



CITY OF SOUTH BEND

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Redevelopment Commission Agenda Item

DATE: November 12, 2020

FROM: Brian Donoghue, Innovation & Technology

SUBJECT: Budget Request (Digital Inclusion Funding)

_____ Pres/V-Pres

ATTEST: _____ Secretary

Date: _____

APPROVED Not Approved

SOUTH BEND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Which TIF:(circle one) River West; River East; South Side; Douglas Road; West Washington; **RDC General**

PURPOSE OF REQUEST: Disbursement of funds for digital inclusion initiatives for 2020-2021 operational activities

Specifics: Requesting \$150K from Redevelopment Commission-controlled RDC General Fund

Data from the U.S. Census Bureau suggests that 30 percent of South Bend’s households lack home internet access. The \$1.8 million provided through the Governors Emergency Education Relief grant will allow the *Citywide Classroom South Bend* partnership (City, South Bend Schools, enFocus) to distribute more than 2,200 at-home internet packages and 2,000 WiFi hotspots to students in South Bend.

The city’s contribution will go toward developing the long-term infrastructure that will allow for sustainability beyond the two-year grant lifecycle. Additionally, small disbursements will be leveraged to provide wraparound services or training outside the parameters of original grant.

INTERNAL USE ONLY: Project ID: _____;

Total Amount – New Project Budget Appropriation \$150k _____;

Total Amount – Existing Project Budget Change (increase or decrease) \$ _____;

Funding Limits: Engineering: \$ _____; Other Prof Serv Amt \$ _____;

Acquisition of Land/Bldg (circle one) Amt: \$ _____; Street Const Amt \$ _____;

Building Imp Amt \$ _____; Sewers Amt \$ _____; Other (specify) Amt \$ _____

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