



**Community & Economic
Development**

Community Planning & Housing Division

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**Re: 3rd Year Digital Divide SurfLakeland WiFi
Grant Program Applications -- Program Year 2019-2020**

Dear Applicant:

The City of Lakeland is currently accepting applications from **non-profit** organizations seeking funds to receive SurfLakeland Wi-Fi Services at their business at no cost. As part of the City of Lakeland's commitment to reduce the digital divide, the City Commission has funded a project for installation and support of SurfLakeland WiFi to qualified 501 © 3 non-profit organizations. **This is a non-reimbursement grant and the cost will be determined by the City's Information Technology Department.**

To compete for funding, this application must be completed by your organization and returned to the City of Lakeland, Housing Division, Attention: Annie Gibson, 1140 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, Lakeland Florida 33805 by 4:00 p.m. on **Friday, January 10, 2020**. The deadline will be strictly enforced. The application form is now available online by accessing the City's website at: <http://www.lakelandgov.net/departments/community-economic-development/housing/>

At the conclusion of the application period, the City's Department of Information Technology (DoIT) will evaluate each qualified application and prepare costs estimates for providing SurfLakeland WiFi. Applicants may ensure reasonable access for City staff.

Financial contribution or grant match by applicants is not required for participation in the Digital Divide SurfLakeland Grant program, but may be used as criteria for recommended selection by the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC), recognizing that financial commitment by applicant organizations will leverage the City's contribution, allowing for greater program reach.

Upon selection by the AHAC, program participants will be required to execute a grant agreement indemnifying the City of Lakeland from liability and providing reasonable access for installation and maintenance of SurfLakeland Wi-Fi at the Organization's facility.

If you have any questions about the application, please contact Annie Gibson, Community & Economic Development Department, Community Planning Housing Division at 834-3360.

Sincerely,

Annie L. Gibson
Housing Programs Supervisor

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