

Proposed resolution #2 on Community Benefit

This purpose of this resolution is to clarify the resolution passed at the Policy Committee meeting on April 6th regarding a commitment to overcoming the digital divide and setting up a community benefit fund for that purpose.

1. The Policy Committee will issue an annual public report on the digital divide in the UC2B service area (the area of the seven rings including all of Urbana, Champaign, and Savoy).
2. The Policy Committee will convene an annual meeting of anchor social institutions to discuss the above report and set general goals for overcoming the digital divide. This meeting will be open to the public, and be scheduled as a regular meeting of all UC2B committees.
3. At the end of each fiscal year, unless UC2B has operated at a deficit that year, the Policy Committee will allocate at least 5% of its annual revenue to a community benefit fund as a line item in the budget. Money from this fund will be dedicated to overcoming the digital divide, according to the general goals as above and the process as below.
4. Prior to the operational phase of UC2B, the Policy Committee will appoint an Advisory Committee for Digital Equality to help it achieve the goals as above. There will be 11 committee members, including at least one member of the Policy Committee. Committee members will be chosen from the anchor social institutions which serve the underserved population of the UC2B service area. Among the 11 will be appointed two co-chairs, preferably one male and one female. All other committee roles will be decided upon by the committee.
5. The Advisory Committee for Digital Equality will develop and carry out a plan, including competitive grant awards from the community benefit fund to non-governmental agencies, to implement the general goals as above. If there is no available money in any given year, no grants will be made. The Advisory Committee will forward to the Policy Committee its recommendations for spending the community benefit fund, and the Policy Committee will make the final decision.