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Mobile Beacon Invites Not for Profit Organizations to Apply for its Digital Inclusion Grant

The Wi-Fly Digital Inclusion Grant provides organizations with the tools they need to help their community soar

Johnston, RI - Mobile Beacon's Annual Wi-Fly Digital Inclusion Grant is accepting applications. The grant is designed to work hand-in-hand with community organizations to create digital inclusion programs that provide the internet and technology to combat the digital divide. Together, Wi-Fly grantees help connect people to this vital tool to improve their lives.

The Wi-Fly Digital Inclusion Grant provides grantees with 25 laptops, 25 mobile hotspots, and Mobile Beacon's unlimited, uncapped mobile broadband service. Eligible non-profit community organizations including schools, libraries, healthcare organizations, and religious organizations are encouraged to apply.

Applications will be accepted until September 30, 2022, and two organizations will be awarded at the end of October. Past grantees used the Wi-Fly grant to create lasting programs in their communities including providing hotspots and laptops to participants to learn new technology skills and look for job opportunities, creating computer labs to provide access to residents, and providing off-campus access to students of all ages who do not have reliable internet access. Mobile Beacon encourages applicants to be creative in designing their digital inclusion programs to help solve the unique digital challenges faced in their specific communities.

Mobile Beacon's Wi-Fly Digital Inclusion Grant helps community anchor institutions launch digital inclusion programs aimed at closing the digital divide. For more information or any questions please email <u>grants@mobilebeacon.org</u>. To apply please visit our website at <u>https://www.mobilebeacon.org/wi-fly-lending-launch-kit/</u>.

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organizations have an essential tool to fulfill their missions and maximize their philanthropic impact, which allows organizations to access more information, reach more people, and help more in their communities. Learn more at <u>www.mobilebeacon.org</u>.