CITY OF SOUTH BEND DIGITAL INCLUSION PROGRAMMING

We at the City support a wide variety of digital inclusion programming, particularly through our support of the South Bend Technology Resource Center and its programming.

Operations of the Technology Resource Center (TRC), a space made possible by a City investment of $2.7 million in 2017, is coordinated by Francie Fink, an enFocus Innovation Fellow, whose position is funded by the City of South Bend. The City’s Director of Civic Innovation, Madi Rogers, oversees the broader strategy of the TRC. In addition to providing open access to high-speed internet, meeting rooms, and devices for connectivity and virtual meetings, the City supports digital skills training through the TRC. In 2022 alone, the TRC has hosted 29 events, including Excel training sessions for nonprofits, lifelong learning classes, a lunch and learn event about the Affordable Connectivity Program, and more. The TRC also hosts Citywide Classroom South Bend, a partnership with the South Bend Community School Corporation which provides in-home internet for South Bend students, and the South Bend Connectivity Coalition.

Please see the attached contract between the City of South Bend and enFocus outlining funding directed to the work of Francie Fink and the
administration of programming at the TRC.