

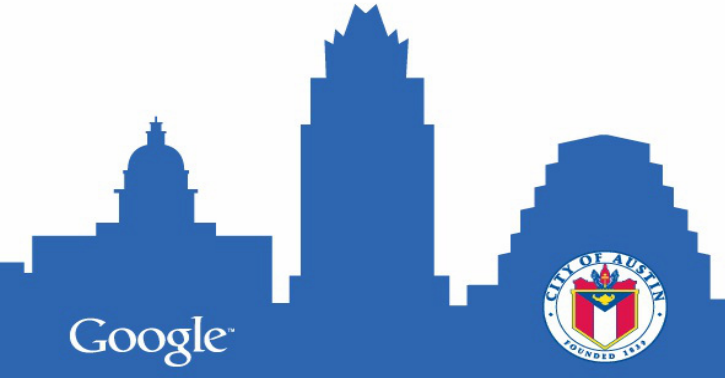
Google Fiber Community Connections Program Overview

Community Technology & Telecommunications Commission

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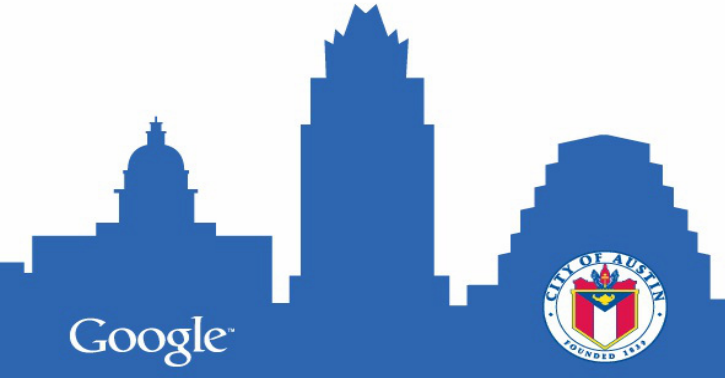


Community Connections Program Overview



- On April 9, 2013, Google Fiber announced they would construct a fiber network in Austin capable of delivering one Gigabit broadband to residential customers and to small businesses
- Google Fiber would also provide video service
- Austin was second fiber City - Kansas City, KS first
- Google Fiber will provide free, gigabit Internet service to City Hall, the new Central library and 100 public and non-profit sites chosen by the City for 10 years
- Community Connection service cannot be used for mission critical services
- Community Connection installed once Google Fiber builds out in fiberhood (demand-based model)

Community Connections Program Overview



- City Council adopted the review and assessment criteria, site selection process and timeline in Resolution No. 20130822-083
- Using this criteria, staff developed the program application
- City received overwhelming response to application process : 158 different organizations applied for a total 310 sites
- Organizations were organized into 4 categories:
 1. Social, health & well-being, including family services
 2. Arts, culture and community
 3. Education, workforce and higher education, including professional development and skills associations
 4. Public facilities (City, Independent School Districts, and Housing Authority)

Applications Evaluated Using Review and Assessment Criteria

Community:

- Will it enhance public participation in organization's service?
- Does it promote digital inclusion?
- How much of the community will benefit from the connection?
- Does it offer a new community service to the public as a result of the connection?
- Does the entity make the connection available and accessible?

Innovation:

