

## 10 YEAR CONNECT AND LITERACY FUND OVERVIEW

### Affordable Connectivity

1. Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a federal program that provides subsidy to qualifying households in the amount of \$30 monthly for broadband services and \$100 one-time device purchase allowance.

#### Action Items:

- a. Program Reform and Funding Sustainability
  - b. Local and Statewide awareness campaigns in partnership with trusted community action groups
  - c. Host standalone sign-up drives as well as on the first day of our digital literacy training courses.
2. Encourage Internet Service Providers
    - a. Offer Debt forgiveness programs.
    - b. Prepaid Plans and low-cost equipment fees
    - c. Offer a 50/10 low-cost option plan benchmark off ACP Supplement.

### Digital Literacy

A 15-hr. training program geared toward preparing the end user to enter the digital economy and opportunities afforded by having access to high-speed broadband service.

1. Secure, Tailor and offer a 15 hr. in person curriculum.
2. MSBA plans to partner with trusted local anchor institutions to host the training classes,
3. Secure and train the trainers for digital skills curriculum.

### Device Distribution

1. Secure new and used devices aligned with Department of Ed allocation to the K12 schools across MS.
2. Includes 1 year of customer support for devices.
3. Screen device needs in digital literacy training enrollment.

### Fund Goals and Investment Overview

Affordable Connectivity - Goal 150,000 Homes - \$2.4 Million

Literacy - Goal 36,000 Homes - \$4.750 Million

Device Distribution - Goal 20,000 Homes - \$6.118 Million

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