

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

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2021 Proposed Implementation Cost (\$8.3M)

Program/Activity	Program Description	%	\$
Salary & Wages	35 Strategic Adv. 2	47%	\$3.92M
Digital Equity	Digital Census, Stewards, Build	17%	\$1.41M
PBP	Consulting, (inc.Tech & youth)	12%	\$0.97M
PB Barriers	Meeting community Needs	24%	\$2.0M

Assumes \$12M in HSD investments align with capacity-building alternatives to policing, \$.5M in crisis app, hiring 2 FTE Seattle IT to address digital equity, and 20% of non-implementation goes to the contingency fund. Remainder goes to PB pot for public decision-making. Add 20% all new funds to contingency fund.

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Develop Digital Navigator Program

Program/Activity	Program Description	2021	2022 - 27
Develop Digital Navigators	30 Stewards, 20 Youth Corps	\$1.25M	\$5M
Develop Digital Navigators	Census, Deploy, Maintain	\$0.8M	\$3M
Develop Digital Navigators	Leverage current projects	\$0.2M	\$2M
Develop Digital Navigators	Connect to Reimagine Seattle	\$0.5M	\$2.0M

Outcome: A network of trained community-based Digital Navigators, in and from the BIPOC community, provide BIPOC residents culturally competent 1:1 assistance in getting to and using online resources, low-income internet, device programs and developing digital skills.

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Increase Device Ownership Opportunities

Program/Activity	Program Description	2021	2022 - 27
Provide 200 laptops	Digital Bridge Pilot (job skills training program)	\$0.05M	
Increase Device Ownership	Design computer acquisition model	\$0.45M	
	Distribute 5,000 additional computers	\$4M	\$12M

Outcome: Community organizations serving BIPOC communities have access to a stream of computers to distribute to their students and clients. Increased home computer ownership eliminates a barrier for distance learning, job search and other essential online activities.

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Increase Internet Hotspots Distribution

Program/Activity	Program Description	2021	2022 - 27
Continue SPL's hotspot distribution program	Provide connectivity to the public and high priority populations	1,125 hotspots	
Partner with Digital Navigators and community-based organizations	Distribute 200 hotspots annually to students, unemployed workers, and insecurely-housed	\$0.08M	\$.41M

Outcome: Hotspots connectivity fills crucial gaps for BIPOC residents and other high priority populations to engage in distance learning, job search and other essential online activities.

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Expand Public Wi-Fi Coverage

Program/Activity	Program Description	2021	2022 - 27
Wi-Fi upgrades at 7 SPR Community centers & recreation sites	Wi-Fi upgrades at all Seattle public libraries, adding external Wi-Fi	City, SPL	City, SPL
Wi-Fi upgrades at 4 additional SPR Sites	Provide ongoing connectivity and maintenance	\$0.60M	TBD
Design and deploy area coverage in 3 priority zones	Selection based on 2017 Wi-Fi plan, digital equity, and RSJ priorities.	\$1.47M	\$4.2M
Identify 10 BIPOC organizations to provide external public Wi-Fi	Design and depoly in 2021	\$0.14M	\$0.3M
Develop new Wi-Fi map	Map of city facilities and crowd-sourced map of other Wi-Fi locations	\$0.01M	

Outcome: Increased access to free, safe public internet for housing insecure & low-income residents, youth, those fleeing domestic violence and their families, and low-income visitors to use essential online services, engage in civic participation and social inclusion.

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Provide Grants Through Technology Matching Fund

Program/Activity	Program Description	2021	2022 - 27
Provide open, competitive grants	Support community-driven solutions to digital equity	\$0.5M City	
Fund innovative solutions	Encompasses devices, connectivity, and training	\$0.04M City	
Incorporate new granting elements	Reduce barriers, build sustainable programs and empower community decision-making.	\$0.1M	
Complete 30 grants	Reach over 5K residents	\$0.30M	\$ 4M
Expand funding	Invest in 10 additional organizations annually	\$0.25M	\$3.42M

Outcome: Invest in BIPOC organizations to bolster community capacity to provide direct, culturally relevant services to residents to increase technology access and provide digital skills training. 6.

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Support a Community Cellular Network (CBRS)

Program/Activity	Program Description	2021	2022 - 27
Initial UW Pilot	Deploy LTE access equipment at 6 ReWA building locations and install 24 community extension sites	\$0.06M	\$0.06M
Hold monthly training workshops	Basic network engineering classes	\$0.02M	\$0.1M
Continued network operation	Community members collaboratively maintain their network	\$0.05M	\$1.1M
12 additional LTE network sites	Strategically deployed in other pockets of need in the city	\$0.01M	\$0.3M

Outcome: Increased free mobile internet connectivity options available for residents who cannot afford internet service or mobile data plans.