

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Accept the Digital Equity Action Plan Year 1 Progress Report (Report)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

In April 2016, the Portland City Council, along with the Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners, and the Multnomah County Library District Board, unanimously adopted the Digital Equity Action Plan (DEAP). (City Resolution No. 37199)

Resolution No. 37199 authorizes and directs the Office for Community Technology (OCT) to engage with other City of Portland bureaus and offices, as well as with County offices, schools, the business community, internet service providers and community organizations in developing a work plan to implement DEAP and to make annual reports to the City Council on progress achieved and barriers encountered regarding closing the digital divide and accomplishments toward digital equity.

The DEAP provides a framework for local partners to collaborate on 17 strategic actions that target inequities in access to high-speed internet at home and in school, devices to use the internet, and relevant training to gain digital literacy skills. This cooperative approach builds on isolated digital inclusion programs, projects and activities to achieve greater cooperation and information sharing across our region.

The Year 1 Progress Report highlights the groundwork completed to begin implementing the DEAP framework and provides an overview of the strategic action projects underway.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

There are no financial or budgetary impacts of accepting the Digital Equity Action Plan Year 1 Progress Report.

Community impacts and community involvement:

OCT, in partnership with Library/County staff, facilitate and support community partners in carrying out the DEAP.

The Digital Inclusion Network, a coalition of community organizations interested in raising awareness about digital equity barriers and developing solutions to bridging the digital divide, has been instrumental in guiding DEAP implementation efforts, pursuing opportunities for greater community engagement, and tracking strategic action project progress.

DIN members were involved in the creation of this report.

Members of the DIN may testify at Council when the report is presented.

The report will be made publicly available.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.

☒ **NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount