

DIGITAL DIVIDE INITIATIVE INVENTORY

Access to Technology and Internet Supports

The resources listed below are available to provide support accessing technology and connectivity supports. This list is not exhaustive and will be updated as new information becomes available.



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Let's Get Together	The goal is for every family and/or individual across Canada to own a computer and have access to internet service by 2024. Partnered with: Renewed Computer Technology , Electronic Recycling Association and Corporations for Community Connections	Low-income families	Will exist post COVID-19	For more information about Let's Get Together, please visit: http://letsgettogether.ca/ Brochure: http://letsgettogether.ca/wp-content/uploads/DO-YOU-NEED-A-COMPUTER-.pdf
Renewed Computer Technology Ontario (RCTO)	A charitable organization called Renewed Computer Technology Ontario (RCTO) is collecting used computers (10 years old or newer) for distribution to needy individuals in Peel Region (Newcomers and ESL students). RCTO will pick up the computers, wipe them, repurpose with Linux then deliver to a family/individual in need.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low-income families • Schools • Libraries • Non-profit organizations 	Will exist post COVID-19	For Computer Donations, please contact: Ian Duncan, Donations/Logistics Coordinator (Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, excluding holidays) Telephone: 1-866-206-0008 or 905-795-5388 Email: donations@rcto.ca For more information please see the following link: (http://www.rcto.ca/contact.asp)(http://www.rcto.ca/contact.asp).

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<p>Improved Connectivity for Ontario (ICON)</p>	<p>The Improving Connectivity for Ontario program (ICON) will help improve and expand broadband and cellular infrastructure in areas of need by investing \$150 million over four years.</p> <p>The ICON program is meant to promote industry partnerships that leverage investments across sectors and encourage innovative solutions to meet the connectivity needs of communities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-profit and for-profit entities that are incorporated in Canada • Municipal entities • Band Councils 	<p>Post Covid-19</p>	<p>To determine eligibility of your proposed project is an area of need, please access the Ontario Broadband Map at https://www.ontario.ca/page/improving-connectivity-ontario-map-tool.</p> <p>Program guidelines: Improving Connectivity for Ontario (ICON) Program - Stage 1 Program Guidelines is available at http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca/mbs/ssb/forms/ssbforms.nsf/FormDetail?OpenForm&ACT=RDR&TAB=PROFILE&ENV=WWE&NO=ON00107E.</p> <p>https://news.ontario.ca/moi/en/2020/07/ontario-expanding-access-to-the-modern-digital-economy.html?utm_source=ondemand&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=p</p> <p>For questions about the ICON program, please email ICONprogram@ontario.ca.</p>
<p>Rogers</p>	<p>Connected for Success offers high-speed, \$10 internet to subsidized tenants & members of housing partners across Ontario, New Brunswick & Newfoundland. We have more than 340 housing partners participating in the program with more than 250,000 eligible households, including seniors, families with children, and those who live alone. Peel Living is a proud partner of the Rogers “Connected for Success” \$9.99 Internet Program, now being offered to tenants receiving subsidy.</p>	<p>Low-income families through non-profit housing organization or co-op</p>	<p>During and post Covid-19</p>	<p>https://about.rogers.com/giving-back/connected-for-success/</p> <p>https://about.rogers.com/stories/connected-for-success-partner-programs/</p>

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Technology to Support Students	The Ontario Minister of Education, Stephen Lecce, announced \$15 million to purchase thousands of classroom computers, and \$10 million to hire additional mental health workers. These new resources will help ensure students can return to school with the confidence and the tools they need to succeed.	School boards to support students	During and post Covid-19	https://news.ontario.ca/edu/en/2020/06/ontario-makes-major-investment-in-mental-health-and-technology-to-support-students.html?utm_source=ondemand&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=p
Computers for School Plus (CFS+)	Since 1993, the Computers for Schools Plus (CFS+) program has helped extend the useful life of electronic equipment, reduce the environmental impact of electronic waste and offered practical work internships to young Canadians to help them develop advanced digital skills for the job market.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools • Low-income Canadians • Not-for-profit organizations • Indigenous communities 	Pre-existing	https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cfs-ope.nsf/eng/00141.html
Computers4U	The Peel Computers4U program, administered by the Peel Community Access Division and supported by reBOOT Canada provides support to Ontario Works (OW) recipients who have inconsistent or outdated access to technology can receive a computer or laptop. OW clients may request a refurbished computer/laptop.	OW recipients	Until August 2021	For more information please contact your OW case worker.

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Connecting Families	The Connecting Families initiative is designed to connect low-income Canadian families to the Internet. Participating services providers including Bell Canada, Rogers and TELUS are contributing to the initiative by offering \$10 internet services (plus tax) to eligible families.	Families who currently receive the maximum Canada Child Benefit are receiving letters enabling them to participate in this initiative.	Available until March 2022	For more information visit: https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/111.nsf/eng/h_00002.html