

# 2016 TECHNOLOGY MATCHING FUNDS

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POWERFUL TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS  
FOR THE CITY AND PUBLIC WE SERVE



**Seattle**  
Information Technology

# COMMITMENT TO DIGITAL EQUITY

- 19 years of supporting digital equity in Seattle
- \$3.9 million total awarded to 292 projects through 2015
- This year \$320,000 total in grants up to \$50,000 each

# 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



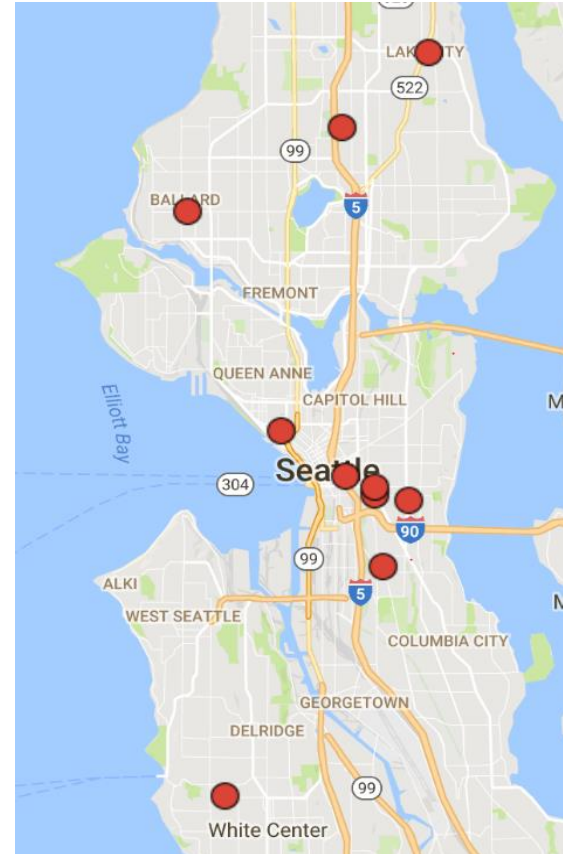
Devices and technical support: ensure affordable, available and sufficient devices and technical support

# GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

- 41 applicants
- Requested over \$1.3 million
- Community Technology Advisory Board Review
- Selection Criteria
  - Meets program goals
  - Community partnerships
  - Budget
  - Community benefit
  - Project clarity
  - Project evaluation

# RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10 collaborative projects
- Over \$470,000 in community match
- Impact over 2,500 residents
- Nearly 600 immigrants
- Over 1,000 seniors
- Over 1,000 people with disabilities
- Four youth STEM and digital media projects
- Two projects reaching 10 low-income housing buildings
- Two projects target immigrant refugee parents



# RECOMMENDATIONS

- Children's Home Society of Washington
- Coalition for Refugees from Burma
- Community & Parents for Public Schools
- El Centro de la Raza
- Full Life Care
- Multimedia Resources Training Institute
- Na'ah Illahee Fund
- New Horizons
- SightConnection
- Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle

