

Bridging the Digital Divide Grant Program

Background

The Digital Divide Grant Program was created to provide training and access to computers and other technologies to residents of low income communities.

Through this program, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity awards grants to plan, establish and expand Community Technology Centers.

The focus of the program is to support Community Technology Centers that provide fundamental technology skills training.



Eligible Applicants

The Department seeks applications from Community Technology Centers serving residents of eligible low-income communities. Community Technology Centers include:

- Public Hospitals
- Libraries
- Park Districts
- Educational Institutions
- Non-Profit Organizations

In addition to being an eligible entity, the Community Technology Center must provide computer access and training to the public for at least twelve hours per week.

Eligible Communities

Communities that are eligible include:

- Communities with more than 40% of the students eligible for a free or reduced price lunch under the national school lunch program.
- Communities with more than 30% of the students that are eligible for free lunch under the national school lunch program.

Please see the grant application for the complete eligibility requirements.



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