



Housing Authority of  
**Champaign County**

*Growing & Moving Forward Together*

# Housing Authority of Champaign County Broadband Access

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## The Housing Authority of Champaign County

*"Growing & Moving  
Forward Together"*

**Mission** *To provide a quality living environment as a foundation for individuals to achieve their full potential.*

**Vision** *Develop quality affordable housing communities providing opportunities and support that will maximize individual potential and enable successful transition to self-sufficiency.*

# The Need for MTW Agencies is Clear...

**Out of Reach 2018** is a national report co-released by Housing Action Illinois and the National Low-Income Coalition. This study highlighted a serious concern for housing advocates across the state of Illinois! The report outlines ...

“In order to afford a modest two-bedroom apartment in Illinois, renters need to earn \$20.34 per hour. This means that to afford a two-bedroom home without paying more than 30% of their income on housing costs, a person earning our state minimum wage (\$8.25 per hour) must work 99 hours per week just to make ends meet.

## State Facts

MINIMUM WAGE	\$8.25
AVERAGE RENTER WAGE	\$16.78
2-BEDROOM HOUSING WAGE	\$20.34
NUMBER OF RENTER HOUSEHOLDS	1,635,043
PERCENT RENTERS	34%



Working at minimum wage

**\$8.25/hr**



Each week you have to work

**83 HOURS!**



To afford a modest 1 bedroom rental home at Fair Market Rent

### State Facts

MINIMUM WAGE	\$10.00
AVERAGE RENTER WAGE	\$18.00
2-BEDROOM HOUSING WAGE	\$21.30
NUMBER OF RENTER HOUSEHOLDS	1,641,003
PERCENT RENTERS	34%

### Affordable Rent for Low Income Households

Minimum Wage Worker	\$820/mo
Household at 30% of Area Median Income	\$639/mo
Worker Earning Average Renter Wage	\$936/mo
Fair Market Rent	
1-Bedroom Fair Market Rent	\$834/mo
2-Bedroom Fair Market Rent	\$1108/mo

Working at minimum wage  
**\$10.00/hr**  
Each week you have to work  
**72 HOURS!**  
To afford a modest 1 bedroom rental home at Fair Market Rent

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# Broadband Access

Communities without reliable high-speed internet service cite a growing gap between the resources and opportunities available to their residents and those in communities that have a robust network.

Broadband access can increase household income by avg. 3%



# Current Plans

Strategic planning for the future of broadband access

## Goal:

- Expand Access to Senior & Disabled properties
- Expand workforce readiness through broadband access
- Community Access Centers ( OWT, David C. Sankey *Envision Center*)

## Sustainability

- Provide basic education and career training



Having broadband provides households with an estimated \$1,850 annual economic benefit.<sup>2</sup>

Thirty percent of tourism transactions in the US are made online.<sup>8</sup>

Small businesses using social media are 3X more likely to have recently hired than those that do not.<sup>1</sup>

It is estimated that one percentage point increase in broadband access could create or save about 12,000 jobs statewide.<sup>7</sup>

On average, farmers getting connected see a 6% increase in revenue.<sup>4</sup>



In a community of 20,000, home-based businesses and online sales can account for \$2.4 million, annually.<sup>6</sup>

On average, teleworkers save nearly \$500 annually on car maintenance and fuel.<sup>3</sup>

Telemedicine adds an estimated \$522,000 to rural economies and reduces hospitalizations.<sup>5</sup>

Small businesses with websites have higher annual revenues than those that do not.<sup>1</sup>

Broadband access can increase home values by an average of 3.1%.<sup>9</sup>



## DCEO Connected Communities Grant

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- HACC was the recipient of a **\$12,000** broadband grant in June 2020. As one of only 39 Moving to Work housing authorities in the country, HACC is committed to offering wraparound services both in-house and through our community partners to expand economic and learning opportunities for our clients.
- The broadband grant, which allowed HACC to improve broadband access and utilization in our community, was a valuable complement to our existing services and goals.

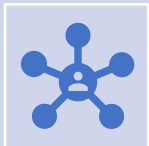
# NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS



## Workforce Development Center at Oakwood Trace

20 Chromebooks, a charging cart, projector and pull-down screen were purchased to equip the community room.

The space will be used for workforce development trainings, financial literacy classes, educational workshops, and career development.



## EnVision Center

HACC received the EnVision Center designation in October 2020. An EnVision Center is a centralized hub that provides community members with resources and support needed in order to excel.

Grand funds were used to purchase 10 all-in-one pcs to equip a computer lab.



## Virtual Tutoring/Homework Assistance

HACC partnered with students at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign during the pandemic to provide virtual tutoring and homework assistance to students in need.



# NEEDS ASSESSMENT

HACC conducted a broadband survey to assess the needs of the community. Based on information obtained, the following are areas HACC will continue to address:

- Provide training on the use of technology (particularly with seniors)
- Provide access to affordable broadband by partnering with providers to enroll individuals and families in the Emergency Broadband Benefit Fund
- Assist individuals and families with access to low-cost devices
- Provide workforce development and educational opportunities



# PARTNERSHIPS

The Steering Committee was an integral component of the broadband grant. This allowed HACCC the opportunity to strengthen already existing community partnerships as well as establish new ones that aided in the work to lessen the digital divide.

- UIUC Chancellor's Task Force – Accessible Technology
- UIUC School of Information Technology – Broadband READY Grant
- UIUC School of Social Work
- Champaign Public Library
- Volo
- PCs for People





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