

**Name:** Digital Equity Tech Kit Distribution

**Completed:** Fiscal Year 2024/2025

**Goal Alignment:**

**DIGITAL** - Expand access to city services to anyone, at any time, from anywhere (responsive, touchless, accessible, and mobile).

**PARTNER** - Create a citywide community of partnerships with citizens, businesses, communities, higher education, and a wide array of stakeholders.

**Summary:**

On June 24th, 2025, at 10:30 am, the City IT Department, with assistance from our City's Economic Development Department, distributed 200 laptops and 200 mobile hotspots, each with two years of prepaid internet service. This included 50 devices and hotspots for CSUS's business department's financially aid-eligible students. The remaining 150 laptops and hotspots were distributed among 20 community-based organizations (CBOs). These organizations were selected and vetted by our Economic Development Department and nominated by community members through public service announcements (PSAs). The IT department received \$200,000 to promote digital equity as part of our 2024/2025 budget and leveraged our business partnerships to obtain heavily discounted computers and hotspots. The estimated value of the City's purchases was \$322,500.

**Benefits:**

- **Features:** The city is committed to helping the community bridge the digital divide. By leveraging our technical partners, we helped provide additional value to our community.
- **Highlights:** CBO's that received computer hardware include: CRE Pathways, Sierra Service Project, I am ManPower Academy, Asian Resources, Inc., Organization of Chinese Americans, Hmong Youth and Parents United, Neighborhood Wellness Foundation, Hawk Institute, Robert Family Development Center, Improve Your Tomorrow, La Familia Counseling Center, Rebranding You Inc., Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center, Refugee Enrichment and Development Association (REDA), Al-misbaah, Champs for life, The Growth Center Inc., All N Together, Greenhouse Community Center, and Code 4 Hood Edu. Our CSUS Business MIS partners also benefited from 50 laptops and 50 mobile hotspots.
- **Savings to the city:** Dell matched our purchase of 25 Dell Latitude laptops for CSUS and allowed us to purchase consumer-grade laptops, in volume, at a discounted rate. T-Mobile allowed the city to purchase 200 hotspots at zero cost and receive 25% off unlimited broadband services for our CBO partners. With the help of our technical partners, the estimated savings were \$122,500.