

## **Amendment to MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)**

Between

**City of Columbus (City)**

and

**Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)**

and

**Educational Service Center of Central Ohio (ESCCO)**

For use of City of Columbus Cares Act Funding provided by City of Columbus Ordinance 1793-2020 to support broadband connectivity and access to computing devices to support Virtual Education in the 2020-2021 school year and beyond

This amendment shall modify the agreement to include the following additional program activities for broadband and broadband outreach efforts:

### **III. PILOT PROGRAM SCOPE**

- a.** Wi-Fi hotspots and discounted internet access: ESCCO, serving as a central contracting agency, will contract with one or more internet service providers (ISPs) to procure hotspot devices and internet services at discounted monthly rates. Shall be limited to \$600,000. Existing hotspots owned by the program may be used for K-12 students, citizens and households in need of broadband due to insufficient financial means to purchase broadband service.
- b.** Digital Life Skills Summer Programming for Columbus City Youth ESCCO, serving as a central contracting agency, will contract with the Columbus Partnership/Smart Columbus as a sub-grant recipient to provide summer youth digital life skills programming as follows:
  - a.** From Robotics to Coding & E-Sports to Cybersecurity (\$240,000) PAST Foundation (fiscal agent) & Ohio After School Network. 400 Columbus' youth participants. Participants in the program will have preferential access to PAST' most popular programs. Community partners will include professional development for community partners to support future STEM youth programming initiatives.
  - b.** From Street to Screen: Murals, Graphic Design & Augmented Reality (\$134,000). Provide hands-on art-making that infuses technology, design and painting skill include use of Adobe Creative Studio to produce murals in five Columbus neighborhoods. Students will be introduced to augmented reality technologies that allow a mural to "come to life" as an animated feature. Youth participation shall be prioritized on equitable and accessible arts education programming criteria as defined by program providers.
  - c.** Computer Aided Design Preview: Animation & Digital Photography (\$23,500). Five high school students will be awarded an opportunity to participant in a CCAD three-week immersion program to earn three college

credits in Animation or Digital Photography. An emphasis will be to recruit students from Columbus Opportunity Neighborhoods.

- d. Digital Life Skills Summer Planning Design Workshop (\$40,000). The Columbus Partnership will engage Columbus City School Students in a design workshop to understand the barriers to youth engagement in summer programming and co-design solutions for how out programing can build upon internet and broadband access in neighborhoods. The outcome of this work will inform future digital life skills, STEM and youth programming efforts in 2022.
- c. Broadband Planning & Outreach
  - a. Pilot Outreach Extension (\$250,000). Due to delays in the implementation of pilot infrastructure, broadband pilots have been extended to May 2022. Peak of resident engagement will be in the June-November timeframe. With school on summer break and more summer activities, more direct engagement via partnerships in pilot neighborhoods will be needed. This funding will support pilot program outreach and management, focused on resident recruitment via community partners and aligned communications.
  - b. Broadband Engineering & Long-term Planning: (\$212,500). Taking the early learnings for the first phase of the internet pilots, there is an opportunity to begin planning now for the long-term buildout of a sustainable CBRS network. This funding would cover the startup of the program management office with key technical hires in time to develop and facilitate the RFP process. Additionally, a portion of this funding would support at least two human centered design sprints with residents to inform the branding and messaging, network buildout approach, and user-facing adoption model.

**XI. EFFECTIVE DATE AND SIGNATURE**

The MOU shall remain in effect upon the signature of the signatories below and shall remain in effect until December 30, 2021.

*Signatures and dates*

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
The Honorable Andrew J. Ginther  
Mayor, City of Columbus

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
William Murdock  
Executive Director, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Goodney

Superintendent, Educational Service Center of Central Ohio