

Seattle IT Department 2026 Technology Matching Fund (TMF)

Governance & Utilities Committee
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Technology Matching Fund

Vision: Empowering historically underserved communities through community-led solutions that advance digital equity.

Impact Highlights

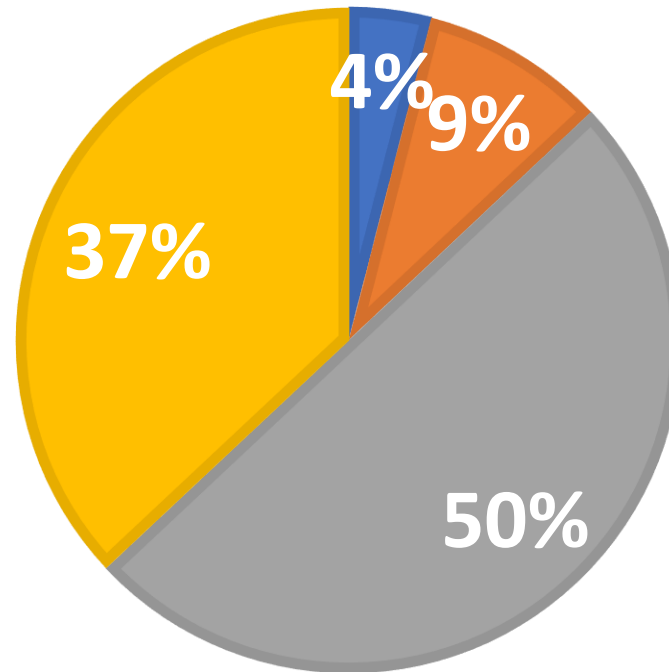
- **28 years** of sustained commitment to digital equity in Seattle
- **\$9.5M awarded to 480 community projects** since 1998 ([Technology Matching Funds | City of Seattle Open Data portal](#))
- **\$10.5M** contributed through Community Match
- Guided and supported by the **Community Technology Advisory Board**



Digital Connectedness Index:

Internet Access, Devices, Digital Skills

■ Highest need ■ Significant need ■ Some need ■ No need



[Technology Access and Adoption Study - Tech | seattle.gov](https://seattle.gov/tech)

Seattle IT & Department of Neighborhoods

\$2,659,700 Requested
64 Applications Submitted
\$455,000 Funds Available
11 Projects Funded
\$157,596 Community Match
1782 Anticipated Residents
All Council Districts

