



Seattle
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2021 TECHNOLOGY MATCHING FUND REPORT



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BACKGROUND

The Technology Matching Fund (TMF) was established 24 years ago by [Resolution 29673](#). In founding this program, the City Council recommended modeling its grant processes after the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods (DON) Neighborhood Matching Fund. The TMF has been a critical part of supporting the City’s Race and Social Justice Initiative goals as well as Digital Equity goals. Through the TMF, over 350 community organizations have been awarded more than \$5.7 million in funding with an additional \$9 million coming from community-matched funding.

With this demonstrated substantial success, City granting practices have evolved since 1997, and many departments, including DON’s Neighborhood Matching Fund, provide grants differently than they originally administered. Consequently, Council enacted Resolution 31919 to request the City of Seattle’s Chief Technology Officer (“CTO”) to re-evaluate the TMF’s grant approval process with the goal of getting funds to awardees sooner. For the 2020 and 2021 TMF, the CTO made meaningful process improvements speeding up the time it takes to award funds. This new process and their results are described below in the following sections.

This document serves as the annual report on awarded projects for the year 2021, as required by [Resolution 31919](#).

2021 TECHNOLOGY MATCHING FUND (TMF) APPROVAL PROCESS

The approval process implemented in 2020 streamlined the grant approval cycle by six to seven months, enabling the City to get needed funds to the community much sooner. The streamlined process continued in 2021 and is summarized below:

Step 1: After receiving all TMF project applications, the Community Technology Advisory Board (CTAB) review committee rates applications and recommend awards. TMF program staff invited Council Central Staff to participate as reviewers. The review process was completed on February 25, 2021.

Step 2: The full CTAB Board votes to approve recommendations to put forth approved projects. The CTAB Board approved review committee recommendation on March 9, 2021.

Step 3: CTO approves recommended projects allowing for the awarding of funds without any additional paperwork outside of the granting/contracting process. CTO approved recommended projects on March 9, 2021.

Application Submission	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	\$'s to the Community
	2 months			

In addition to this process, as part of Council’s request from Res. 31919, the TMF program reduced the size of its grants to allow the program to involve even more community participants as well as sought out opportunities to leverage our private sector partners to strengthen the City’s investment in its community and residents.

BENEFITS OF THE STREAMLINED TMF PROCESS

As a result of this streamlined process, Seattle IT has found that the changes resulting from Resolution 31919



include:

- Greater flexibility to seek private sector and other funding partners to amplify Seattle IT's investment to the community.
- Better application of Race and Social Justice Initiative principles to eliminate institutional barriers to better respond to community needs.
- Strengthened role for the CTAB to rigorously review applications and recommend awards.
- Improved transparency and review by inviting City Council Central staff to participate on the CTAB review committee.
- Better alignment with other City funding best practices.

2021 AWARDED TMF PROJECTS

Organization	Title	Award	District
Boys & Girls Club of King County	Boys & Girls Club of King County @ Lowell Elementary School	\$11,021.72	2
East African Community Services	East African Digital Literacy Project	\$25,000.00	2
Kin On Health Care Center	Kin On SmartLab: Smart Living for Seniors	\$23,000.00	2
Literacy Source	Digital Literacy for Immigrants/Refugees	\$20,140.45	5
Multimedia Resources & Training Institute	Bridging the Divide through Digital Navigators	\$24,954.00	3
Path with Art	Evolving Creative Connections: Voices of Unhoused	\$25,000.00	7
Renaissance 21	Virtual STEAM Discovery Project	\$24,957.50	3
Senior Center of West Seattle	Building Community Through Connections	\$19,290.00	1
Simulated Immersive eXperimental Realities	[FFMF] Future Founders Maker Fellowship	\$25,000.00	4
Somali Family Safety Task Force	2021 Somali Digital Literacy Project	\$25,000.00	2
Sound Generations	Digital Access and Equity for Lake City Seniors	\$21,900.00	7
The Vera Project	Equip the Kids – Production Lab & Lending Library	\$24,706.00	7
Wa Na Wari	Wa Na Wari Digital Production Utility Kit	\$23,160.00	3
Windz of Change Alliance	Indigenouz Collective Cyber Communications	\$25,000.00	1
		\$318,129.67	



ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR 2021 COHORT

Seattle IT met with the Verizon Foundation and secured an additional \$25,000 to fund the Equity in Education Coalition’s AmeriCorps Digital Navigation Cohort (City Council District 2). This is the second year the Verizon Foundation has directly funded a Technology Matching Fund applicant. Equity in Education will join the 2021 cohort of TMF awardees and receive access to valuable resources, technical assistance, and capacity building opportunities.

