

IMPROVING DIGITAL INCLUSION AND BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE IN NATIVE COMMUNITIES

ACTION ITEMS – Priority Poll Questions

Below is a list of priorities as determined by tribal librarians and other stakeholders. Summit participants will prioritize these Action Items or add new ones.

1. Establish a program to identify and obtain resources, provide training, vet digital literacy programs, secure funding, and track successful tribal digital inclusion projects.
2. Develop and fund “ready-to-go” programs that can help small tribal libraries implement projects such as hotspot lending, MakerSpaces, technology labs, and other programs.
3. Provide technical support for tribal libraries seeking to develop or expand digital inclusion activities.
4. Work with funders and policy makers to ensure that tribal libraries have the financial resources needed to assure access to digital technologies.
5. Create and staff an E-Rate task force to help tribal libraries access funds and manage successful programs.
6. Advocate for more engagement between tribal leadership and tribal library staff when addressing broadband planning and funding.
7. Advocate that tribal library be included in the National Center for Education Statistics survey.
8. Curate and develop a clearinghouse of on-demand, self-directed virtual training tailored to the digital inclusion needs of Native communities.
9. Establish recommended standards of service and provide training, resources, and funding to help tribal libraries meet the standards.
10. Advocate for State Library Agencies to identify and implement services and programs for tribal libraries.

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