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The Community Action Agency receives \$100,000 grant from Verizon

Cincinnati, Ohio — Verizon has awarded a \$100,000 grant to the Community Action Agency to provide digital literacy, STEM education, and technology-related workforce development opportunities in under-resourced communities. This is a part of Verizon's commitment to increase digital inclusion nationwide by removing the barriers to economic prosperity and ensuring the benefits of technology are accessible to all. Join us **Wednesday, February 19 from 10-11 a.m. at the Community Action Agency, 1740 Langdon Farm Road in the Career Pathways Department**, to hear how this partnership will help to increase job opportunities for residents in the Greater Cincinnati area.

From computer basics skills training to coding and more, the Verizon grant will help the Community Action Agency develop a project to support Tech Action, whereby increasing economic mobility in communities of greatest need.

"CAA is excited to offer the Tech Action program as another means for our clients to obtain certifications that will allow them to access high-paying jobs in the technology sector," states Mark Lawson, President and CEO of the Community Action Agency. "This is a wonderful opportunity for residents of Cincinnati and Hamilton County to access jobs that will lead them to self-sufficiency."

"Verizon wants our next-generation networks and related technologies to have a meaningful and forward-looking impact as we work to help prepare our nation and our society for social and economic success in the coming decade, said Donna Cupelo, Region Vice President of State Government Affairs at Verizon. We're proud and excited to partner with organizations including the Community Action Agency. With this grant, Verizon and CAA want to help offer new and enhanced digital access that will lead to new and exciting life-changing skills in technology -- opportunities and programs that will help close social disparities, enhance and improve workforce readiness for Americans of all ages and so much more."

The Community Action Agency uses a broad range of public and private resources to give low- and moderate-income individuals the opportunity to improve the quality of life for themselves, their families and their communities.

Click [here](#) for information about Verizon's social responsibility initiatives.

About Community Action Agency:

The Community Action Agency - Cincinnati | Hamilton County (CAA) is a private, nonprofit organization that offers various services to low-income individuals and families in a holistic approach to help lift them out of poverty. Among the services or programs we offer are job training, housing assistance, heating assistance, entrepreneurial coaching, Head Start and Early Head Start.

About Verizon:

Verizon Communications Inc. (NYSE, Nasdaq: VZ), headquartered in New York City, generated revenues of \$130.9 billion in 2018. The company operates America's most awarded wireless network and the nation's premier all-fiber network, and delivers integrated solutions to businesses worldwide. With brands like Yahoo, TechCrunch and HuffPost, the company's media group helps consumers stay informed and entertained, communicate and transact, while creating new ways for advertisers and partners to connect. Verizon's corporate responsibility prioritizes the environmental, social and governance issues most relevant to its business and impact to society.

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