

Digital equity funding opportunity

Frequently asked questions

Does an application need to align with Health Forward’s broader strategy to qualify for this opportunity?

At a minimum, the application must align with Health Forward’s digital equity strategy within its **Place purpose** area.

If an applicant has other initiatives that would benefit from this funding — such as but not necessarily limited to using broadband or equipment access to increase Medicaid enrollment, improve telehealth access, or support voter engagement, please describe these intersections to help us better understand how your work might advance multiple of our strategies.

While cross alignment is not required, we will consider the full scope of your work when reviewing your application.

Can an applicant regrant or gift this award?

Yes, regranteeing or gifting is allowed. However, the applicant must provide a clear explanation of the regranteeing or gifting selection process, including the criteria for sub-recipients, their qualifications, and the anticipated outcomes and collaborations they aim to achieve.

What is the average award amount for this opportunity?

There is no set average award amount. A total of \$400,000 has been budgeted for this opportunity, which will be allocated in varying amounts across all funded partners for this opportunity.

Must an organization submit financials?

Yes, financial documentation is required as part of our approval and due diligence process.

For a telehealth proposal, must you serve only households within Health Forward's service area?

At minimum, you must provide telehealth services within parts of Health Forward's service area. If you provide telehealth services outside of Health Forward's service area you may still apply, however Health Forward may only provide funding support for those services provided within Health Forward's service area:

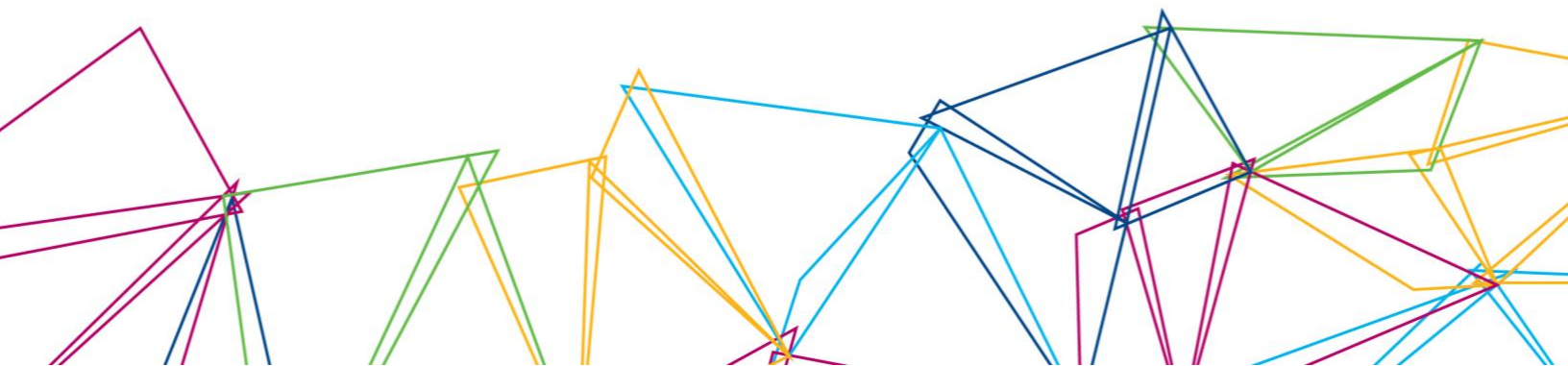
- Kansas: Allen, Johnson, and Wyandotte counties
- Missouri: Jackson, Cass, and Lafayette counties, as well as all of Kansas City and the Kansas City portions of Clay and Platte counties.

Can you apply for more than one area of digital services (e.g., training and device support)?

Yes, you may apply for more than one area of digital services.

If selected for an award, must the organization submit a report?

No, a formal report is not required if awarded a gift. However, we appreciate receiving reports submitted, as they contribute to our learning and understanding. Additionally, we may use surveys, check-ins, and site visits to gain further insights into the work supported by our funding.



May I contact someone if I need assistance with my application?

If you need assistance with submitting your application or have questions about the Health Forward process, contact our Impact Administration at impactadmin@healthforward.org or 816-241-7006.

DEPO-KC, an independent organization founded in 2024 to support nonprofits striving to bridge the digital divide in the region has offered assistance with writing applications. To inquire about their services, you may contact:

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Please note that assistance from DEPO-KC will not be factored into our review and decision making. Our decision making will be based fully on what you include in your application.

