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City of San Diego Named a 2023 Digital Inclusion Trailblazer

CITY RECOGNIZED FOR BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE THROUGH THE SAN DIEGO ACCESS 4 ALL PROGRAM

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego has been honored as a 2023 Digital Inclusion Trailblazer by the National Digital Inclusion Alliance (NDIA) for its [San Diego Access 4 All program](#). As part of the City's commitment to closing the digital divide that leaves tens of thousands of San Diegans without internet access, the San Diego Access 4 All program offers free Wi-Fi at hundreds of locations around town with new wireless networks, providing more opportunities than ever to access the web.

"We are proud of the work that the City of San Diego and our partners have done to increase digital equity through the San Diego Access 4 All program," said Jonathan Behnke, Director of the City's Department of Information Technology. "We are honored to be a 2023 Digital Inclusion Trailblazer."

Through San Diego Access 4 All, San Diegans can log on to the internet at more than 300 locations including select libraries, parks, recreation centers, schools and other popular spots in neighborhoods across the City. The program provides laptops and cellular hotspots available for checkout from City libraries, along with new computer labs, City-sponsored at-home affordable internet service, free tech support and internet navigation tutorials.

This year, San Diego joins a record number of Digital Inclusion Trailblazers, with 47 total awardees representing municipal, county and regional governments paving the way for digitally inclusive communities across the United States.

“Nonprofits, libraries, churches and other community organizations can’t reach digital equity on their own. For everyone to thrive in today’s digital world, we need all hands on deck,” said Angela Siefer, NDIA Executive Director. “NDIA’s Digital Inclusion Trailblazers exemplify the key role local governments have in building connected communities for all of their residents.”

NDIA revised the seven-year-old Trailblazer program this year, identifying seven categories of current best practices. Each applicant’s materials are verified for accuracy, assessed for community impact, and posted in an interactive map and searchable database on NDIA’s website. By sharing materials with open sourcing, NDIA provides community advocates and local governments ways to continue learning, connect with trailblazing peers, and plan their own digital inclusion solutions.

To find out more about San Diego’s Access 4 All program including a map of accessible Wi-Fi locations, visit sandiego.gov/sdaccess.

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