



City of Seattle

Community Technology Advisory Board

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2017 CTAB accomplishments

In 2017, the Community Technology Advisory Board (CTAB) hosted presentations to the community on a range of issues, including technology and homelessness, Smart Cities, and autonomous vehicles and prioritized its work in tackling technology issues within the areas of *digital inclusion, broadband and cable, and privacy*. Below is a summary of CTAB accomplishments for 2017-18.

Digital Inclusion

- Reviewed and recommended funding that resulted in 15 new Technology Matching Fund (TMF) grants
- Secured additional \$25,000 in funds from FaceBook for the 2017 TMF grant cycle
- Contributed feedback to the digital equity evaluation plan
- Co-launched and hosted three Digital Literacy Network meet-ups

Broadband & Cable

- Advocated for public benefits in the Wave franchise renewal, resulting in a low-income internet discount and expansion of the cable broadband for non-profits program
- Facilitated ongoing conversations and open communication with other Seattle ISP providers (Comcast and Century Link)
- Promoted an open internet and submitted comments and case studies in the FCC's "Restoring Internet Freedom" proceeding (including Net Neutrality & Lifeline)

Privacy

- Advised on the Surveillance Ordinance and serve on the working group
- Partnered with Seattle IT on an Open Data race and social justice strategy
- Performed a privacy review in partnership with Seattle IT to ensure that Cisco public wifi hardware in city-owned community centers adhered to the City's privacy regulations and guidelines for vendors