

## Information Item

**Date:** November 13, 2023

**To:** Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

**From:** Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager  
Tom Kureczka, Chief Information Officer

**Subject:**  
Informational Memo Regarding an Update on the Computer OutReach and Education (CORE) Project

**Strategic Focus Area:** Economic Vitality and Diversity

**Strategic Objective:** Address the digital divide by increasing access to technology infrastructure, equipment, and education

**Strategic Plan Action Item:** Yes

**Key Work Item:** No



In September 2022, City Council approved a request for \$2 million of the City's American Rescue Plan Act funds from the Forsyth County Digital Equity Committee (FCDE). The funds are to support the proposed project from FCDE, Bridging the Digital Divide and Bringing Digital Equity to the City of Winston-Salem.

With the completion of recent rebranding activities FCDE now formally identifies as Digital Bridges Forsyth. The project was also renamed as the Computer OutReach and Education (CORE) Project.

Tom Kureczka, the City's Chief Information Officer, and Lakisha Jordan, the Executive Director of the non-profit WinstonNet, will provide City Council with an update on the project at the November 13<sup>th</sup> Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee meeting.

