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Digital Equity Grants





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- All participants' mics and cameras are turned off.
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- To speak, use **Raise Hand**  function. Host will unmute you .
- To ask a question, click **Q&A**  button and type your question in the window (questions are public but can be sent anonymously)
- Our American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters will be spotlighted.
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Purpose

The purpose of this grant is to provide support to organizations that:

- Promote digital equity in communities that face barriers to accessing digital services;
- Serve communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic

These communities include but are not limited to:

- Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC);
- Seniors;
- Limited English Proficient (LEP)/Linguistically Diverse (LD) residents;
- Individuals with disabilities and communication barriers
- Low-income;
- Unemployed and underemployed residents;
- those experiencing homelessness; OR
- those residing in rural areas.

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Eligibility

To be eligible for this grant, applicants must:

- Be a 501(c)(3) or be fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)(3) based in King County; and
- Demonstrate experience and proximity and serving priority populations

Applicants may include but are not limited to following:

- Community- or faith-based organizations;
- Ethnic/Community media organizations;
- Community, senior, or ethnic centers;
- Disability service providers;
- Local education agencies;
- Volunteer literacy agencies;
- School, libraries, or other anchor institutions;
- Public housing authorities;
- Consortiums or coalitions of agencies, organizations, institutions, libraries, and authorities listed above;
- Partnerships between employers and an entity described above.

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Eligibility (Cont.)



IMPORTANT:

If you are currently receiving any federal funding to expand digital access from another government or pass-through entity, you **may** not be eligible to receive funds through this grant program.

To learn more about duplication of benefits (DOB), please review [FEMA's DOB Fact Sheet](#) (Posted 7/24/20).

Please contact our Digital Equity Grants team at OESJgrants@kingcounty.gov if you have any questions or concerns about eligibility before proceeding with the grant application.

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Allowable use of funds



Eligible expenses and activities include but are not limited to:

Technology, interactive media, and services:

- Purchasing Wi-Fi; new or refurbished Internet-enabled devices; subsidized or pre-paid services plans; software, etc.

Technical Assistance and Training:

- Staffing; purchasing teaching equipment, technology to help individuals with disabilities, translation of existing curricula and outreach materials; distance-learning tools and platforms; storage devices, etc.

Administrative and other direct costs:

- Staffing and personnel for instruction or volunteer recruitment and management; purchasing personal protective equipment (PPE) for in-person or on-site services; proper ventilation, physical barriers, etc.; acquisition and ongoing maintenance of hardware and software, etc.

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Break

We'll pause here for a 3 minute break.



Grant details

Grants will range from \$25,000 to \$100,000 and determined based on:

- Size of request
- Capacity of the organization
- Geographic priority
- Total application turnout and alignment with the program intent

Council appropriated funds through December 31, 2022

- All grant activities must take place between March 3rd, 2021 and December 31st, 2022.
- Funds must be expended by December, 31st 2022.

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Selection Criteria (100 pts)



Scope of Work (30 points)

- Alignment with the goals and objectives in the program SOW

Equity (30 points)

- Approach ensures equitable outcomes and access

Feasibility (20 points)

- Feasibility to carry out activities and produce intended outcomes

Evaluation Plan (5 points)

- Clearly articulates how it achieve program outputs and outcomes

Collaborative Elements (10 points)

- Plan to partner or collaborate with other community organizations

Budget (5 points)

- Budget is complete, aligns with proposed activities

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How to Apply

The grant will be accepted through a grant management tool:



Request for Application (RFA): [Digital Equity Grant](#)

Registration: In order to access the application, all applicants must first register an eCivis account - [Register](#)

Deadline: Tuesday, November 30th, 2021 @ 4:59pm PST

Language Assistance: Application is currently available in English and Spanish. If you would like to request another language, please email oesjgrants@kingcounty.gov

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Grant Timeline

Open Application:	Friday, October 20th, 2021
Application Deadline:	Tuesday, November 30th, 2021 @ 4:59pm PST
Award Notification:	Mid-January 2022
Contracting:	January - February 2022
Implementation:	March 3rd, 2021 - December 31st, 2022

Important:

- Funds will be disbursed to through a reimbursement process based on a monthly or quarterly invoices and supporting documentation.
- Recipients are responsible for meeting administrative, financial record keeping, and programmatic reporting requirements (2 CFR 200).
- Advance payments for equipment purchases can be made available but must be negotiated on a case-by-case basis and permitted in the signed agreement.

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Technical Assistance



Questions and assistance with application completion will be provided as requested. Agencies and community groups can request support via email.

- [English Application](#)
- Spanish Application (coming soon)
- [eCivis Portal Guide](#)
- Email: OESJgrants@kingcounty.gov
- Website: [Digital Equity Grants - King County](#) | [Español](#)

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Resources

- Digital Equity Grants - King County | [Website](#) | [Español](#)
- Current COVID-19 Relief Grant Programs - King County | [Website](#)
- Digital Equity and Inclusion Initiative - King County | [Website](#)
- 2020 Broadband Access Study - King County | [Website](#)
- Digital Equity - Tech - Seattle.gov | [Website](#)
- King County Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan | [Website](#)
- Language and Communications Access - King County | [Website](#)
- COVID-19 Data Dashboards - Public Health | [Website](#)
- Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds | [Website](#)
- SLFRP Fact Sheet - Treasury.gov | [PDF](#)

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