

MI-83 Technology, Libraries, and Communities (MI-83 TLC Kits) Project TLN, fiscal agent

The MI-83 TLC Kits project will connect the public in Michigan's 83 counties to resources that reduce the digital divide in Michigan and will increase the capacity of Michigan public libraries to safely deliver services inside libraries, outdoors, and online. Computing Technology Kits will be equitably distributed to libraries for public use, as well as Online Programming Kits, and Outdoor Programming Kits. Libraries may request ANY or ALL of the kits or their components. Requests will be prioritized based on need, as determined by the demographics of library service populations, including measures for unemployment rate, percentage of population receiving SNAP, and poverty rate. After priority requests are filled, the remaining "MI-83 TLC Kits" resources will be distributed to other requesting libraries as broadly as possible, with the target of touching as many communities across the state and as many libraries as possible, to meet the expressed needs received via this request form.

Dependent upon the number of requests received, available funding, and component availability, some requests may not be fulfilled. All libraries submitting a request can anticipate receiving notification of what materials they will receive, or not receive, in December, 2021. Any legally established Michigan public library may submit a request, even those that do not qualify for state aid. One request may be made per library system (a library and its branches count as a library system). A request may only be submitted by a library director or other authorized contract signatory of the library. All questions may be directed to info@tln.lib.mi.us, including requests to correct or amend a previously submitted request form. (Requests were due by December 13, 2021 and libraries that will receive equipment have been notified.)

FAQ's

- 1. When do we give the materials received back?** If your library receives materials, they are yours to keep for your library and the public.
- 2. Can I see the complete request form first?** Yes. Attached! Including lists of what is in each kit. But you still must fill out the form online to make an official request.
- 3. What if I don't know how to use the kit materials?** There will be some instructional how-to videos for distributed equipment during the project, after kits are distributed.
- 4. What is the timeline for the project?** Requests are due December 13. The project (grant period) runs through September 2022. Libraries receiving materials will complete a usage survey in August 2022.