PROJECTS NOT AWARDED FUNDING IN 2021

The following table lists the organizations that applied in 2021 but were not recommended for funding. The purpose of sharing these applicants is to demonstrate the breadth of diversity and geography as these organizations struggle to meet digital equity needs. Approximately 20 of these projects would have been excellent candidates if funding were available.

Organization	Title	Request	District
Afghan Health Initiative	Immigrant and Refugee Tech Training	\$23,500.00	n/a
API Chaya	Wifi is a Lifeline Community Networks	\$25,000.00	2
Community Passageways	Young Adult & Staff Tech Literacy and Computer Lab	\$25,000.00	2
Computing For All	CFA IT Pre-Apprenticeship Program - Spring Quarter	\$24,500.00	4
David Pierre-Louis	Haitian entrepreneur digital resource center	\$24,954.88	7
Dress for Success Seattle	Digital Training & Technical Assistance for Women	\$25,000.00	7
Duwamish Valley Sustainability Association	Adolescentes Animados	\$24,939.00	1
El Centro de la Raza	Community Digital Literacy Lab	\$25,000.00	2
Filipino Community of Seattle	ILC Cyber Security, Scholarships & Infrastructure	\$25,000.00	2
Financial Services Coalition - Puget Sound Charitable Foundation (FSC-PS CF)	ILC Cyber Security, Scholarships & Infrastructure	\$25,000.00	7
Freedom Project	Credible Allies Tech Equity	\$25,000.00	n/a
Generation USA	Seattle Career Pathways in Technology	\$25,000.00	1
Gifts Of Hope	R.I.S.E. Tech Program	\$25,000.00	2
Inclusive Stem (via Angels for Angels)	Tech Mentorship for People with Disabilities	\$25,000.00	7
Juma Ventures	Closing the Tech Inequality Gap	\$20,000.00	2
Lake City Collective	1:1 Digital Literacy Project	\$25,000.00	5
Local Connectivity Lab	Community Networks in Seattle	\$24,630.10	4



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Mini Mart City Park	Mini Mart City Park Digital Infrastructure	\$24,745.00	2
N2g Experience	Community Field Trips for Elementary Students	\$24,400.00	3
Organizacion Centro Americano	Computer Basic Skills Workshop	\$25,000.00	6
Pike Street Market Senior Center & Food Bank	Connections for Low-Income Seniors	\$25,000.00	7
Real Change Homeless Empowerment Project	Real Access	\$15,000.00	7
Recovery Cafe and Home of the School for Recovery	Computer Lab at Recovery Café	\$16,000.00	7
Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority	Digital Access for Residents of the Chinatown-ID	\$17,633.50	2
Seattle Goodwill Industries	Updated Classroom Technology for Job Training	\$25,000.00	3
Seattle Jobs Initiative	Digital Bridge	\$25,000.00	2
Somali Community Services of Seattle	Parent Digital Capacity Building	\$24,800.00	2
Sound Generations	Crossing the Digital Divide	\$24,943.00	7
Spean Rajanaa	Spean Rajana 'Get Connected'	\$25,000.00	6
Stemtac Foundation	The Technology & Innovation Center Initiative	\$24,960.00	2
Technology Access Foundation	TAF@WMS Engineering Lab for Digital Literacy	\$25,000.00	n/a
The Breakfast Group	Project MISTER Online	\$24,500.00	7
Totem Star	Totem Sar Mobile Studio Check Out Program	\$24,364.00	3
Tribal Technology Training Organization	Tribal Technology Training Program	\$25,000.00	7
TSF	Demonstrating Independence Project	\$5,938.00	n/a
Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle	Digital Literacy	\$25,000.00	3
Villa Comunitaria	Aula Digital en Accion – ADA	\$25,000.00	1
Year Up Puget Sound	Year Up Puget Sound – South Seattle College	\$25,000.00	7
Yeleen Production	Rainier Beach Youth Digital Sound Project	\$25,000.00	1
YMCA of Greater Seattle	Y-Tech	\$25,000.00	7
	Total	\$944,807.48	