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Grant set to bring internet access to households in downtown Yonkers

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Hundreds of households in downtown Yonkers will soon have access to free or affordable internet due to a grant from U.S. Ignite.

News 12 is told several local organizations also received a \$450,000 grant from the organization.

Many families don't have the means to work or learn from home, or participate in telehealth visits due to the digital divide.

"There are entire portions of our community that has been marginalized in terms of not existing on the digital rails of our current world," says Margaret Kaufer of STEM Alliance. "They are disproportionately low income and disproportionately people of color."

Westchester County Association's Digital Connectivity Committee's Christopher Fisher tells News 12 they hope Yonkers will serve as its model.

"Our hope would be that with our partners, we're really going to build this as a model and we're going to be able to go to New Rochelle, Mount Vernon, Ossining...other communities in Westchester," says Fisher.

Details on how to enroll in the program and criteria for eligibility are still in discussion. It will be a few months before families can sign up.