# Executive Direction and Control - Mayoralty: Municipal Broadband

**Pillar:** Responsible Stewardship of City Resources
**Service Number:** 168
**Fiscal 2023 Recommended Budget:** $7,350,000

## Service Description

This service was established in Fiscal 2022 to lead Baltimore's efforts to permanently close the Digital Divide and serves as Baltimore City government's primary liaison with internal and external stakeholders in digital equity. The service will build an ubiquitous, open access fiber infrastructure that will enable transformational opportunities for all residents. MOBDE staff coordinate with multiple city agencies and quasi-city agencies including but not limited to OPI, BCIT, DOT, BCRP, and HABC, to plan and build fiber infrastructure to enable and support the open access fiber network, establish free city Wi-Fi and future applications.

## Major Budget Items

- The City's $641 million ARPA award was appropriated in full in Fiscal 2022, therefore it is not reflected in the Fiscal 2023 Recommended Budget. The appropriation and expenditures will be reflected in the Fiscal 2023 financial reports. The Mayor's Office of Municipal Broadband received a $6 million award, $3.77 of which will be spent in Fiscal 2023. This award will support the Mayor's commitment to close the digital divide by building broadband infrastructure and expanding access to broadband internet services across the City.
- The recommended budget includes $7.35 million of unallocated grant funding to accommodate additional Federal and State funding that may become available.

| Type | Performance Measure | Actual 2018 | Actual 2019 | Actual 2020 | Target 2021 | Actual 2021 | Target 2022 | Target 2023 |
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| Outcome | # of residents reached through City-funded digital skills training programs | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 500 |
| Output | Average monthly public wi-fi sessions | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 5,000 |