SEATTLE'S TECHNOLOGY MATCHING FUND GRANTS

ABOUT THE GRANTS

- 18 years of supporting digital equity in Seattle (Started in 1998)
- $3.4 million total awarded through 270 projects
- This year, awarding $470,000 total in grants up to $30,000 each

DIGITAL EQUITY GAPS

- **Home internet**: 15 percent of residents don't have access to the internet at home
- **Education:** 43 percent of adults without a high school degree don't use the Internet
- **Income:** Lowest income residents (less than $20,000) are 25 percent less likely to use Internet than those earning more than $100,000 annually

PROGRAM GOALS

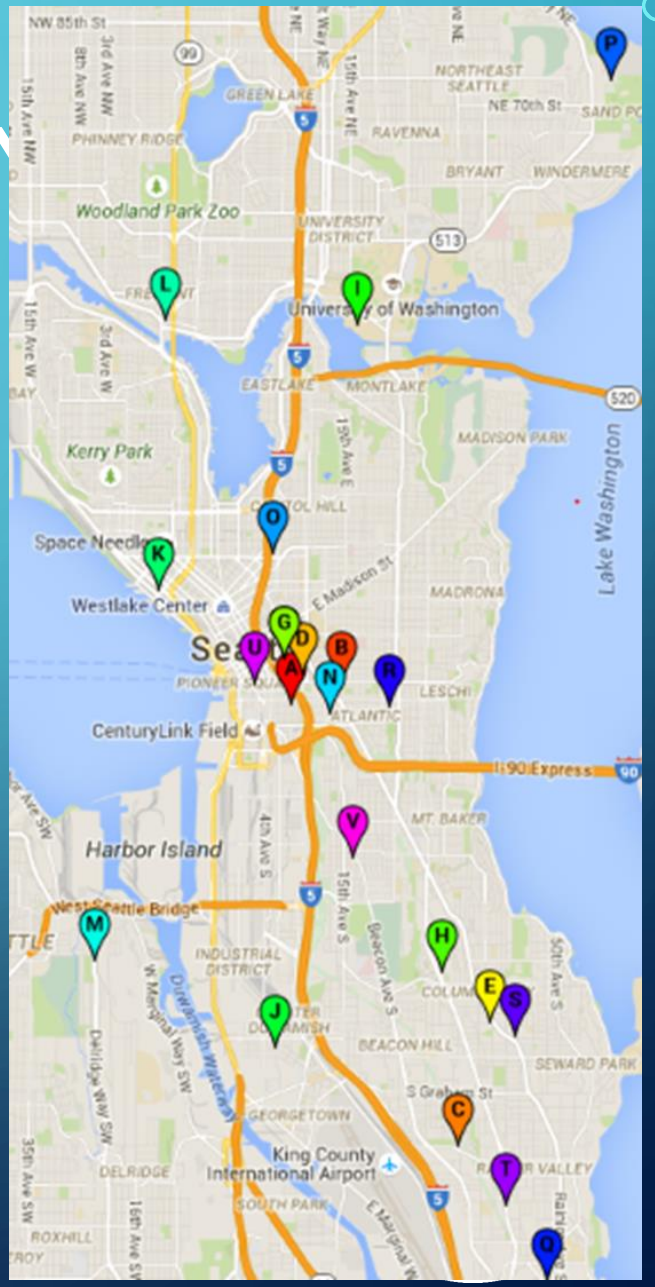
- **Connect** people that have limited access to technology
- **Empower** residents with digital literacy skills
    - Employment
    - Education
    - Access to essential online services
- **Engage** diverse communities in using technology for civic participation

APPLICATION PROCESS

- 64 applications received
- Nine community reviewers through CTAB
- Evaluated using six criteria:
  - Meets program goals, reaches underserved residents
  - Community participation
  - Community benefit
  - Project clarity
  - Budget
  - Project evaluation

2015 RECOMMENDATION

- 22 projects with more than $1 million in community match funds
- Projects will provide access, training and civic engagement
- Expected reach will exceed 15,000



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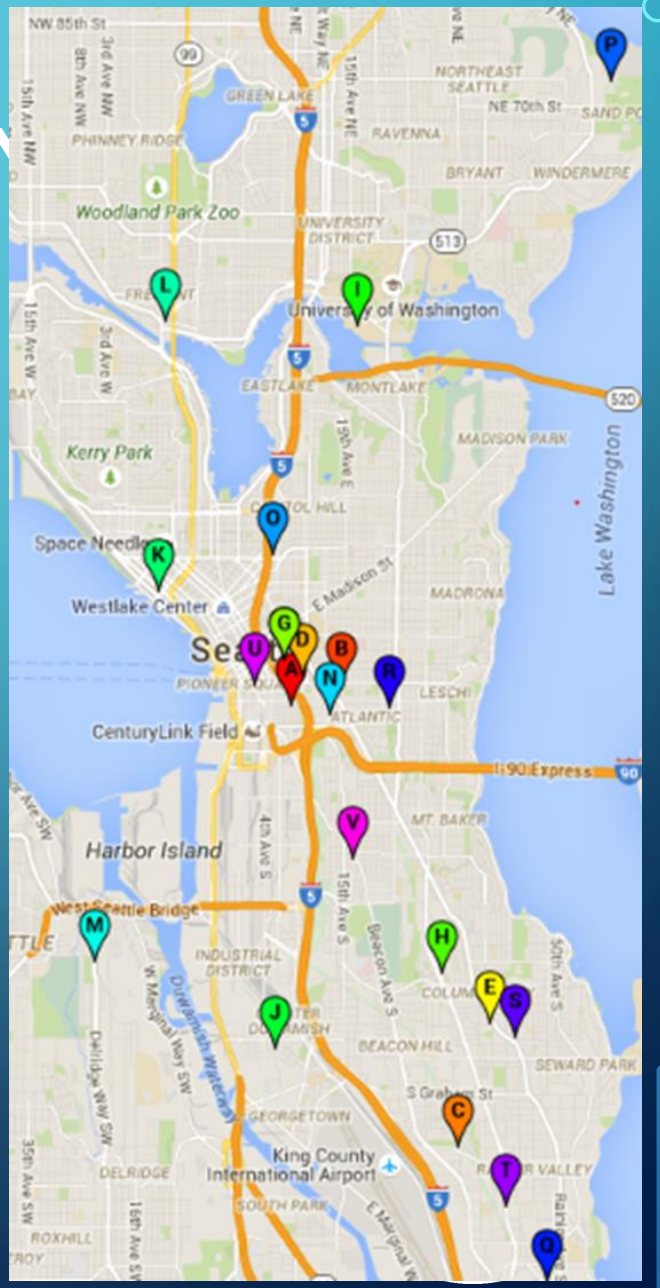
- About the projects:
  - Half of the projects are new grantees
  - 12 youth projects
  - 7 in low income and transitional housing
  - Integrated ESL and technology education projects