

Hamilton County Public Wi-Fi Grant Program

Q&A Session - February 7, 2024





Basics

- The minimum grant request is \$10,000 and the maximum is \$200,000.
- The program will consist of two rounds of funding: 75% or \$1,068,750 is anticipated to be awarded in the first round and the remainder (about \$356,250) will be awarded in the second round.
- **Deadline for applications Round 1 is Friday, March 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**
- **Deadline for applications for Round 2 is Friday, April 5, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**
- Expect to communicate decisions by April.
- Contracts expected to end July 2025.



Accessing the Hamilton County Wi-Fi Grant Application Using e-CImpact



You can access the online system by visiting:

<https://www.uwgc.org/for-nonprofits>

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Registration for New e-CImpact Users



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Welcome!

If you are a new Agency registering for the application process please click "Next".

If you are a Returning Agency and are trying to access the e-CImpact system, to apply, please use your existing login credentials or contact us at UWGCe-CImpact@uwgc.org for assistance.

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United Way of Greater Cincinnati Agency Registration

Fields marked with an * are required fields.

Please complete the requested information below then click the "Next" button in the bottom right corner of this page.

Agency Account Information

EIN:
Agency Name:*
Website URL:

Account Information

Description:*
Limit up to 4000 characters (0 used).

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Address Line 2:
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State:*
Zip Code:*

Email Address

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require pre-qualification information be provided.

Hamilton County

Hamilton County Public Wi-Fi

Hamilton County Public Wi-Fi Grant Application

OVERVIEW

United Way of Greater Cincinnati is administering a grant program on behalf of Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners to provide FREE Public Wi-Fi to local governments and community organizations in underserved areas of the county. Broadband infrastructure has been shown to be critical for work, education, healthcare, and civic participation during the public health emergency. A total of \$1,425,000 is available through the County's ARPA/SLFRF funding.

Nonprofits are permitted to submit an application for this funding and for the United Way of Greater Cincinnati Digital Equity Grant Program. United Way's grant program seeks programs that bridge the digital divide, fostering inclusivity and accessibility. We invite proposals for innovative digital inclusion solutions, empowering diverse populations to navigate the digital landscape with confidence and competence. The requests for proposals will be released concurrently and can be found on United Way's website.

PURPOSES OF FUNDS - PUBLIC WI-FI

Organizations can apply for funding to install Public Wi-Fi by providing expanded infrastructure to county residents and to expand affordable access to broadband internet. The minimum grant request is \$10,000 and the maximum is \$200,000. The program will consist of two rounds of funding: 75% or \$1,068,750 is anticipated to be awarded in the first round and the remainder (about \$356,250) will be awarded in the second round.

Public Wi-Fi is defined as Wi-Fi service provided for use by consumers on a wireless device, and is password protected or has other secure authentication protocols established and managed by the owner. Public Wi-Fi networks are open to anyone who can access them.

OTHER KEY CRITERIA TO NOTE

In addition to the eligibility criteria, it is important to note that all applicants must be able to provide or demonstrate the following in their application:

Must be able to provide evidence of organization's capability to sustain (pay for) infrastructure for at least 3 years after construction/installation is complete.

Must be providing expanded and affordable broadband infrastructure to an underserved population with an identified need for additional broadband investment. Examples of need include:

- Lack of access to a reliable high-speed broadband connection
- Lack of affordable broadband
- Lack of reliable service

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Access online materials at <https://www.uwgc.org/your-impact/programs-initiatives/digital-equity>. All materials, including a recording of the information session and additional resources, will be posted on United Way's website. We'll continue to add to these resources throughout the application process.

Digital Equity

Digital Equity

Digital Equity Grant Application

This request for proposals seeks programs that bridge the digital divide, fostering inclusivity and accessibility. We invite proposals for innovative digital inclusion solutions, empowering diverse populations to navigate the digital landscape with confidence and competence.

To support organizational efforts to increase digital equity in priority populations and communities, funding will start on April 1, 2024, and implementation can last up to 12 months. Given the urgency of this kind of work, priority will be given to organizations that are prepared to implement their work immediately upon receiving funding.