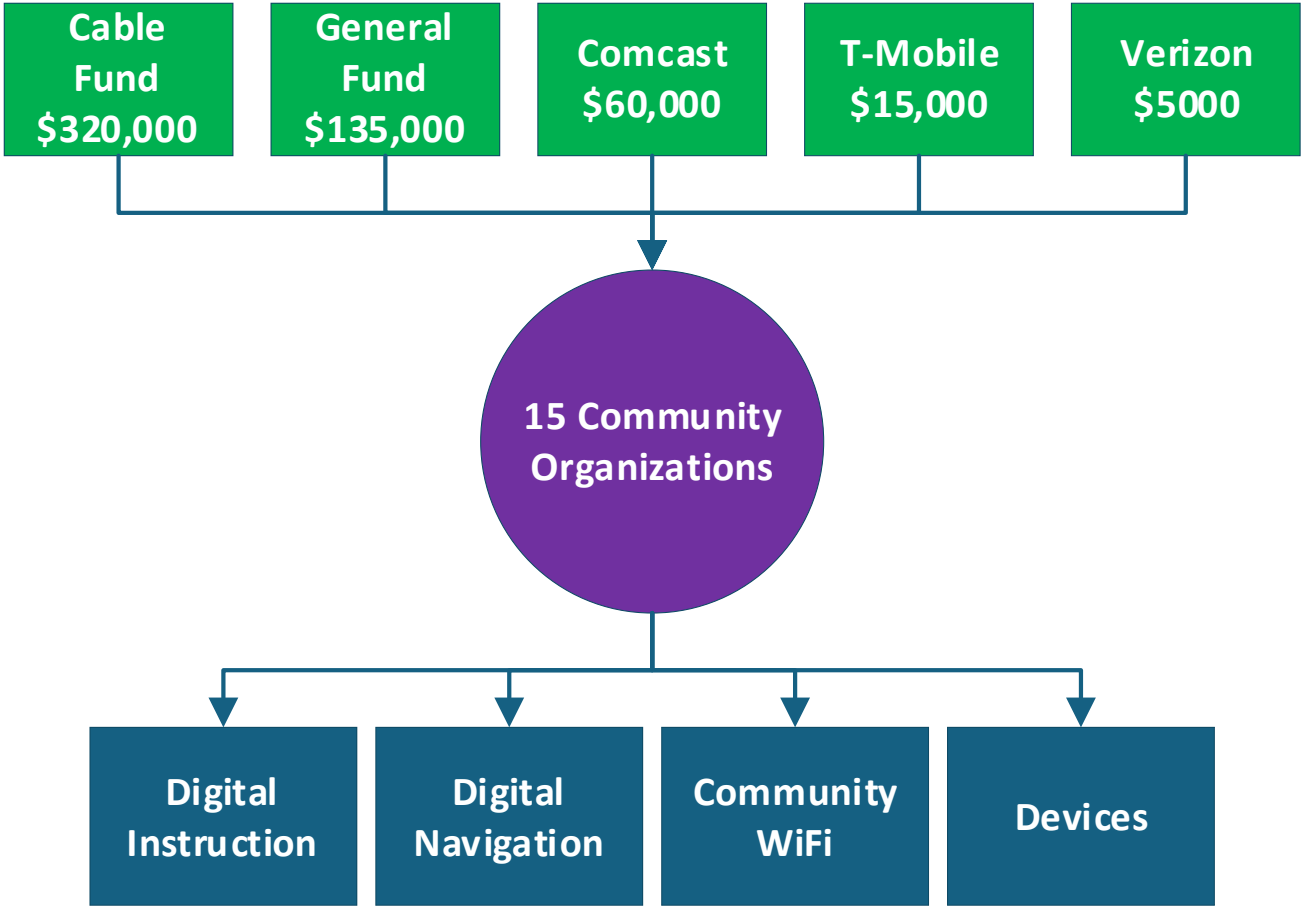
Private Investment (\$80,000)

4 Projects Funded

TMF Grants Overview Dashboard:

[Seattle IT - TMF Grant](#)

2026 Awards



Seattle Information Technology Technology Matching Fund (TMF) Grants

Technology Matching Fund (TMF) grants are a cornerstone of the [City's Digital Equity Program](#). Our vision is for Seattle to be a city where technology's opportunities equitably empower all residents and communities, especially those who are historically under served or underrepresented. These grants seek to support community-driven solutions to achieving digital equity in Seattle.

Digital equity grants aim to increase internet access and adoption through:

Digital navigator services: Provide one-on-one or small group, just-in-time assistance.

Digital literacy classes/workshops: Provide digital literacy skills training to new technology users.

Devices and technical support: Provide devices (for example: laptops, Chromebooks, tablets, desktop computers, smartphones, assistive technology) and the technical training or support needed to use them effectively.

Internet connectivity: Provide internet to low-income Seattle residents by expanding WiFi, Citizens Broadband Radio Service (CBRS) access, or another means (for example: hotspots, routers, SIM cards, or WiFi access points).

The City of Seattle aims to ensure all digital content and documents are accessible. While efforts are being made to maximize accessibility, some types of content have inherent technical limitations. For more information, visit the [City of Seattle's Web Accessibility page](#)

Project Filters



Year

No category selected

☐ 2023

☐ 2024

☐ 2025 (Anticipated Outcome)

☐ 2026 (Anticipated Outcome)

Funding Source

No category selected

☐ Comcast

☐ Digital Navigator Grant

☐ Technology Matching Fund

☐ T-Mobile

☐ Verizon



Equity Priority

No category selected

Council District

No category selected

Grant Projects

Click on a project to filter the dashboard.

Search...

Adult and Youth Learning Center Bridge to Success Digital Navigation

Family-focused digital literacy training provided multilingual instruction to help immigrant households navigate education, employment, and community resources.

