



EDDF

Eliminating the
Digital Divide Fund

The Eliminating the Digital Divide Fund (EDDF) is a donation-based fund to sustain digital equity work in Illinois. Originating from the Eliminate the Digital Divide Law, passed in 2001, and updated in 2025, the EDDF can be used to support digital equity programming such as:

- *Community Tech Centers*
- *Digital Skill Classes and Curriculum*
- *One-on-One Tech Support*
- *Low-Cost Laptops and Tablets*

When Illinoisans have broadband access, can afford to adopt it into their lives, and have the competence and confidence to use online tools, they thrive.



28%

1.3 million

Illinois households do not have high-speed internet at home.

39%

1.9 million

Illinois households may find it difficult to afford their internet bill.

11%

540,000

Illinois residents lack confidence with digital skills

We envision an Illinois in which all Illinoisans are empowered to use and participate fully in an increasingly digital economy and society.

Source for all: State Digital Equity Plan, 2023

Internet Service Providers can help by:

- **Creating a way for subscribers to opt-in to donate on their monthly bill**
- **Promoting the EDDF to subscribers, partners, and community members**
- **Considering a direct donation**



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