

AGE & DISABILITY FRIENDLY SF WORKGROUP AGENDA

Friday, May 5th 10-12pm

Minutes

INTRODUCTIONS

Co-chair – introductions & welcome. First name, organization and something fun you're looking forward to this weekend.

PROJECT UPDATES: Communication, Information, & Technology Domain

Recommendation: Implement Empowered SF Technology Needs Assessment.

Action: Form a workgroup to evaluate the recommendations and develop a strategic framework for implementation.

Presenter: Andrew Broderick, Tech Council

Overview: Gave an overview of the Digital Equity Act – roughly a \$2.75billion grant funding, California received \$4million and every state has one year to develop a plan (by Fall 2023) on how to spend it (focus is on addressing digital equity). Digital inclusion program and equity to close the digital divide, all competitive grants between Federal government and local communities. Will favor efforts or applicants that are collaborative. On a 5yr timeline. Focusing on 8 specific target populations including older adults (60 years and older), people with disabilities, low-income, and other categories of underserved Americans. Focus on 6 outcome areas (including health care, digital inclusion and accessibility). The organizers are reaching out to various organizations, collecting info and building the state equity plan. June 8th will be a regional convening in Oakland – only local opportunity to engage (orgs and folks with lived experiences)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/broadband-for-all-digital-equity-and-bead-planning-workshop-bay-area-tickets-601092693427?aff=odcleoeventsincollection>

Will be a consumer survey in the next week or so, 12 languages, represent organization to attend June meeting.

The digital equity ecosystem mapping (DEEM) tool, for orgs to submit info on what

they're doing, what challenges they're facing and all local orgs are completing (State inventory of orgs supporting the target populations). States will be referring to this tool.

<https://broadbandforall.civilspace.io/en/projects/california-department-of-technology-broadband-digital-equity-survey/engagements/digital-equity-ecosystem-mapping-deem/sections/1>

The Tech Council will be reaching out to 45 organizations, to better understand what digital gaps both clients and organizations are experiencing. Will be incorporating existing efforts, studies, etc.

The California State Digital Equity Planning Process:

<https://broadbandforall.cdt.ca.gov/state-digital-equity-plan/>

Some gaps the Tech Council is already seeing a lot of: lack of staff and volunteers from org, clients needing help with navigating online services, affordability of internet access, internet dead zones throughout SF, trainings within Chinese or Spanish language.

On Thursday May 11, the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) press event is at 11am and the ACP enrollment assistance event from 1pm-3pm @ Main Library in the Latino/ Hispanic Rooms (lower level).

Recommendation: Advocate for citywide digital accessibility, ensuring that the City and County of SF offers accessible and inclusive web information.

Action: Implement the Citywide Digital Accessibility and Inclusion Standard and explore opportunities to share and implement within CBO network.

Presenter: Debby Kaplan, Mayor's Office on Disability (MOD)

SF Departments need a plan for how their going to edit their content for accessibility. By this month, review existing content to ensure it meets accessibility guidelines. Many Dept are migrating from old platform (sfgov.org) to a sf.gov, a more accessible website. Templates and trainings for folks who want to do their own accessibility audits. Sharing accessibility vendors for those interested.

May 18th Global Internet Accessibility Day – a webinar

This gets at our efforts to provide a toolkit and requirements to event organizers that we permit to do events on our properties. We will be letting them know that all their digital content must be accessible and having them attest that it will be accessible. Maybe there is something that can be developed that the non-profits, etc.

Updates:

At Home with Growing Older event: <https://athomewithgrowingold.com/annual-age-in/>

Bort's Accessible Pickleball: Adaptive Pickleball (In Berkeley through BORP every Saturday 1-3PM at James Kenney Community Center). More info in sign up link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4facab2faafdcf8-adaptive>

Next Workgroup Meeting: Friday, August 4th 10-12pm