From Brenda Palmer to Everyone: 02:58 PM

Hi from Holland. My mic isn't working today but I'm here

From Me to Everyone: 02:59 PM

Ok Thanks Brenda

From Brenda - Holland to Everyone: 03:00 PM

I've been out 33 times this year. Twice with the Seniors. :)

From Me to Sarah Taylor: (Privately) 03:09 PM

Can you mute yourself? Thanks!

From Jane Burns - Andover to Everyone: 03:12 PM

We are getting 18 refurbished tablets from the Town IT Department.

From Judi Wilson-Orleans COA to Everyone: 03:14 PM

Does that increase your phone plan to have the tablets sim card enabled?

From Pamela Hunt - North Attleboro COA to Everyone: 03:18 PM

We got a grant for $3,750 and purchased 30 Amazon Fire Tablets at Staples.

From Jae Casella Northampton to Everyone: 03:21 PM

Community Impact Grants of up to $200,000 will support the implementation of innovative IT projects by funding related one-time capital needs such as technology infrastructure, upgrades and/or purchases of equipment or software. Incidental or one-time costs related to the capital purchase such as planning, design, installation, implementation and initial training are eligible.The application period for the FY21 IT Grant program is September 15 – October 15. To apply, click "Apply for a Community Compact IT Grant" below.

Through Mass.gov

From Lorraine McNally to Everyone: 03:21 PM

what criteria did you use to lend them out? Income?

From Judi Wilson-Orleans COA to Everyone: 03:22 PM

Do the fire tablets have integrated internet, or only wi-fi compatible?

From Heather Munroe- Wellesley COA to Everyone: 03:24 PM

I believe the three dots are called an ellipsis.

From Brenda - Holland to Everyone: 03:27 PM

Where is Amy from?

thank you

From Christine Sullivan to Everyone: 03:29 PM

The Fire is like an iPad only less expensive

From Judi Wilson-Orleans COA to Everyone: 03:30 PM

Did Pam purchase the data plan for the Fire tablets? How much does it cost?

From Christine Sullivan to Everyone: 03:30 PM

yes

From Amy Beck - Hopkinton SC to Everyone: 03:33 PM

are the smaller screens an issue?

Could Lorraine share the criteria she uses for borrowing?

From Brenda - Holland to Everyone: 03:36 PM

My fear would be that if they were given away, they'd possibly just get it so they could give it to a family member. People tend to love free things.

From Christine Sullivan to Everyone: 03:37 PM

How are you doing the tech support while distanced? It seems doing it remotely would be a problem for the people who cant access the technology

From Katie Petrossi Townsend to Everyone: 03:38 PM

our criteria was precovid active participation in a senior center program that had an instructor who went virtual (vs cancelling), and no other device to use

we provided tech support all summer long on the front patio, with masks and face shields

From Pamela Hunt - North Attleboro COA to Everyone: 03:38 PM

Contract says for your use only.

From Mary Beth Ogulewicz to Everyone: 03:38 PM

How do you limit the use of data? My IT Dept said they have concern that they will rack up huge bills if we provide internet.

From Jae Casella Northampton to Everyone: 03:39 PM

I believe our data plan is unlimited per device

For about $40 per month

From Christine Sullivan to Everyone: 03:42 PM

they are encouraging regional applications, and focused on housing from what I have heard

From Jae Casella Northampton to Everyone: 03:42 PM

What you needfor Apply for a Community Compact IT GrantAll municipalities are eligible and applications must be submitted by October 15th (5:00 p.m.). However, cities and towns that were awarded an IT Grant Program grant in FY20 will not be eligible in FY21.

From Amy Landau - WestHampton to Everyone: 03:42 PM

Did someone mention a way to purchase discounted Ipads?