TECHNOLOGY MATCHING FUND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I apply for both a Civic Engagement and a Technology Literacy and Access grant in the same year?

Yes, you can submit more than one application. However, it is unlikely that you will be awarded more than one grant in a grant cycle.

My organization is not a 501 (c) 3. Can we still apply?

Yes, you can apply without a 501 (C) 3 status, but you will need to secure a fiscal sponsor by the time of contracting, which is usually in August or September.

We are working with a Fiscal Sponsor on our project. What is the going rate for those services?

Fiscal sponsors typically charge 3%-15%, to fiscally manage a project.   You can include this as an expense on your project. If your Fiscal Sponsor waives their fee, you can count the value of the services as match.

My organization received a Tech Matching Fund grant last year. Can I apply again this year?

Yes, you may apply each year for a new project or an expansion of an existing project. We will not fund ongoing operations for an organization.

My project will benefit Seattle residents, but my organization is not located in the City of Seattle. Can we apply?

No, an organization must be located in the City of Seattle to receive funds.   You may be a partner in the project, but you cannot receive the funds directly.

My organization is a school. Can we apply for funding?

Yes, with a couple limitations. The project must be for an after school program or it should clearly involve community members besides the students. The application has to come from a PTSA or other non-profit organization that you partner with.

We currently have a computer lab. Can we use the value of the computers as match?

No, you cannot count existing equipment currently used by your organization as a match. You can, however, count any new contributions that will be used specifically for the project as a match.

We received a Neighborhood Matching Fund grant? Can we use this as match?

No, you cannot match City funds with other City funds. You can list it as "sources not counted as match" in your budget.

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Can I ask for funds for rent, utilities, Insurance and Internet?

Yes, but only for the portion of the expenses required for the project.   For example, if your project extends training on 2 nights a week, you can include the expenses incurred during those additional hours. Or, if you buy new equipment, you can include the property insurance required for the added equipment.