San José Digital Inclusion Fund
Invitation to Apply for Digital Inclusion Grants
Due November 15, 2019

Dear Civic Leaders and Community Service Organizations:

On behalf of the City of San José and the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF), I invite you to apply for a Digital Inclusion Grant to advance the work your organization is doing to achieve greater digital equity in San José.

The Digital Inclusion Fund is a partnership between the City and CETF to close the Digital Divide in San José. We define Digital Inclusion broadly. It is a commitment to ensure that the 50,000 households in San José who currently lack digital access have universal device access, connectivity, and digital awareness and literacy to enhance their economic opportunity and quality of life.

We will grant up to $1 million to community organizations and public agencies that serve the needs of low-income, disadvantaged communities across all ages and all issue areas. In the spirit of learning and understanding the breadth of programs possible to achieve greater digital equity, we do not have a specified grant size or number of grants to award. Instead, we will use performance-based outcomes to evaluate each application. These outcomes are outlined in detail in the Application, but seek to mitigate the three barriers to adoption: cost, relevance, and digital literacy.

If your organization provides community services to San José residents in education, workforce training, healthcare, affordable housing, homeless support services, public safety, or emergency preparedness, you are already reaching the target population. Given our broad definition of Digital Inclusion, we encourage you to apply with your existing program or a newly designed program that addresses the digital needs of the communities you serve.

We want your application to be successful. Therefore, if you have any questions around eligibility, program design to achieve the outlined goals, or measuring performance, please attend one of the scheduled workshops listed in the application or reach out to us at info@sjdigitalinclusion.org.

We invite you to review the attached Invitation and Application for a San José Digital Inclusion Grant. Grant applications are due on November 15, 2019 at 5pm PST.

Sincerely,

Mayor Sam Liccardo, City of San José