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Initiative	Ministerial Portfolio	Lead agency
Digital Farm Grants Program: supports the widespread adoption of digital farm technologies to improve business and agricultural productivity by providing enterprise-grade digital connectivity for regional Western Australia.	Regional Development	Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development
eConnected Grainbelt: initiative supporting ag tech and decision making tools at farm scale to improve productivity and share information.	Regional Development	Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development
Regional Telecommunications Project: expanding the mobile coverage footprint in regional Western Australia and piloting tailored community-scale Wi-Fi solutions in remote Aboriginal communities.	Regional Development	Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development
Community Resource Centres: serving 106 communities in regional WA, many of which provide PCs and/or free Wi-Fi for public internet access.	Regional Development	Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development
Digital Outpatient Project: a component of the WA Health Outpatient Reform (OPR) Program is delivering several defined and endorsed digital products and service across the system to improve the way outpatient services are delivered.	Health	WA Country Health Service
Telehealth Partnerships: WA Country Health Service initiative to establish and progress partnerships with Aboriginal Medical Services that support regional patient access to public health services via telehealth in community.	Health	WA Country Health Service
Telehealth Workforce: WA Country Health Service initiative to engage Aboriginal Liaison Officers (ALO) to support patients to access virtual healthcare appointments.	Health	WA Country Health Service
Digital and Technology Skills Program: Grant program to assist Western Australians under-represented in STEM, and/or living in regional or remote communities in digital technology engagement and skills building.	ICT and Innovation	Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation

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ScamNet: collects data on the most prevalent scams targeting Western Australians to improve community awareness of online safety. ScamNet provides advice and information to consumers so they can learn to recognise different types of scams, and what to do when they encounter a scam. ScamNet also shares relevant information with law enforcement agencies to prevent future crimes.	Commerce	Consumer Protection Commission
Short courses and skill-sets to support the development of digital skills through TAFE: The WA Government is working with stakeholders to establish new courses or skill set(s) to address digital inclusion for under-represented groups.	Education and Training	Department of Training and Workforce Development
eConnect: A service offered by the State Library of Western Australia to provide dedicated 1:1 support to help to build people's digital literacy skills and to connect with Government and business services and information online. More information: https://slwa.wa.gov.au/plan-my-visit/spaces-visit/econnect-space	Culture and the Arts	State Library of WA
Storylines: A digital platform providing access to the State Library's heritage collections including photographs, oral histories, video recordings, and genealogical information to Indigenous people, providing a safe place to store records of people, places and history where sensitive, secret or sacred information can be flexibly and responsively restricted or removed. Regular sessions with community groups help to connect more people with the online platform, enrich content and descriptions and enables the State Library to digitally repatriate collections to Indigenous communities.	Culture and the Arts	State Library of WA
Aboriginal History WA: The Aboriginal History Research Services (AHRS) at the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries assists Aboriginal people with links to Western Australia to locate records relating to themselves and their ancestors. Working in partnership with Aboriginal communities and other stakeholders to connect people to their Aboriginal ancestry, promote reconciliation and celebrate the richness of our shared history. Projects are designed to improve digital literacy and access to WA's collections.	Culture and the Arts	Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

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