Organizations may only submit one application and grants will likely range from \$25,000 - \$50,000. Organizations are permitted to submit an application for this funding and for the Hamilton County Public WiFi Grant Program, administered by the United Way of Greater Cincinnati.

PRIORITY AREAS:

Priority will be given to proposals that employ the approaches outlined below and/or specifically serve the most at-risk communities.

- Contributes to one or more of the five key areas for creating digital equity. (see RFP)
- Utilizes a Digital Navigator model.
- Works directly with populations who are most impacted by the Digital Divide. (see RFP)

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Eligibility Step



All applicants must complete an eligibility check prior to accessing the application.

Upon completion, if you meet all the criteria, you will automatically be able to access the application.

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Hamilton County Public Wi-Fi Grant Program Eligibility

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Organization Information

Organization Name*
Limit up to 150 characters (0 used).

Primary Contact

Contact Name*
Limit up to 150 characters (0 used).

Pronouns*

Title*
Limit up to 150 characters (0 used).

Contact Email*

Contact Phone*

Organizational Eligibility

Please answer the following questions to determine your eligibility to apply for this program.

Organizations that are not eligible include:

- For profit organizations and individuals
- Internet service providers
- Schools

OTHER KEY CRITERIA TO NOTE

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Is your organization a local government within Hamilton County, Ohio (township, village or city) or a nonprofit entity under the laws of the State of Ohio and recognized as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization by the Internal Revenue Service (this includes Community Development Corporations as well)?*

Yes No

Is your organization operated for charitable or community benefit purposes?*

Yes No

Is your organization's principal place of business and location(s) where services are rendered in Hamilton County?*

Yes No

Is your organization registered and in good standing with the State of Ohio Attorney General's Office?(see Resource Section)?*

Yes No

Please confirm your organization will not use Hamilton County American Rescue Plan funding in place of or instead of local, state, federal or other funds already designated for that purpose.*

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Eligibility Check



Organizational Eligibility

 Please answer the following questions to determine your eligibility to apply for the Hamilton County Public Wifi Grant.

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application, be sure to review this grant packet along with attending or Overview Webinar and any other supplemental materials available. This is a pay grant program and we do not want anyone to complete the application to fulfill all of the requirements if awarded funding.

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with your registration completed by clicking on the **Mark Completed** at the bottom of the section

When all sections of the application have been marked completed, the application may be submitted.

Friday, March 8, 2024 at 5:00pm: Applications for Round 1 DUE

Friday, April 5, 2024 at 5:00pm: Applications for Round 2 DUE

Late applications will not be accepted.

Assign Programs to this Application

At least one program is required for this application for funding.

To add a program to this application, select a program from the drop down (if available), or if there is no drop-down displayed, select 'Create a new Program.'

Click the link to 'Create a New Program and Assign it to this Application' to proceed to the Add new program profile page. Do not create duplicate programs.

Please ensure to click 'Complete Registration' on the Review page to successfully add your program to the application. When the Program Profile registration is complete, all of the forms for that program will display in your list of forms below.

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Application Status



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Program Information

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Description: *

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Program Primary Contact:

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Review and Complete Registration

Review and submit your request. Review the information below, then click 'Complete Registration'

Program Name: **A Test Program**
Request For Participation In: **Hamilton County Public Wi-Fi Grant Application**

OVERVIEW

United Way of Greater Cincinnati is administering a grant program on

behalf of Hamilton County Public Wi-Fi. This program is designed to help underserved populations in underserved areas. The program is shown to be a high priority for participation. The total amount of participation is \$1,425,000.

Nonprofits are eligible to apply for the United Way's Impact Award. The United Way's Impact Award divide, foster innovative digital solutions for underserved populations to improve their competence, and can be used for a variety of purposes.

PURPOSES OF

Organization: expanded infrastructure access to broadband and the maximum amount of funding: 75% of the total round and the second round.

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Confirmation

✓ Thank you, your request has been submitted. An e-mail confirmation has been sent to you.

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Program Name: **A Test Program**
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