



# Technology Committee

Digital Equity Team January 31st, 2025



#### **Overview**





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## **Budget Overview**





| Lake County Digital Growth Initiative Budget       |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Support the BEAD Process                           | \$ 884.16       |
| Implement a Dig Once Policy                        | -               |
| Public Wi-Fi Pilot                                 | \$800,000.00    |
| ACP Outreach Campaign                              | -               |
| Device Distribution Program                        | \$ 2,200,000.00 |
| Digital Navigators Including Internal and External | \$ 1,777,713.25 |
| Digital Literacy Program Coordination              | \$ 44,805.00    |
| Broadband and Digital Equity Coalition             | \$ 36,460.00    |
| Digital Equity Staff                               | \$ 659,325.97   |
| Outreach Marketing Campaign                        | \$ 300,000.00   |
| Digital Equity Asset Inventory Website             | -               |
| Digital Equity Fund                                | -               |
| Total Budget                                       | \$ 5,819,188.38 |

\*All funds are contracted as of December 2024\*

### **Digital Navigator Program**



- Digital Navigator Coordinator January 6th start date
  - Chandes Atkins, Digital Navigator Coordinator, to directly facilitate programming across the County
  - Will support the Digital Equity Manager with scheduling/coordinating Digital Navigator programming
- Digital Navigators (2) January 6th and 14 start dates
  - **Hector Guifarro**, Digital Navigator, will be assigned to Workforce Development out of the Lake County Job Center in Waukegan
  - **Genesis Avila**, Digital Navigator, will be assigned to the Health Department out of Midlakes Health Center in Round Lake Beach

Looking ahead: Plan to hire additional Digital Navigators in March 2025

## **Digital Equity Coalition**



#### January Meeting

29 attendees

Next meeting will be held virtually Tuesday, February 25th, 12:30 – 1:30PM

Register here: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsd---">https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsd---</a>
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