

# TECHQUITY

## Public Policy Priorities



United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County and community partners are focused on connecting job seekers, students, and others to computers and internet access to ensure everyone has the technology to succeed in our digital world. We know change happens with financial investments from passionate donors. We also know the importance of public policy. Join us in supporting this work via the opportunities listed below.

### Device Access

Access to a digital device such as a laptop is the first step to the educational, occupational and social opportunities of an increasingly digital world.

#### Policy Opportunity:

- Increase the Wisconsin PSC's Nonprofit Access grant program to meet the device needs of unserved residents.

### Skills Access

Everyone needs digital skills and literacy to maximize the opportunities provided by our digital society, including education, healthcare, employment, and social inclusion.

#### Policy Opportunity:

- Make the Capital Projects Fund Digital Connectivity & Navigators grant program permanent.

### Broadband Access

As the world becomes more connected, people without internet access risk being left behind. Access to affordable, fast, reliable broadband across our community empowers everyone to fully participate in society.

#### Policy Opportunities:

- Formalize local governments' commitment to support the Milwaukee Broadband Partnership as the official coordinating group to address broadband access.
- Incentivize community-based organizations to own, operate, and scale broadband service.
- Support reintroduction of The Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act to extend the Affordable Connectivity Program.
- Promote existing lifeline resources; expand eligibility and funding levels to include more low-income Wisconsin households.
- Expand low-cost broadband subscriptions from internet service providers. Enact affordability standards for low-income/cost-burdened communities with lower-than-average broadband adoption rates.

**Our Goal:**  
We will provide  
50,000 computers  
to people who  
need them  
by 2027.

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