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RE:  Digital Equity & Inclusion Grant

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## PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

The purpose of this bulletin is to announce that the Digital Equity & Inclusion Grant created from HB 1365 is now live in iGrants. The grant application is available in iGrants under Form Package 188. Full grant details, assurances, terms and conditions, eligible entities, and supporting documents are available on the Digital Equity & Inclusion Grant webpage as well as in the iGrants application. Applications are now being accepted. Final applications are due in early May of 2022. This grant application will be for the fiscal year 2021/2022. A second window will open in the spring of 2022 for the fiscal year 2022/2023. Each year requires a separate application. Grant awards not used by the end of each fiscal year do not carry over, so applicants are encouraged to apply early.

## Grant Summary

OSPI recognizes that not every classroom or student has access to a high-speed Internet connection and other up-to-date teaching and learning technologies. An essential part of implementing OSPI's educational technology standards is advocating for sufficient funding for all districts to help close opportunity gaps related to educational technology. Through the legislative support of House Bill 1365, OSPI is providing grants focused on digital equity and inclusion to support these standards.

The Digital Equity & Inclusion Grant aims to:

- Support digital learning environments
- Grow and support 1:1 device programs
- Provide access to training in inclusionary practices
- Support English Language Learners and Special Education with adaptive technologies
- Support students in accessing high-quality learning environments without physical limitations
- Provide sustainability by creating frameworks, allowing for more staffing and professional development for equity and inclusionary practices

## INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

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