



EDDF

Eliminating the
Digital Divide Fund

The Eliminating the Digital Divide Fund is a donation-based fund to sustain digital equity work in Illinois. The Eliminate the Digital Divide Law authorizing the EDDF was passed in 2001, allowing for the Office of Broadband to collect donations and use them to fund digital equity projects statewide. In spite of this, the digital divide still persists in Illinois.



Donations from internet service providers, companies, and individual will fund digital equity initiatives like:

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

How it Works

Direct Donations

- Direct donations as a lump sum
- Donors may include philanthropy, private sector, an internet service provider, etc.



Donations on Bills

- Telecom subscribers opt-in to donating as part of their monthly bill
- Providers pass on those donations every quarter



Back to the Community

- Grants to community groups and local initiatives
- Statewide digital equity programming and services

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, either one-time or annually**



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