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## PSC Awards \$500,000 in Nonprofit Access Grants for 16 projects

MADISON – The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC or Commission) today awarded \$500,000 in funding from the Nonprofit Access Grant Program. The funds will go to support 16 projects by 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that will provide access to affordable telecommunication services to low-income households, people with disabilities, or customers in areas of the state with relatively high costs of services.

"Access to affordable and reliable telecommunications services is extremely important," said PSC Chairperson Rebecca Cameron Valcq. "These nonprofit organizations will work in their communities to connect some of our most vulnerable populations with critically needed phone service, data plans, Wi-Fi, loaned devices, computer labs, and specialized telecommunications equipment for Wisconsinites with disabilities."

Applications for this grant cycle were due on March 1, 2022. The PSC received 22 applications requesting more than \$1.4 million in funding. Over the past 6 years, the Nonprofit Access Grant Program has funded 105 projects for more than \$3.3 million.

Click <u>here</u> for a list of grant recipients. Click <u>here</u> for more information regarding the Nonprofit Access Grant Program.

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