

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Grant Program	Sprint’s 1Million Project Foundation (formerly Sprint Foundation)	
Status	New - Competitive	
Funds Requested	\$0 (\$2.25 million in-kind donation of personal technology devices requested)	
Financial Impact Statement	The potential positive financial impact is \$0. The source of support is Sprint’s 1Million Project Foundation (formerly Sprint Foundation) that is donating personal technology devices for student use at home. There is no additional financial impact to the District.	
Schools Included	This grant opportunity is open to all District high schools, combination schools, and centers.	
Managing Department/School	Information & Technology Department	
Source of Additional Information	1. Tony Hunter, Chief Information Officer – Information & Technology Department	754-321-0400
	2. Valerie S. Wanza, Chief School Performance & Accountability Officer – Office of School Performance & Accountability	754-321-3827
	3. Stephanie R. Williams, Director – Grants Administration & Government Programs (GAGP)	754-321-2260
Project Description	<p>Sprint’s 1Million Project aims to bridge the digital divide and help close the "homework gap" for one million low-income high school students lacking home internet access. Through this program, students from low-income families with no home internet and limited access to technology may receive either a free smartphone, tablet, laptop, or hotspot device and 3GB of high-speed <i>long-term evolution</i> data per month. Seventeen District high schools are requesting 12,500 devices (valued at about \$180 each) to be distributed through a five-year period. Participating students and types of devices requested will be determined by each school.</p> <p>Participating schools were selected based on interest and percentage of students receiving free or reduced lunch. Each school will be responsible for identifying students, distributing devices, and monitoring use. A program manager will provide support to a resource person at each school, facilitate the relationship with Sprint, and coordinate the initiative District-wide.</p>	
Evaluation Plan	Schools must meet all program requirements and meet minimum device activation and usage criteria including: activate 90 percent of annually provided devices within 60 days of receipt and 95 percent within 90 days of receipt and ensure a minimum of 60-65 percent of devices are in use per month. Schools will also provide quarterly student eligibility updates (e.g., is student still at school, have they graduated, moved).	
Research Methodology	Pew Research Center reports that five million families in the United States with school-aged children do not have broadband access at home. Low-income homes with children are four times more likely to be without broadband than middle- or upper-income households. Their chances for success are significantly reduced because at least 70 percent of teachers assign homework that requires web access, based on a report by the Federal Communications Commission’s Broadband Task Force. Nearly two-thirds of students used the internet at home to complete their homework and school-related activities.	
Alignment with Strategic Plan	This grant award is aligned to District Strategic Plan Goal 1: High-Quality Instruction as schools increase access to technology for student use.	
Level of Support provided by GAGP	GAGP staff supported schools, the Information & Technology department, and the Office of School Performance & Accountability by: facilitating the dialogue with Sprint; surveying the schools to measure interest and identify needs; and developing and submitting the proposal.	