2023
35,100.00
Completed | Technology Matching Fund

Asian Counseling and Referral Service Digital Literacy for the Community at ACRS

Offer multi-level digital literacy classes

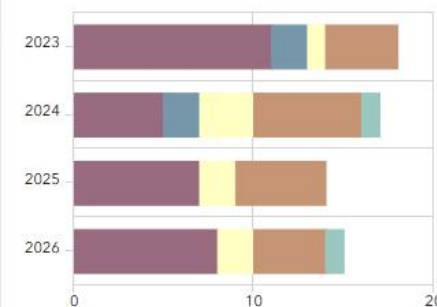
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14,280

Total Projects Residents Served

Grants by Racial and Social Equity (RSE) ...

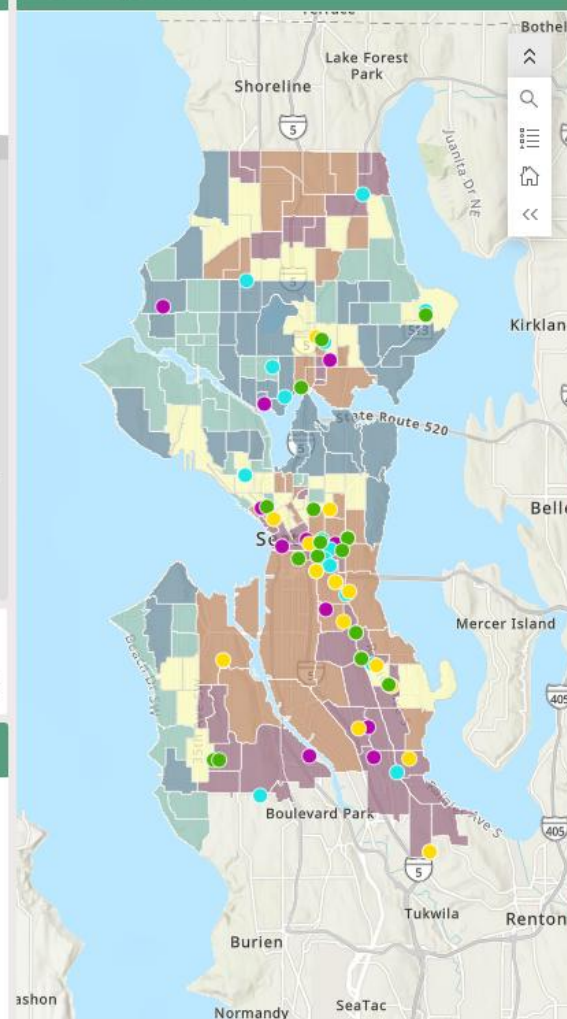
Click on the Year or RSE Index Value to filter the dashboard.



Grants by RSE Index

About the RSE Index

Grant Project Locations



Racial and Social Equity Index Priority

Lowest
Equity
Priority

Second
Lowest

Middle

Second
Highest

Highest
Equity
Priority

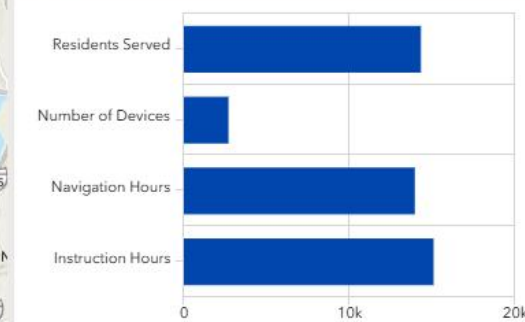
Amount Awarded by Year



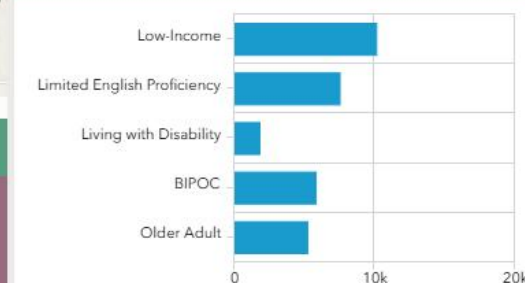
2025 & 2026 are anticipated outcomes

Total Awarded: \$2,246,120

Project Outcomes



Residents Served Demographics



2026 TMF Awardees

Digital Literacy Instruction

Asian Counseling and Referral Service

Creation Culture

Per Scholas Seattle

Renaissance 21

Simulated Immersive eXperimental Realities

Villa Comunitaria

Seattle Chinatown International District
Preservation and Development Authority
(Comcast)

Unloop (Verizon)

Devices and Technical Support

Friends of Little Saigon

Horn Of Africa Services

Digital Navigator Services

Chinese Information and Service Center

The IF Project

Eritrean Community in Seattle and Vicinity
(Comcast)

Internet Connectivity

Solid Ground Washington

Local Connectivity Lab (T-Mobile)

Asian Counseling and Referral Service

Digital Literacy for the Community at ACRS

\$45,000

Project Summary: Offer multi-level digital literacy classes, provide individualized instructional support, and track learning outcomes to help adults build practical digital proficiency.

