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Community Foundation Announces Digital Inclusion Grants to Support Distance Learning as a Result of COVID-19

Eight Digital Inclusion projects receive funding totaling \$70,000

The Community Foundation of Greater Huntsville is proud to announce grants from the third round of funding from the Google Fiber Digital Inclusion Fund. The Digital Inclusion Fund is designed to catalyze programs to make internet access and digital education available to residents currently without access to those resources.

“The current COVID crisis has demonstrated the need, now more than ever, to bridge the digital divide so that all students can have access to a quality education,” said Melissa Thompson, CEO/President of the Community Foundation.

Following a rigorous review process by a Grants Committee comprised of community stakeholders, eight projects were selected to support distance-learning efforts for underserved K-12 students in the City of Huntsville.

Girls Inc. of Huntsville - \$18,000

Girls Inc.-ALL ACCESS

Ensure students can participate in The Girls Inc. Experience, as well as other Girls Inc. programming by providing Google Chromebooks for K-8th grade girls

The CAP & GOWN Project - \$10,000

The 2020 STEM Summer Institute

Provide two weeks of free, rigorous ACT and college prep facilitated by Huntsville City Schools teachers virtually via Google Classrooms for 9-12th grade students

Huntsville City Schools - \$10,000

HCS Connectivity for English Language Learners

Increase Internet connectivity from home by providing hotspots for English Language Learners

Village of Promise - \$10,000

Bridging the Gap- Digitally and Academically

Establish a community hub for Distance Learning by providing a Digital Learning Creation Studio



Huntsville Inner City Learning Center- \$8,000

Chromebooks for K-2nd Grade Students

Support online tutoring and access to educational resources by providing Google Chromebooks for K-2nd grade students

Huntsville STEAM Works - \$6,000

STEAM-Focused Distance Learning Outreach

Provide digital distance learning courses to underserved K-12 students without access to digital learning programs

Real Fathers Making a Difference, Inc. - \$5,000

Level Up ONLINE

Provide laptops and software to assist youth in reaching their full academic potential and education goals while offering guidance in leadership and life skills

New Futures, Inc. - \$3,000

Life Lessons

Support summer educational program for homeless youth by providing laptops for online lessons

“Google Fiber is excited to support the Huntsville community’s digital inclusion priorities at this critical time,” said Daynise Joseph, Community Impact Manager for Google Fiber in Huntsville. “We’re proud to be able to support the work of local organizations working throughout this crisis to help Huntsville’s students increase technological access to ensure that everyone can take advantage of distance learning opportunities.”

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