



FUNDING ALERT!

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Program Name

Missouri Digital Demonstration Projects Grant Program

Funding Amount

- Up to \$250,000 from the State Digital Equity Planning Grant, funded by the 2021 Digital Equity Act and part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
 - Minimum grant award: \$5,000
 - Maximum grant award: \$25,000

Key Dates

- **January 19, 2023** – Draft guidelines released
- **January 27, 2023** – Public comment period closes
- **February 1, 2023** – Final guidelines released & application opens
- **March 1, 2023 – Application closes**
- **April 3, 2023** – Awards announced
- **April 3, 2023** – Performance period starts
- **July 31, 2023** – 3-month progress report due
- **August 31, 2023** – Performance period ends
- **September 15, 2023** – Final report due

Eligible Applicants

- Community Anchor Institution
- County and Municipal Governments
- Local Education Agencies
- Nonprofit organizations
- Organizations that represent:
 - Individuals with disabilities, including children with disabilities
 - Aging individuals
 - Individuals with language barriers
 - Veterans
 - Individuals who are incarcerated in the State
- Civil rights organizations
- Entities that carry out workforce development programs
- State agencies responsible for administering or supervising adult education and literacy activities
- Public housing authorities in the state
- A consortium of any of the entities listed above



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Eligible Activities

- Training and deploying digital navigators
- Providing/subsidizing electronic devices for eligible individuals
- Promoting/Enrolling individuals in the FCC's ACP

Ineligible Activities

- Certain research activities (e.g., surveys, interviews, education tests, and observation of behavior)

Application Contents

- Proposed project budget
- Proposed project budget narrative
- Performance measurement plan
- Service delivery plan
- Applicant's E-Verify memorandum of understanding (MOU)
- Statement of No Tax Due from the Missouri Department of Revenue
- Competed Leadership and Ownership form
- Applicant Certification Form (which includes an E-Verify attestation)
- Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension

Scoring Criteria

- Data Collection Plan – **up to 25 points**
- Population Reached – **up to 15 points**
- Organizational Experience & Capacity – **up to 10 points**
- Service Delivery Plan – **up to 10 points**
- Sustainability & Capacity Building – **up to 5 points**
- Cost Efficiency – **up to 5 points**
- **Total – 70 points**

Eligible Costs

- Training staff or volunteers to assist in ACP sign-up
- Training staff or volunteers in becoming digital navigators
- Assistance with ACP sign-up
- Costs associated with providing educational events
- Advertising and marketing costs of the ACP, device programs, and digital navigator services
- Purchase and distribution of affordable devices
- Technical support for device recipients
- Digital navigator services and events in person, online, or over the phone
- Data collection and compliance

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Ineligible Costs

- Indirect costs
- Administrative costs
- Device reimbursement requests that exceed the difference between the cost of acquiring the device and any co-pay required by device recipients (i.e. if a client is asked to pay \$20 toward a \$100 device, the reimbursement can be no more than \$80)
- Costs that are being covered by other federal or state funds
- Funds, whether directly or indirectly spent, to support or oppose collective bargaining

Links & Emails

- [Program Guidelines](#)
- Please submit questions to Dmitri.farthing@ded.mo.gov

- Opportunity Evaluation
- Effective Grant Writing
- Track Record of Success