Springfield Area Working Communities Challenge (SAWCC) Computer Request: Criteria and Eligibility

People who reside in the Springfield Agency of Human Services (AHS) district who are seeking employment, are low-income and have a technology barrier may be eligible to receive a laptop computer or a Chromebook (new or refurbished) under the WCC's Computer Fund.

The WCC team recognizes that access to in-person employment resources are limited during this time, and SAWCC seeks to address the challenges that residents may experience in seeking employment.

Criteria for assistance are:
1. **Individuals are specifically referred by a WCC partner** who can attest to the need for a computer for employment-related efforts (online education/training, job search/online interviews, remote jobs, etc.). Any training needs to be directly tied to unsubsidized employment goals and employment is defined as unsubsidized income generating.
2. **Partners** may include education and human services organizations/agencies, or any partner involved in workforce development.
3. **Individuals must have access to internet service*** to utilize the program.
4. **Individuals must live in one of the following towns (Springfield AHS District):** Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester, Grafton, Londonderry, Ludlow, Plymouth, Reading, Rockingham, Springfield, Weathersfield, Weston, West Windsor, Windham, Windsor.
5. Other resources are not deemed available or adequate.

Eligibility will be determined through an application, including a release of information and attestation from partner that the applicant is low-income (eligible for 3Squares, Reach Up, childcare subsidy, and/or other state of federal income-based program/service).

PLEASE NOTE: The Pilot includes a laptop or Chromebook ONLY, no technical or software assistance! If needed, referrals will be made to computer literacy education resources.

When appropriate, referrals may be made to additional resources/services* for which an applicant may qualify.

*Referrals may include free or reduce price internet provider services, veterans and/or senior programs, and/or other programs/services.

Partners will fill out a Request Form with the applicant and email it to amanda@springfielddevelopment.org or mail it to SRDC Attn: Amanda Porter, 14 Clinton St, Suite 7, Springfield, VT 05156.

Approvals will be made by WCC on a weekly basis and applicants notified directly, with the referring partner copied on the notification. Upon approval, WCC will arrange for pick up of the computer/Chromebook by the applicant.

WCC Computer Fund Request Form

Date: _____

Partner/Org Making Request:_____

Contact Name:_____ **Contact Email:**_____

Contact PH#:_____**(text Y/N)**

Applicant Name:_____

City/town where applicant lives:_____

Street Address:_____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone:_____**(text Y/N)** **Email:**_____

DOB:_____ **Veteran? Y/N** **Disabled? Y/N**

Employment impacted by COVID? Y/N **Internet Access? Y/N**

Number of adults in HH:_____ **Number of children in HH:**_____

Brief Description of Need (Including financial verification of low-income/employment-related):

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Additional Information:_____

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I hereby give my permission to the WCC Partner to share relevant information about my circumstances as it pertains to my application for employment-related assistance. I understand that this permission may be cancelled by me in writing at any time.

Partner Contact Initials indicating that verbal permission was given by applicant:_____

FOR USE BY WCC TEAM ONLY:

Date Received:_____ Approved/Denied
WCC Member(s) Review:_____

Device Make / Model:_____ Device Serial #:_____