

2017 Technology Matching Fund Recommendations



Technology Matching Fund program goals



Diversity: partner with historically underserved or underrepresented communities



Connectivity: increase access to free or low cost broadband



Skills training: empower residents with digital literacy skills



Devices and technical support: ensure affordable, available and sufficient devices and technical support

20 year commitment to digital equity

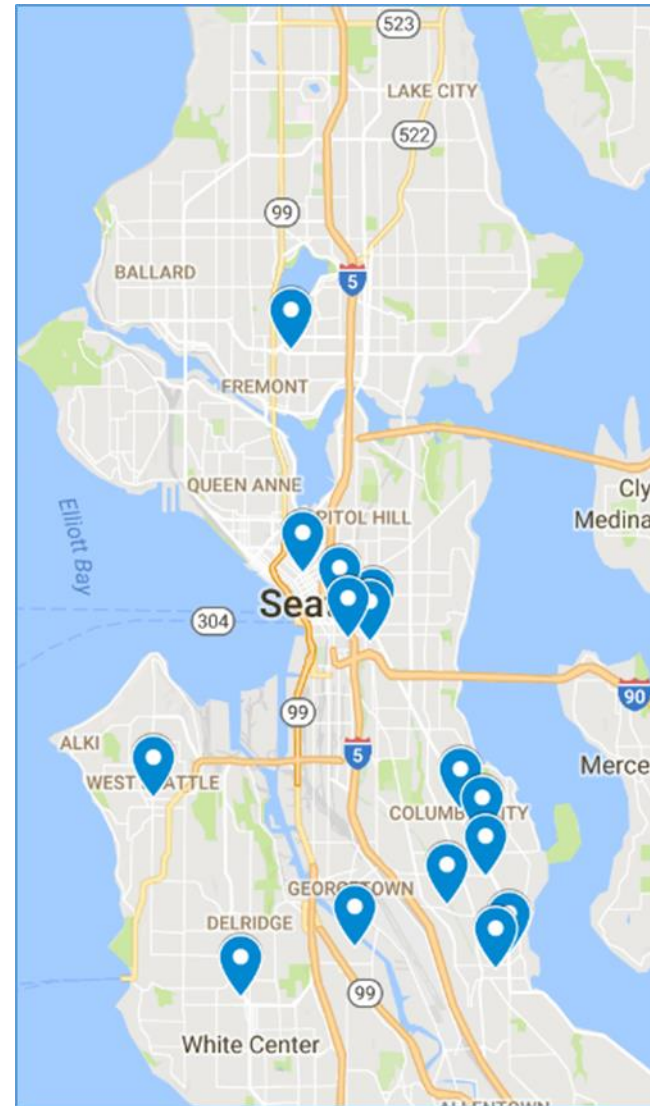
- The Technology Matching Fund (TMF) celebrates 20 years of supporting digital equity in Seattle
- \$4.2 million awarded to 302 projects since 1997
- 2017: \$430,000 funding will support 15 new projects:
 - \$320,000 cable franchise fees
 - \$85,000 public benefits via cable franchise agreement with Comcast
 - \$25,000 gift from Facebook

Grant application process

- 36 applications requesting over \$1.1 million
- Community Technology Advisory Board Review
- Selection Criteria
 - Meets program goals
 - Community partnerships
 - Budget
 - Community benefit
 - Project clarity
 - Project evaluation

Recommendations

- Projects will reach over 6,000 residents throughout the City.
- Grants will benefit over 3,665 immigrants and refugees, 1,580 seniors and 1,120 people with disabilities.
- Two projects will provide technology training for youth through STEM and digital media opportunities.
- Four projects will serve the East African Community responding to many needs identified in the Office of Immigrant Rights recent report "Voices of Seattle's East African Communities".
- Three projects will focus on seniors, supporting the Mayor's Age-friendly Initiative.



Recommendations

- Coalition for Refugees from Burma
- Education for All
- Ethiopian Community in Seattle
- Full Life Care
- Horn of Africa Services
- Kin On Community Health Care
- LaunchCode
- North Seattle Boys & Girls Club branch of Boys & Girls Clubs of King County
- OneAmerica
- Senior Center of West Seattle
- Somali Family Safety Task Force
- South Park Information and Resource Center
- STEMPaths Innovation Network
- The West African Community Council
- Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience