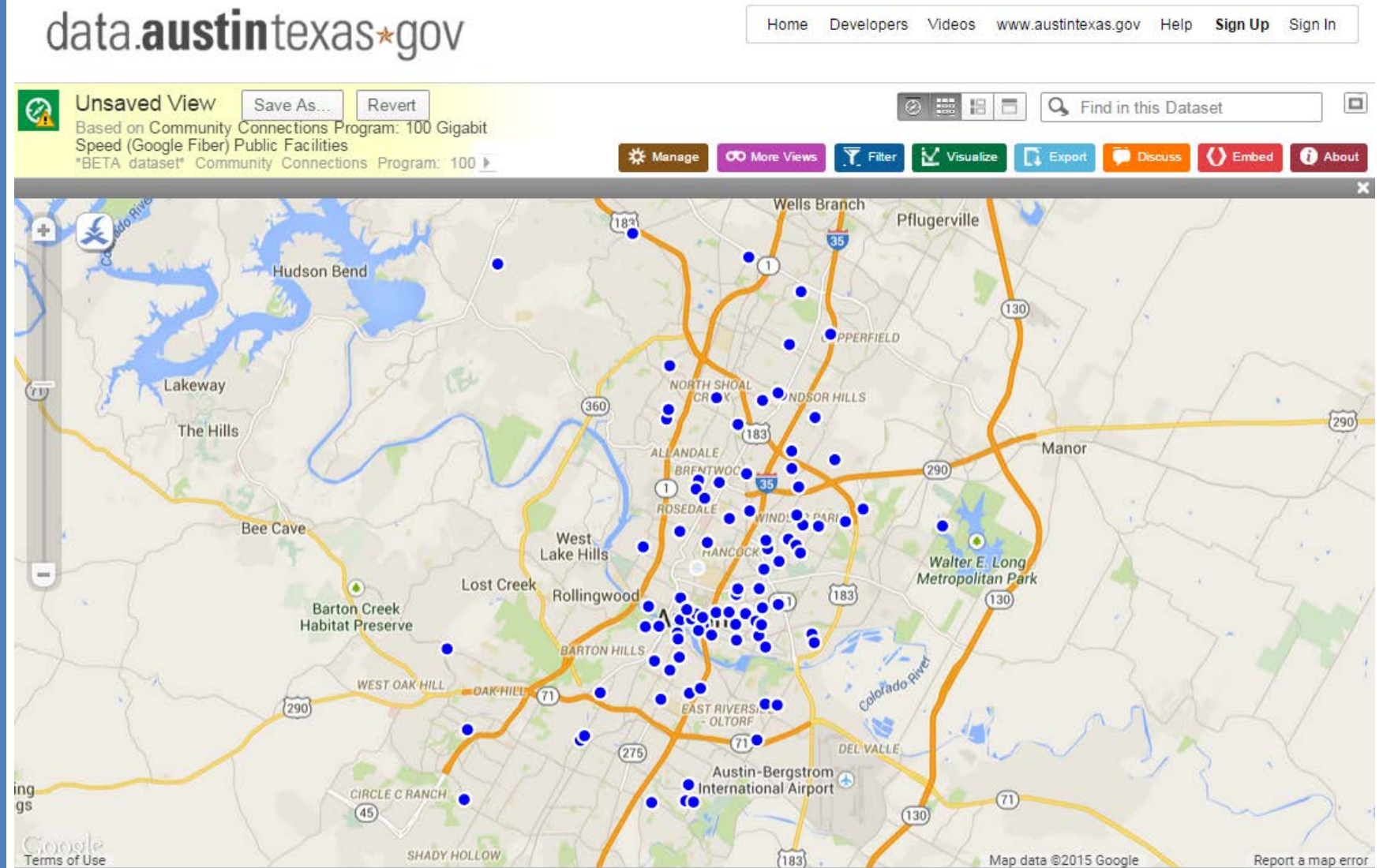
- Are there potential innovative applications?
- Does the entity have or foresee high bandwidth applications?
- Does the entity have the interest, capacity and resources to advance their technologies?

Applications Evaluated Using Review and Assessment Criteria

Pragmatic:

- Does the entity currently have access to affordable, quality, high-speed broadband internet?
- Does the entity have (or will they have) equipment necessary to connect?
- Will the connection help the entity financially?
- How long will the entity be at their current location?

The site map and applications are available on the City's Open Data Portal



Status

- Finalized Community Connection agreement
- First site to be installed at City Hall
- City maintains contact and inventory of approved 102 sites in program
- Develop annual reporting process
- Continue engagement with facilities to support service delivery and to foster collaborations and demonstration projects

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