Hamilton County Public Wi-Fi Grant Program

Q&A Session - February 7, 2024
Basics

• The minimum grant request is $10,000 and the maximum is $200,000.

• The program will consist of two rounds of funding: 75% or $1,068,750 is anticipated to be awarded in the first round and the remainder (about $356,250) will be awarded in the second round.

• **Deadline for applications Round 1** is Friday, March 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

• **Deadline for applications for Round 2** is Friday, April 5, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

• Expect to communicate decisions by April.

• Contracts expected to end July 2025.
Accessing the Hamilton County Wi-Fi Grant Application Using e-CImpact
You can access the online system by visiting:

https://www.uwgc.org/for-nonprofits

and clicking on the e-Cl Impact icon.
Still having login difficulties? Email us at uwgce-cimpact@uwgc.org

Enter your Username (your email address) and your password to login to your organization profile page

Forget your password? Click the link here.

New to – eCImpact? Create an account here by clicking this button.

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Login to e-Clmpact
Existing Users
Login to e-Climpact

For Existing e-Climpact Users

Look for the "Application" link in the left menu bar on your profile page. Click to enter the eligibility step.
New User Registration
Registration for New e-CImpact Users

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Welcome!

If you are a new Agency registering for the application process please click "Next". If you are a Returning Agency and are trying to access the e-CImpact system, to apply, please use your existing login credentials or contact us at UWGCe-Cimpact@uwgc.org for assistance.
Digital Equity

Digital Equity Grant Application

This request for proposals seeks programs that bridge the digital divide, fostering inclusivity and accessibility. We invite proposals for innovative digital inclusion solutions, empowering diverse populations to navigate the digital landscape with confidence and competence.

To support organizational efforts to increase digital equity in priority populations and communities, funding will start on April 1, 2024, and implementation can last up to 12 months. Given the urgency of this kind of work, priority will be given to organizations that are prepared to implement their work immediately upon receiving funding.

Organizations may only submit one application and grants will likely range from $25,000 - $50,000. Organizations are permitted to submit an application for this funding and for the Hamilton County Public WiFi Grant Program, administered by the United Way of Greater Cincinnati.

PRIORITY AREAS:

Priority will be given to proposals that employ the approaches outlined below and/or specifically serve the most at-risk communities.

- Contributions to one or more of the five key areas for creating digital equity (see RFP)
- Utilizes a Digital Navigator model
- Works directly with populations who are most impacted by the Digital Divide (see RFP)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Access online materials at [www.unitedway.org/unitedwayprograms/digitalequality]. All materials, including a recording of the Information Session and additional resources, will be posted on United Way’s website. We will continue to add to these resources throughout the application process.

Welcome, Testing Person
My User Profile  Change Password

Select Application Type

Select Application Type
Eligibility Step
All applicants must complete an eligibility check prior to accessing the application.

Upon completion, if you meet all the criteria, you will automatically be able to access the application.
Organizational Eligibility

Please answer the following questions to determine your eligibility to apply for the Hamilton County Public WiFi Grant.

Organizations that are not eligible include:
- For profit organizations and individuals
- Internet service providers
- Schools

OTHER KEY CRITERIA TO NOTE

In addition to the eligibility criteria, it is important to note that all applicants must be able to provide or demonstrate the following in their application:
- Must be able to provide evidence of organization's capability to sustain (pay for) infrastructure for at least 3 years after construction/installation is complete.
- Must be providing expanded and affordable broadband infrastructure to an underserved population with an identified need for additional broadband investment. Examples of need include:
  - Lack of access to a reliable high-speed broadband connection
  - Lack of affordable broadband
  - Lack of reliable service

Is your organization a local government within Hamilton County, Ohio (township, village or city) or a nonprofit entity under the laws of the State of Ohio and recognized as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization by the Internal Revenue Service (this includes Community Development Corporations as well)?

Yes

Is your organization operated for charitable or community benefit purposes?

Yes

Is your organization's principal place of business and location(s) where services are rendered in Hamilton County?

Yes

Is your organization registered and in good standing with the State of Ohio Attorney General's Office? (see Resource Section)?

Yes

Please confirm your organization will not use Hamilton County American Rescue Plan funding in place of or instead of local, state, federal or other funds already designated for that purpose.

Confirm

Complete Registration
Program Registration
Click this link to create a new program and assign to application. At least one program must be added.
Program Registration

Fields marked with an * are required fields.

Program Information
Program Name*
Limit up to 150 characters.
Impact Area *
Description *

Contact:

Address
Address Type* — Select Address Type —
Address Line 1: *
Address Line 2:
City *
State *
Zip Code *

Email Address
Email Type* — Select Email Type —
Email Address *

Save/Complete Registration
Cancel and Return to Previous Page
A Test Agency

Review and Complete Program Registration

Review and submit your request. Review the information below, then click 'Complete Registration'.

Program Name: A Test Program
Request For Participation In: Hamilton County Public Wi-Fi Grant Application

OVERVIEW

United Way of Greater Cincinnati is administering a grant program on behalf of all FREE Public Library Systems to fund innovation, show to local participation in free public Wi-Fi, and more.

OVERVIEW

FREE Public Library Systems
In underserved areas, Wi-Fi has been shown to have a significant impact on local development.

Purpose:
The United Way has committed to funding free public Wi-Fi in underserved areas to ensure that everyone has access to high-speed internet.

Grants:
The minimum grant amount is $30,000 and the maximum grant amount is $100,000 for the first year.

Application:
The application deadline is February 28, 2023, and the recipient must agree to the terms and conditions listed.

Other Key Criteria to Note:

In addition to the eligibility criteria, it is important to note that all applicants must be able to provide or demonstrate the following in their application:

Must be able to provide evidence of organization's capability to sustain (pay for) infrastructure for at least 3 years after construction/installation is complete.

For all proposed free public Wi-Fi:

- Lack of access to a reliable high-speed broadband connection
- Lack of affordable broadband
- Lack of reliable service

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Access online materials at https://www.unwpc.org/valueimpact/programs-initiatives/digital-equity. All materials, including a recording of the Information Session and additional resources, will be posted on United Way’s website. We will continue to add to these resources throughout the application process.

Confirmation

Thank you your request has been submitted. An e-mail confirmation has been sent to you.

Agency Name: A Test Agency
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