the State of Washington. Today’s entry-level jobs and the education system require basic computer skills.

**Award: $25,000 Match: $14,500**

**Literacy Source**

*Basic Digital Literacy in North Seattle*

This project will strengthen and increase basic digital literacy classes to historically underserved and underrepresented adults through basic computer and technology skills instruction in North Seattle. In addition to basic digital literacy, the project will provide a digital literacy based mini-course to prepare learners to pass the online Driver’s License Exam and develop and implement a module on smartphone use that will help students in employability, job retention, and navigating services online

**Award: $24,999 Match: $40,928**

**Low Income Housing Institute**

*Sand Point Cottage Community (SPCC)*

LIHI is requesting funds for our Sand Point Cottage Community (SPCC) project which will provide permanent supportive housing for our Seattle neighbors who are homeless and also employed. We are requesting funds to four computers with software and online computer education subscription services, a printer with supplies for the community room and laptops for each household.

**Award: $20,529 Match: $10,640**

**Seattle Goodwill Industries**

*2020 Technology Matching Fund*

Seattle Goodwill seeks to provide smartphone instruction for hundreds of low-income Seattle adults through Adult Basic Education (ABE) digital skills courses. Our funding request will help us purchase 30 smartphones that we will use in mobile device literacy instruction for an estimated 357 students next year in newly revised ABE courses: Computer & Mobile Basics, ESOL Computer & Mobile Basics, Word & Google Docs, ESOL Word & Google Docs, Excel II, and Word II.

**Award: $24,739 Match: $34,700**

**SIFF**

*SIFF Education Mobile Youth Workshops*

This project will support the Crash Mobile program, offering multiple, full-day immersive filmmaking experiences for youth, ages 9-12 and 13-18, to create narrative and documentary short films. Experienced teaching artists guide students from script to screen three times over one workshop, with each session building in narrative complexity.

**Award: $25,000 Match: $29,125**

**Somali Family Safety Task Force**

 *Somali Digital Access and Literacy*

This project will provide basic computer literacy classes for 40-50 East African immigrant and refugee women living in High Point, Delridge and Southwest Seattle. They will hold four 10-week sessions with three primary digital equity outcomes, 1) participants will bridge the digital divide essential to earning a living wage, kearn tools and 2) how to navigate online resources to become more engaged in their children’s education and 3) reduce isolation and stress as by learning how to digitally connect with friends and family overseas and at home in Seattle.

**Award: $25,000 Match: $12,500**

**Year Up Puget Sound**

 *Year Up Puget Sound*

This project will provide professional and technical training for 360 students, blending relevant job skills, internships, college credits, and wraparound support. Funds will also support the purchase of five additional mobile hotspot devices for students to use during their time in the program.

**Award: $25,000 Match: $12,500**

**Young Women Empowered**

*Y-WE Code*

This project enables underserved young women to develop college/career readiness through mentor-supported, project-based STEM learning using digital technology to explore coding and STEM careers.

**Award: $25,000 Match: $63,084**

**Projects Not Recommended for Funding:**

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| **Organization** | **Title** | **Request** |
| Community Credit Lab | Tech support for underserved communities | $25,000.00 |
| Dabuli | Free web design workshop for Seattle Artists | $1,000.00 |
| East African Community Services | EACS STEM Lab Expansion | $25,000.00 |
| El Centro de la Raza | Unidos @ Work: Digital Literacy Program 2020 | $25,000.00 |
| Ethiopian Community in Seattle  | Computer based training and after school project | $24,865.16 |
| Friends of Little Saigon | Little Saigon Community Library & Resource | $10,500.00 |
| Hollow Earth Radio | IT Infrastructure Modernization & Sustainment | $25,000.00 |
| HomeAgain VR Foundation | Virtual Reality Companionship Platform | $25,000.00 |
| Hope-Eritrean Social Services | Social service computers for Eritrean Community. | $10,022.54 |
| John Sherrod Thomas | Blackshortfilms 2020 Technology Matching Fund App | $25,000.00 |
| Juma Ventures | Closing the Mobile Divide for Low-Income Youth | $25,000.00 |
| Local Connectivity Lab | Seattle Community Cellular Network | $17,303.50 |
| Many Lights Foundation | Learn to Code and Laptop Giveaway | $25,000.00 |
| On Board Othello | Graphic Design Summer Program for South end Youth | $20,063.00 |
| PROVAIL | Adaptive Technology Lending Library | $24,388.80 |
| Real Change Homeless Empowerment Project  | 2020 Technology Matching Fund  | $6,700.00 |
| Refugee Women's Alliance | Digital Storytelling with Refugee, Immigrant Youth | $25,000.00 |
| Renaissance 21 | The Coder's Club at GTLC; TMF 2020 | $24,993.00 |
| Simulated Immersive eXperimental Realities | [SIXR] MILL - Mobile Innovation and Learning Lab | $25,000.00 |
| SouthEast Effective Development | Tech & Radio Production Skills for SE Seattle | $23,889.40 |
| STEMPaths Innovation Network | Community Driven Maker Training | $20,050.00 |
| Three Chairs for Refugees | Yesler Digital Storytelling Initiative | $25,000.00 |
| Totem Star | 2020 Technology Matching Fund  | $24,928.00 |
| TSF | Technology Changing Lives  | $11,500.00 |
| Unloop | 2020 Collaborative Tech Fund Matching Project | $25,000.00 |
| Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle | Digital Literacy Training Program | $25,000.00 |
| WAPI Community Services | Computer Lab | $25,000.00 |