Digital Equity

1 To empower all individuals in the community to fully participate in the digital world, irrespective of their background, race, income, language, education, or geographic location.

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Short-term Plans

Connectivity

Collaborate with internet service providers and businesses to create sustainable infrastructure for low-cost internet for underserved areas and individuals.

Devices

In partnership with businesses and non-profits, provide refurbished computers and mobile devices to low-income households and individuals.

Education

Expand and support short-term digital literacy workshops focusing on essential skills for daily life, such as online banking and job searching.

Support

Further develop access to digital support. Recruit and schedule volunteers from local communities who can assist others in troubleshooting, accessing, and using digital tools effectively.

Long-term Vision

An Inclusive Innovation Ecosystem

Establish a funded and sustainable inclusive innovation ecosystem. With multi-purpose physical space(s) and satellite locations where underprivileged individuals can receive housing, meals, and foundational education in technology skills. This center could serve as a pathway to tech-related jobs, small business development (restaurants, trades, printing etc.), and community and resident participation.

Establish partnerships with startups, educators, non-profits, large tech firms, investors, and developers to create funding, employment pipelines, and ensuring graduates from this program can find jobs and establish successful businesses in the region.

Leverage this ecosystem to incubate, launch, and expand the prioritized innovation projects that the community and city have identified.

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Bellevue needs your input and support

What are your initial impressions on the vision for digital equity?

How do we activate tech savvy volunteers to contribute effectively?

How can we expand availability for tech support and digital literacy?

Please fill out your community feedback cards and leave them at the check-in desk.