



Agenda Item

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Requested Agenda Date:

7/18/2023

Requested Agenda Title:

Budget Adjustment: The Office of Homelessness and Criminal Justice Reform has been awarded \$30,000 from the Utah Broadband Center to increase and support digital access in the community. This is to add the grant to their revenue and expense budget.

Requested Agenda Item Description: The Office of Homelessness and Criminal Justice Reform (OHCJR), was awarded a digital access planning grant from the Utah Broadband Center for a total of \$30,000 to focus on creating a plan to increase and support digital access in the community. This planning grant was announced as a “pre-grant”, and they are planning on releasing another RFP for the awarded organizations to implement their plans. The overall goal of the Utah Broadband center was to find organizations that work with their different target populations, we were awarded to focus specifically on individuals who have been or are currently incarcerated. They have created a Digital Connectivity plan for the state and would like to include the plans from the awarded organizations in their larger one. Here is a link to their site that shows the one they just released: [Digital Connectivity Plan | Connect Utah \(connectingutah.com\)](https://connectingutah.com)

(OHCJR) is currently partnered with Chief Dumont at the SLCo Jail to help reach our target population. He will survey the inmates using an established tablet system in the jail cells, and plan to complete the surveys by July 20th. The Salt Lake City Library is ready to move forward with digital literacy classes that we would like to use a large portion of the grant funds to support this by paying out a stipend. They will be holding these classes at different resource centers around Salt Lake City and will survey the individuals to have a better understanding of the target population and their needs. Finally, we will use these funds to provide food for different focus groups and gain additional knowledge on gaps in digital literacy and access. We have until 08/01/2023 to spend down these funds to support the planning process. We will not use these funds for payroll support.

Requested Action: Discussion - Vote Needed

Presenter(s) (with titles): Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst

Time Needed: Less than 5 MINS

Is this Item Time-Sensitive and/or Requesting a Time-Certain? No

Requesting Staff Member: Jean Hill, CJAC Director

Are Supporting Documents Needed for this Agenda Item Request? Yes