



Snohomish County

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National Telecommunications Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Herbert C. Hoover Building (HCHB)
1401 Constitution Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20230

County Council
Jared Mead, Chair
Nate Nehring, Vice-Chair
Sam Low
Megan Dunn
Strom Peterson

County Executive
Dave Somers

RE: Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program Letter of Commitment

Snohomish County would like to express its strong commitment to Sno-Isle Libraries' Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program application to the National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA). Snohomish County has enjoyed a long history of partnering with Sno-Isle Libraries and looks forward to doing so again. For this grant opportunity, Sno-Isle Libraries will serve as the Authorized Representative of our partnership and has our full support in this critical initiative.

Snohomish County has been committed to working toward the goal of all county residents having equal access to digital technologies and the skills to effectively use them. We see this project aligning perfectly with our desire to bridge the digital divide. We believe this work will significantly contribute to enhancing our community's workforce skills, foster economic opportunity, educational achievement, and overall quality of life for all county residents.

We acknowledge Sno-Isle Libraries' commitment to keeping each partner informed of project and activity progress. As a committed partner in this initiative, Snohomish County will receive funding as a subrecipient and pledges the following support:

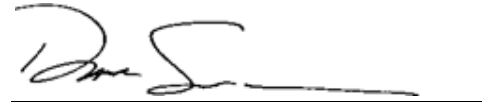
- **In-Kind Support:** Our organization will contribute staff time and expertise to support the success of this application. This includes outreach to community partners who work with us to address the needs of covered populations, data collection, workforce development, and assistance with grant reporting.
- **Resource Sharing:** Our organization can provide access to facilities, equipment, and systems that may be utilized for community meetings and/or to solicit input from the community.

Under Sno-Isle Libraries' leadership, this digital equity partnership could help transform our community and be particularly impactful for those community members most in need. Snohomish County is fully prepared to fulfill these commitments upon award of the grant. If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Jason Biermann, Senior Policy Advisor, at jason.biermann@co.snohomish.wa.us.

Sincerely,



Jared Mead
Council Chair



Dave Somers
County Executive

cc: Council Vice-Chair Nate Nehring
Councilmember Sam Low
Councilmember Megan Dunn
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Lois Langer Thompson, Sno-Isle Libraries
Executive Director and Partnership Authorized Representative