Anticipated Outcomes:

- 90 residents
- 180 instruction hours
- 24 navigation hours

Creation Culture

Youth Graphic Design Career Pipeline Program

\$8,935

Project Summary: Deliver digital design education, provide one-on-one mentorship, and support youth in building portfolios that strengthen pathways into creative technology fields.

Anticipated Outcomes

- 40 residents
- 60 instruction hours
- 40 navigation hours
- 13 devices



Per Scholas

Expanding Access to Technology Career Training in Seattle

\$45,000

Project Summary: Enroll low-income adults in tech-career training, provide devices and wraparound supports, and connect graduates to long-term job placement pathways.

Anticipated Outcomes

- 120 residents
- 560 instruction hours
- 60 devices

Simulated Immersive eXperimental Realities

Seattle Stories 360° - A Citywide Immersive Digital Literacy Network
\$45,000

Project Summary: Provides shared technology access, digital literacy training, and creative workforce development through three community hubs, addressing mobile-only access barriers.

Anticipated Outcomes

- 120 residents
- 240 instruction hours
- 180 navigation hours
- 20 devices

Unloop

Digital & AI Literacy for Job Readiness

\$5,000 (Verizon)

Project Summary: Provides digital skills and AI training for justice-impacted adults and laptops for cohorts.

Anticipated Outcomes

- 30 residents
- 24 instruction hours
- 36 navigation hours
- 30 devices



Horn of Africa Services

Digital Access & Navigation for East African Immigrant & Refugees

\$45,000

Project Summary: Improves quality of life for East African immigrants, refugees, and underserved residents by providing culturally rooted services that reduce barriers in education, health, technology, and economic opportunity.

Anticipated Outcomes:

- 120 residents
- 2400 instruction hours
- 300 navigation hours
- 30 devices

Local Connectivity Lab

*Seattle Community Network (SCN) WiFi & Capacity Building
\$15,000 (T-Mobile)*

Anticipated Outcomes

- 331 residents connected to WiFi
- 16 hours of digital skills instruction
- Wi-Fi at 6 shelter sites
- Equipment upgrades at 3 shelter sites
- Public conference on community networking and technical mutual aid



Solid Ground Washington

Internet Access for Residents Exiting Homelessness

\$41,157

Project Summary: Replace aging infrastructure, expand internet coverage, and increase network reliability so residents exiting homelessness can access essential online resources.

Anticipated Outcomes: 240 residents access internet

Chinese Information and Service Center

CISC's Touch Screen Training Pilot Project

\$44,928

Project Summary: Offer touchscreen-based digital literacy instruction, provide individualized navigation, and test how accessible devices improve job readiness for immigrant job seekers.

Anticipated Outcomes

- 120 residents
- 208 instruction hours
- 800 navigation hours

Villa Comunitaria

Familias Digitales en Acción

\$45,000

Project Summary: Train parent digital leaders, offer Spanish-language workshops, and provide devices and navigation to strengthen family engagement in education.

Anticipated Outcomes:

- 75 residents
- 180 instruction hours
- 240 navigation hours
- 25 devices



The Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc.

Digital Training for DeafBlind Adults

\$45,000

Project Summary: Deliver individualized, fully accessible digital skills training to 12 DeafBlind Seattle residents, equipping them with the technology, tools, and support needed to advance their learning, independence, and workforce goals.

Outputs Achieved:

- 12 residents
- 354 navigation hours

Long-Term Outcomes: A member of the DeafBlind community is now able to connect his laptop to Wi-Fi and utilize Bluetooth in order to connect his assistive tools and devices to various operating systems that support both his work and his personal life.



Community Partners



Community Technology Advisory Board

- Established in 1995, revised in Municipal Code in 2015.
- Makes recommendations to the Mayor, City Council, and Seattle IT.
- Board is comprised of 10 members.
- Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm
- CTAB's role as part of the Technology Matching Fund process:
 - Members volunteer to be part of the TMF review committee.
 - The full CTAB Board votes to approve recommendations to put forth approved projects.



Digital Equity Learning Network

[Website link](#)

Who We Are

The Digital Equity Learning Network (DELN) is a cross-sector coalition that works to advance digital equity and inclusion in King County. DELN members represent organizations, institutions, and agencies that provide culturally appropriate services to communities, including the most disadvantaged and marginalized across King County. Our membership also includes practitioners in public, private, and nonprofit institutions who are creating the policies and funding streams to ensure sustained digital equity advancements.

Our Mission

To leverage collective knowledge and resources to advocate for digital equity, share best practices, and to build system capacity towards inclusion in the digital world.

Our Vision

Every person in King County has access to and skills necessary to use technology to fully participate and thrive in modern society.

Feedback and Questions



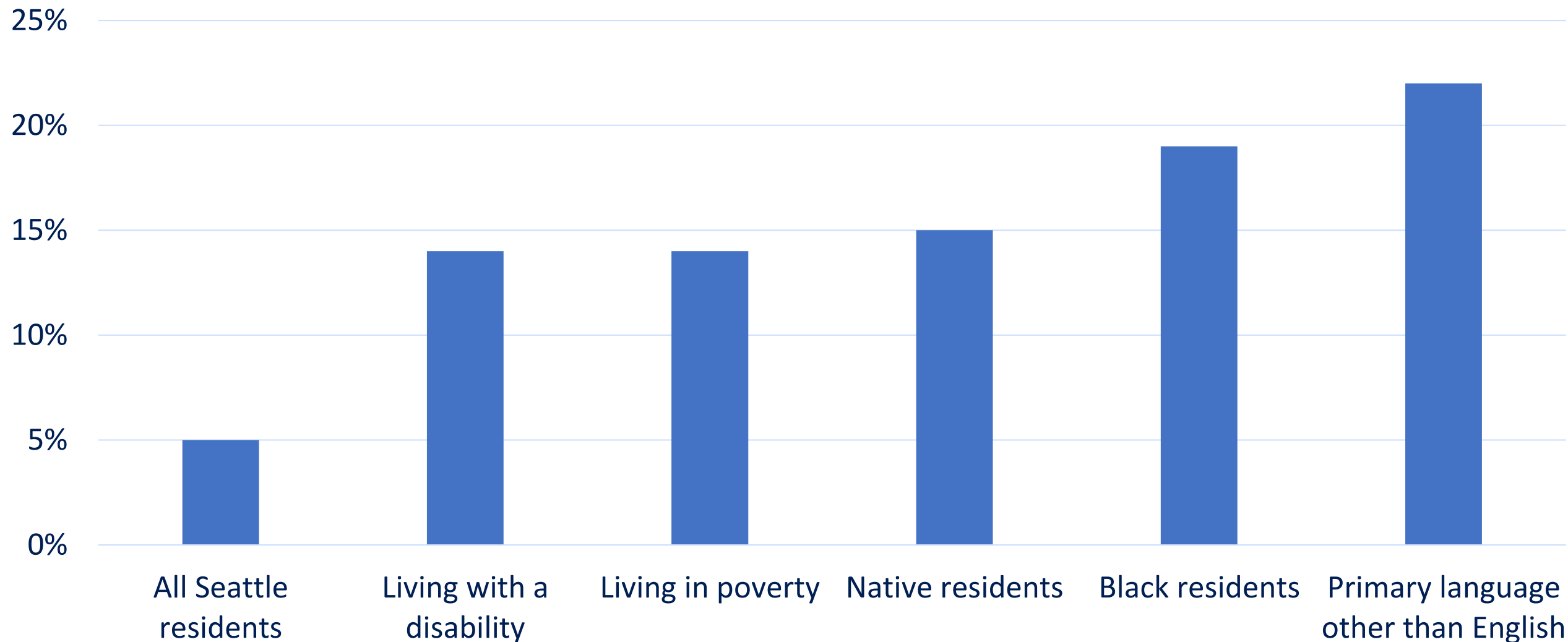
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2024 Technology Access and Adoption Study Data

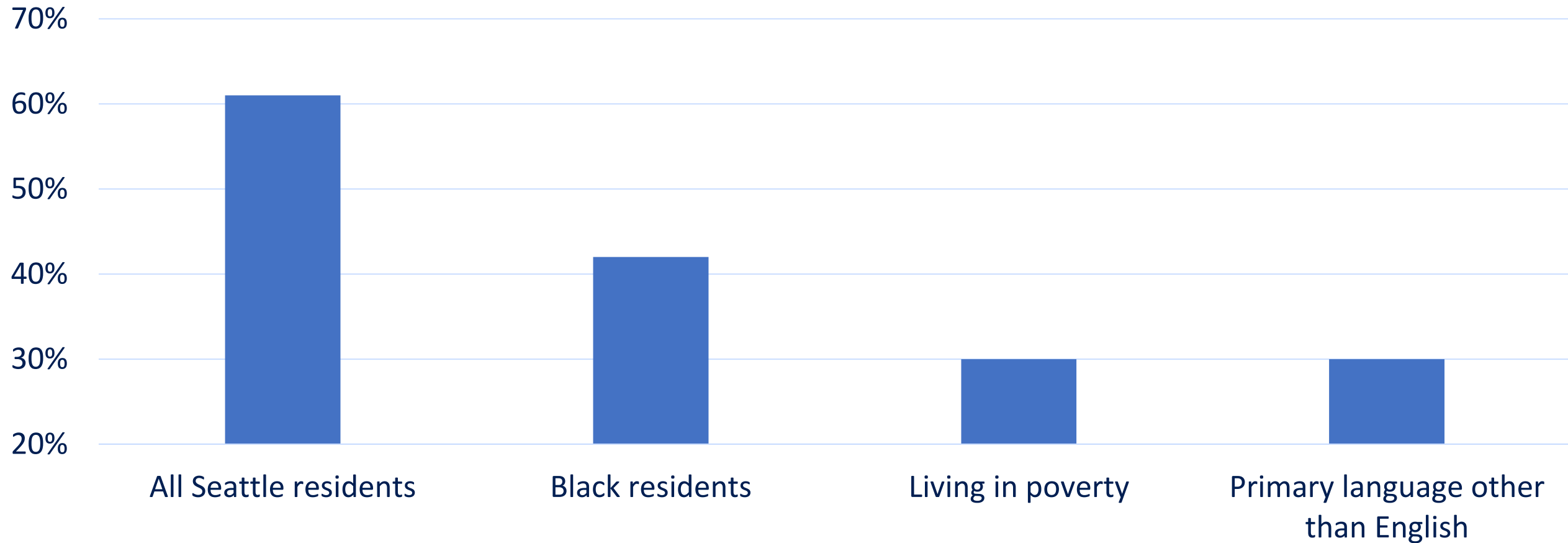


Residents Sharing Devices



Ability to Complete Digital Skills:

Basic, Setup, Security, Collaboration



Additional 2026 TMF Projects



Renaissance 21

Project She/Her/HEALTH by STGA

\$45,000

Project Summary: Deliver digital health literacy workshops, distribute devices, and provide holistic resource connections to strengthen access and health equity for under-resourced residents.

Anticipated Outcomes

- 45 residents
- 63 instruction hours
- 48 devices

Eritrean Community in Seattle and Vicinity

Intergenerational Digital Access Program

\$30,000 (Comcast)

Project Summary: Supports and advocates for Eritrean immigrants and refugees through culturally and linguistically accessible programs that build education, economic stability, social connection, and digital inclusion.

Anticipated Outcomes:

- 100 residents
- 160 instruction hours
- 520 navigation hours
- 60 devices

The IF Project

WE THRIVE Digital Access Initiative

\$45,000

Project Summary: Supports women and families impacted by incarceration through healing-centered programs, reentry navigation, leadership development, and digital access services that reduce systemic barriers to stability.

Anticipated Outcomes:

- 75 residents
- 200 instruction hours
- 350 navigation hours
- 75 devices

Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority

Increasing Digital Literacy in the CID
\$30,000 (Comcast)

Project Summary: Deliver digital literacy education series across five linguistically diverse affordable-housing buildings, serving elder immigrants and families in the Chinatown International District.

Anticipated Outcomes

- 125 residents
- 8 instruction hours