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HIGH-SPEED INTERNET
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TWO FUNDING ROUNDS

September 2020: $2.15M to 23 organizations
March 2021: $2.35M to 29 organizations in collaboration with the Minnesota Business Coalition for Racial Equity

DIGITAL EQUITY ROUNDTABLE

Virtually convened traditional and non-traditional players working on digital access to learn, develop a shared understanding of trends, needs, and opportunities in Minnesota, and amplify existing work

COMMUNITY-LED INVESTMENTS

$1.2M to Black-Led and Indigenous-Led organizations (with a Twin Cities focus) using community feedback and expertise

In Progress
ROUND 1 GRANTEE: NORTHFIELD HEALTHY COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

ROUND 2 GRANTEE: 30,000 FEET

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HOLISTIC SOLUTIONS ARE CRITICAL

- Access to technology without access to internet or other supportive services is only a partial solution
- Navigating the tech and internet landscape is just as critical as access to tech and internet (Digital Navigation)

LISTEN TO COMMUNITIES & STUDENTS

- They are in the best position to articulate their challenges, their needs, and potential solutions

CONSIDER RESOURCES BEYOND THE GRANT

- Being a connector/facilitator to foster connections and learning across sectors has yielded productive new relationships/insights