



Keep Us Connected!



- We are a cross-section of community leaders, service providers and representatives from the senior, disability, veterans, and LGBTQ communities.
- Founded in 2016, the Dignity Fund Coalition was organized to develop and to bring a charter amendment, Proposition I, to the San Francisco ballot to increase stable funding and improve planning to meet the needs of a growing number of older adults and people with disabilities.
- The Coalition continues to meet regular to provide input and advocacy.



San Francisco Has A Digital Equity Plan

“San Francisco is committed to building a supportive and inclusive digital society. As more City services become digital, the City has a responsibility to make sure all residents have access to all services. Our vision is that all residents have full and equitable access to digital technology and its benefits so all communities can thrive, regardless of demographic.”

From the [2019 Digital Equity Strategic Plan](#)



2021 Findings & Policy Recommendations: **Empowered San Francisco Technology Needs Assessment**

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City & County of San Francisco
Mayor's Office
on Disability



SAN FRANCISCO HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
**Department of Disability
and Aging Services**

► Link to Empowered SF Technology Needs
Assessment [website](#) and [PDF report](#)

The top five barriers to internet access:*

- cost of high-speed internet (28%)
- cost of device (27%)
- insufficient smartphone data (22%)
- unreliable internet connection (21%)
- concerns about online safety/security (19%)

* Especially communities of color, low-income, LGBTQ, key neighborhoods

**Assistive
technology
(AT) and
training is
critical.**

Top AT needs:

- Low-cost AT (53%)
- Training (45%)
- Information about AT options (39%)
- Access to free or low-cost repairs (30%)

Survey after
survey has
highlighted
both the needs
and the
solutions...

- 2021 Empowered San Francisco Technology Needs Assessment Report
- 2022 Dignity Fund Community Needs Assessment (draft)
- 2021 Listening Sessions with Communities of Color
- 2021 LGBTQ Older Adult Survey





Keep Us Connected 2022 Campaign

(Pandemic Edition)

- The digital divide is real.
- The needs are clear.
- Solutions are available.

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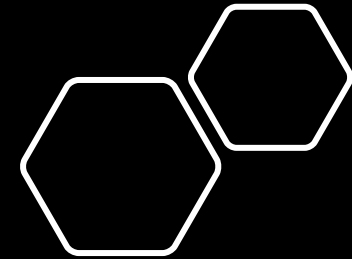
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- + Without the will and the
 - funding, it won't
 - happen.

“The Ask”

Broadband Internet Access	300,000
Digital Devices & Equipment	525,000
Equip Sites for Hybrid Programming	75,000
Assistive Technology	200,000
Technical Support	250,000
Basic Training for New Users	200,000
Outreach and Engagement	200,000
Digital Literacy Staff	1,050,000
Digital Inclusion Pilots	500,000
Language Access & Accessibility	100,000
Program Evaluation	50,000

TOTAL:

\$3.5 million

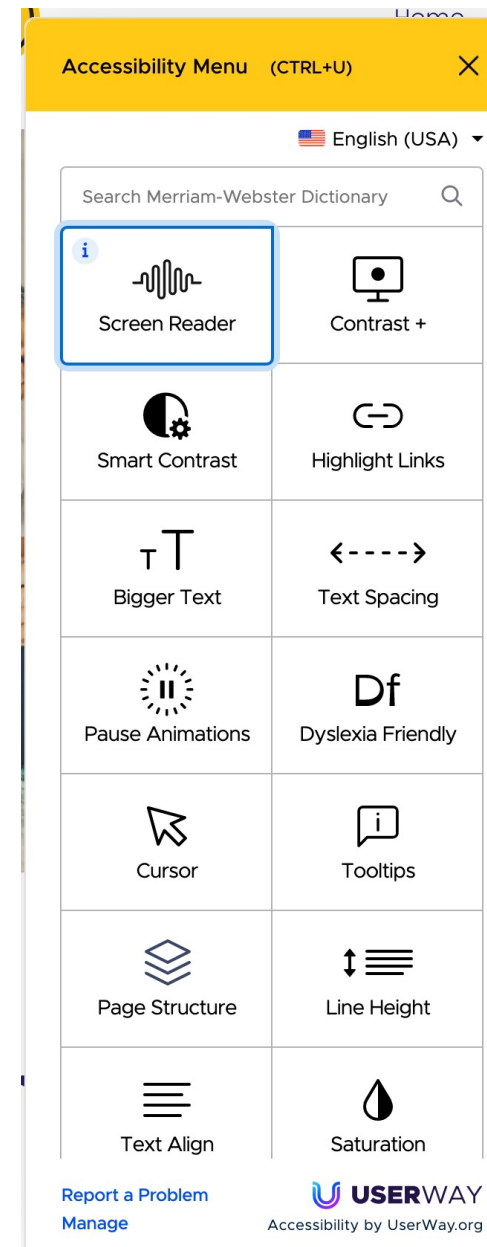


How? Equity through targeted funding.

- A percentage of the expected budget surplus
- A commitment to address these needs with any new State and Federal dollars
- A look at how the City current addresses issues of equity:
 - Growth in the SF Connected Programs when compared to growth in the number of older adults and people with disabilities.
 - Growth in funding for other constituencies when compared to older adults and adults with disabilities.
 - Review of how the Committee on Information Technology and key Departments beyond DAS prioritize equity

You can help!

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- Sign the petition available in [English](#), [Chinese](#), [Spanish](#) and [Tagalog](#)
- Spread the word by downloading a [flyer](#)
- Let us know if you would like to do more at www.sfdignityfund.org
- For more information or to get involved, email info@sfdignityfund.org or call 415-821-1003 ext.115.



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