



# Tech & Telecom Commission

## FY 2015 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Commission Website:

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# Recommendations Overview



**Mission Statement:** The Commission shall promote access to telecommunications services and community technologies.

## Major Accomplishments

- Austin Digital Assessment (Residential Technology Survey)
- Served 1,260 individuals through various GTOPs programs
- Six Community Connections recipients maximizing GTOPs funds to upgrade technology for gigabit speed internet
- Working with Chief Innovation Officer Kerry O'Connor on Open Data Resolution
- Digital Inclusion Strategic Plan on target for October 2014 deadline
- Supported amendments to Imagine Austin by adding digital inclusion





# Strategic Plan Implementation

- (Program Specialist) to assist with digital technology programs - \$66,984
  - Use outcomes from Austin Digital Assessment (residential survey) to implement strategies to increase digital inclusion from zip codes in Austin with low digital connectivity
  - Develop programs to assist and encourage consistent program service and awareness. Will provide hands-on program assistance to empower non-profits to make digital inclusion-related improvements within their communities.
  - Market digital programs to City Council district neighborhood zones
- Increase Grant for Technology Opportunities funding to \$300,000
  - Increase competitiveness of the grant funding application
  - Strong Return on Investment, FY 12 grant closeout total matching funds = \$1,172,273
  - Metrics in place measured by TARA staff and commission oversight to ensure fair and due process





# Continuing Support



## Continuing support for City's Digital Inclusion organizations

- Austin Free-Net contract / services - \$197,774
  - Serving 5,434+ clients YTD.
  - Providing 193 public access computers to technologically underserved populations at 32 public access facilities around Austin.
  
- channelAustin contract /services - \$450,000
  - Studios and editing bays uses over 700 times annually, with over 600 field camera uses.
  - Over 70 media training classes held for over 200 media artists annually.
  - Expanded emphasis on youth and community outreach with summer media camps and coverage of local events.





# For More Information



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