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GRANT APPLICATION
for T-Mobile 'Mobile Empowerment' Program

At T-Mobile, we recognize that every student needs equal access to learning to succeed academically. Yet in homes across our country, 40% of all families with school-age children do not have high-speed internet at home. Without online access to complete homework, these disconnected youth fall further behind their peers.

T-Mobile's Mobile Empowerment initiative is aimed at bridging the "homework gap"— the digital divide that exists between broadband internet connectivity at school and at home. We're working to close that gap and empower students with the 21st century digital literacy and skills that will help them compete in today's digital economy.

Eligibility Criteria

T-Mobile will invite individual public middle and high schools and districts to apply for access to the national grant program. Eligibility criteria for participation includes:

- At least 40% of the population receives free or reduced lunch at individual school sites.

- At least 15% or more of students are dropping out of high school (aggregate for all high schools if a school district is applying)

- At least 30% of the students are black and/or Hispanic

- At least 15% of students are not grade-level proficient in math and reading by the 9th grade

- Title I school

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If your school meets the eligibility requirements, please complete the following questions.

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1   Statement of Interest

Please provide a general statement of interest in the project.

2   Overview of LEA

Please provide an overview of the LEA with special emphasis on understanding the population of economically disadvantaged students.

3 Strategic Technology Plan

Please provide an overview of your strategic technology plan that includes specific details regarding current and planned efforts. Does the district currently have or is planning a 1:1 initiative? What devices are the students and teachers using?

4   Current Off-Campus Access Strategies

Does the LEA have any specific strategies that enable socioeconomically disadvantaged students to gain access to devices and connectivity for off-campus access and has the district or school conducted any surveys to determine the percentage of students without internet access at home? If yes, please provide all details below; if no, please estimate the percentage of students without access and the methodology used to calculate this estimate.

5   Target Schools

Please provide a list of target schools in your LEA and an explanation as to why these schools were selected. Please note the project is seeking schools with at least 60% of the student population at an economic disadvantage. In addition, please attach a school report card for each target school listed below.

6   Acceptable Use Policies

All eligible applicants must have a current digital acceptable use policy; please attach a current copy below.

7   Internal Support

Have all key senior staff including the CIO, Superintendent and associate superintendent of instruction and principals from each target school been briefed on this grant?

☐ Yes   ☐ No

7A   Internal Support—Digital Signature

Superintendent

CIO

Superintendent of Instruction

Principal Name One

Principal Name Two

Principal Name Three

8   Monitoring Requirements

All recipients of the grant will be required to collect and submit quarterly reports to T-Mobile. Reports will contain both quantitative and qualitative data to measure the effectiveness of increased access on student achievement. Teachers, administrators, students and parents will be required to participate in biannual surveys used to measure perception, adoption and support/resistance levels to the program. In addition and most importantly, schools will be required to provide pre-and-post student performance data to quantitatively measure the impact of anywhere and anytime access.

Please describe your process for obtaining all the necessary monitoring data described above.

9   Management and Training Plan

Please provide an overview of your plan to administer and manage the devices and lines of service. Include a statement of your commitment to train relevant teachers and administrators in how best to utilize the devices and the wireless service.

Grant Application Review Process

T-Mobile will use a scoring rubric in which points will be assigned to each of the grant application questions. Applicants will receive scores based on a scale from 0 to 100. All applicants receiving scores greater than 80 points will be asked to participate in either an onsite or offsite interview regarding their needs and eligibility.

Following this process, applicants will be informed of the final decision.

Thank you for your interest in participating in this program.