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Dedicated to ensuring that every home, farm, and business in Missouri has fast, reliable, and affordable internet.



August, 2024

AGENDA- Special Meeting on Digital Equity/Opportunity Grants

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Competitive Grant Program
 - a. Grant Resources and Information
 - b. MO Digital Opportunity Resources
 - c. Discussion Application process and partnerships
- 3. State Capacity Grants
 - a. Update from D'Mitri Farthing Jr, MO Office of Broadband
- 4. What Can We Do To Help You?



Competitive Grant Highlights

Application Deadline September 23

- Grant Portal is at https://grants.ntia.gov
- Portal opened August 14
- Requires SAM.gov account and UEI to access portal

Data and Reporting Requirements

- Annual reports
- Evaluation report (annually)
- Financial reports (2x year)
- Performance (technical) report (June 30 each year)



Competitive Grant Highlights

Grant Expectations

- \$5M \$12M each
- 90% project cost with 10% matching funds (cash or in-kind)
- 10% cap for administrative costs
- \$750m available this rounds. \$250m available in additional rounds (TBD).

Priorities

- Partnerships of entities with ability to administer significant resources
- Reach covered populations
- Greatest impact potential
- Outcomes: measurable, achievable, sustainable, and timely



Competitive Grant Resources

- NTIA Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program Resources
 - Notice of Public Funding (NOFO)
 - Grant Primer
 - FAQs
 - Grant Application Materials
 - Past and Upcoming Webinars
- Digital Equity Act Population Viewer
- NDIA Grant Preparation Overview
- Free MO assistance with SAM registration and grants
 - University of Missouri: Apex Accelerator



MO Digital Opportunity Resources

<u>Missouri Digital Opportunity Plan</u>

Note: the implementation plan has not been approved yet by NTIA.

MO Broadband Digital Asset Map

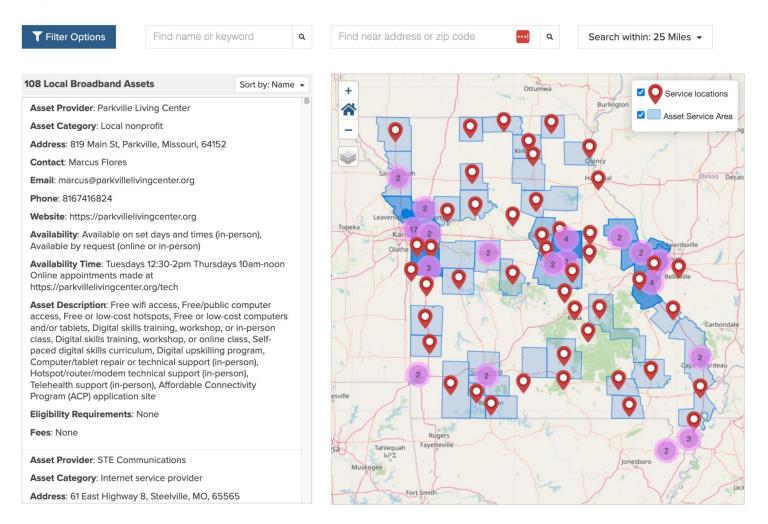
Digital assets include: services, programs, workshops, and equipment.



Digital Asset Map

Welcome to the MoBroadband Digital Asset Map. The purpose of this map is to collect and catalogue digital assets around the state of Missouri. Digital assets include services, programs, workshops, and equipment that help individuals, organizations, and businesses effectively access and use internet technologies. Examples of digital assets include: public WiFi locations, classes that teach individuals how to use PowerPoint, and programs that provide free hotspots. Have questions? Contact us at help@cares.missouri.edu.

Add/Edit Digital Asset



Competitive Grant Discussion

- Who is considering leading an application?
 - Are you open to additional partners?
- Who is interested in being a partner?
- Options for devices?
 - Who is refurbishing and what is their capacity?
 - What are the bottlenecks?
 - USDA donated devices?
- Options for rural areas?



State Capacity Grants D'Mitri Farthing, Jr. MO Office of Broadband

Status of MO Digital Equity Plan Approval

- Status update of State Capacity Grants
- •Q&A



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