

CITY OF PORTLAND – OFFICE FOR COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY

NDIA Trailblazers 2020 Application

Supporting Documentation

INDICATOR 1

1. Contact information for dedicated digital inclusion staff.

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2. Job description & Workplan

The Office for Community Technology's (OCT) Broadband & Digital Equity program champions public policy and local resources and investments to ensure the benefits of communications technology are available to all in support of equitable, sustainable and economically healthy city.

DEAP mission – to bridge the digital divide for excluded members of our community with affordable access, training and tools.

Broadband Plan - The Broadband Strategic Plan is a vision for Portland's future that recognizes the social, economic and political importance of Broadband in our livability, prosperity, sustainability, and equity goals.

Lead - strategically plan for, develop and direct City plans and policies related to digital equity and broadband access.

Develop and lead initiatives, programs, strategies and partnerships. – that includes coordinating efforts across city bureaus, government agencies, community organizations and national organizations

Advocate for the public interest in communications technology and associated government plans, programs and policies - provide content expertise related to communications technology policy and deployment – including smart cities, data governance, privacy and the role of 5G, AI, IoT, etc.

Lead on advising and developing public policy related to digital equity and broadband access

3. Government's budget document showing current funding of position

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/cbo/article/738382> p. 357

<file:///C:/Users/cfrebecca/Downloads/City%20of%20Portland%20FY%202019-20%20Adopted%20Budget%20Vol.%203,%20Vers.%203.pdf> p.507

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Digital Equity Action Plan and process - <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/oct/73978>

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Coalition - <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/oct/73860>

Agendas - <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/oct/79122>

Participants - <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/oct/article/643857>

INDICATOR 4

2020 – Community Technology Needs Study is underway. The Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission (MHCRC), along with the Portland Office for Community Technology and Multnomah County Library, is leading the *Your Voice, Our Communications Technology 2.0* initiative to gain local data on communications technology and services in our communities today and to identify future needs and interests. The *Your Voice* study will be gathering community input starting in October 2019 through March 2020.

The *Your Voice* study will explore areas such as:

- Deeper understanding of barriers for known disparities in technology access and adoption for people of color, people with disabilities, and seniors.
- The potential role of local government in addressing barriers and supporting communications technology needs of the community.
- How community media and communications technology have changed locally over the past 10 years.
- Future trends in communications technology and potential impacts and opportunities for local communities.

Local data and findings from the study will help inform decision-making and allocation of resources by elected officials and public agencies, the MHCRC, and community organizations on local communications technology policy, initiatives and services.

2015 – Digital Equity Needs and Opportunities Report - <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/oct/article/545834>

2014 – Broadband Adoption Report - <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/oct/article/504164>

2011 – Broadband Strategic Plan - <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/oct/73862>

INDICATOR 5

\$929,587 annually to Open Signal. City funds under this grant with Open Signal specifically focus on supporting people of color, English-language learners, and people with disabilities to use media and broadband technologies.

Open Signal Agreement - <http://www.mhcr.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/PCM-Grant-Agreement-Signed.pdf>

The City is also a member of the Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission, which provides grant funds for technology projects to community organizations, libraries, schools, and local public agencies throughout Multnomah County. Grants predominantly focus on supporting traditionally underserved, ethnically diverse, and special needs populations – such as communities of color, immigrants & refugees, low-income people, girls and women, youth, English language learners – in order to bridge the digital divide.

<http://www.mhcr.org/community-grants/community-technology-grants/>

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The City of Portland, in collaboration with the cities of Fairview, Gresham, Troutdale & Wood Village, is supporting Multnomah County in its efforts to conduct a Municipal-Broadband Feasibility Study.

<https://multco.us/municipal-broadband>

<https://municipalbroadbandpdx.org/>

The City of Portland offers free WiFi at city buildings, offices, and community centers.

<https://digitalinclusion.us/directory?services=15>