

5. Your local government directly funds community digital inclusion programming

Checklist (Must meet 1 of 2):

- Your local government has been instrumental in securing funds from any source.
- Your local government has appropriated funds that are available annually.

Checklist 2 (Must meet 2 of 3):

- Supports digital literacy training.
- Supports assistance to residents acquiring home Internet access.
- Supports assistance to residents acquiring a home computing device

Required Supporting Documentation (Must meet 1 of 2):

1. Description of the fund and/or application process.
2. Grant or contract confirmation letter.
 - On May 25, 2022, the City [extended the term and increased funding to over \\$1 million 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 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 and refugees, low-income people, girls and women, youth, and English language learners—in order to bridge the digital divide.
 - [MHCRC 2021-2022 Community Grants](#)
 - On July 22, 2020 the City of Portland allocated \$3.5 million in CARES Act funding to support expanding the services provided under the Technology Kit Pilot to reach at least 3,500 low-income residents. In October, the City allocated an additional \$1.5 million in CARES Act funds to support additional Internet assistance subsidies. [CARES Tech Kit](#)

- In 2021, the City allocated \$3.5 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding to support the [ARPA Tech Kit Expansion Project](#). The Tech Kit project prioritizes meeting the critical technology needs of Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), seniors, and people with disabilities who face barriers to being digitally connected.
- In June 2021, Portland City Council allocated \$250,000 in ongoing funding to establish the [Office for Community Technology Digital Inclusion Fund](#). Digital Inclusion Fund resources are designated to support efforts to bridge the digital divide in the community. Thirty percent (30%) of the resources are intended to support small businesses, and seventy percent (70%) of the resources are intended to support the needs of individuals and the community at large. Office for Community Technology launched a funding initiative on March 7, 2022 in response to community identified solutions to addressing digital adoption barriers experienced by community members disproportionately impacted by the digital divide and the COVID pandemic: Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), individuals with disabilities, seniors, and other community members in isolation and at high risk of exclusion. The Community Digital Navigator Pilot Program is designed to build or scale Digital Navigator services in the community to help individuals find and apply for affordable connectivity, obtain low-cost or free computing devices, complete online tasks, and connect to digital skills training and technical support.
- [Community Digital Navigator Pilot Grant Program](#)
- [Small Business Digital Navigator Pilot Grant Program](#)
- [Grant Selection Committee](#)
- In addition to DI Fund grantees, Office for Community Technology established a public/private partnership to fund an additional organization to support a third Community Digital Navigator Pilot program.