



CITY OF SOUTH BEND

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Redevelopment Commission Agenda Item

DATE: July 20, 2023
FROM: Denise Linn Reidl, CIO
SUBJECT: Digital Equity Funding

_____ Pres/V-Pres

ATTEST: _____ Secretary

Date: _____

APPROVED Not Approved

SOUTH BEND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Funding Source* (circle one) River West; River East; South Side; Douglas Road; West Washington; **RDC General**

*Funds are subject to the City Controller's determination of availability; if funds are unavailable, as solely determined by the City Controller, then the authorization of the expenditure of such funds shall be void and of no effect.

Purpose of Request:

Innovation & Technology staff requests the Redevelopment Commission's approval of \$100,000 to promote digital equity in South Bend. Specifically, funds will go towards services and equipment to expand South Bend Open Wi-Fi in targeted parks, corridors, and community centers. Sites for Open Wi-Fi expansion and the selection process can be viewed at southbendin.gov/sbow/expansion.

This funding will facilitate the tripling of the Open Wi-Fi footprint since 2022 and will enhance community connectivity options for South Bend residents.

Please do not hesitate to contact Driedl@southbendin.gov for any additional information.

INTERNAL USE ONLY: Project Code: _____;

Total Amount – New Project Budget Appropriation \$ _____;

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 \$ _____