

**COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION
COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION NUMBER: 20200429-002
BUDGET RECOMMENDATION**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION:

Recommends budget support to dedicate funds for two (2) FTE's – (Unknown Title allocated to the Police Department) dedicated to police video processing. This budget item was generated from Citizen Communication to the Commission and public information shared to the Austin Community about APD Police video processing delays. This recommendation will generate the opportunity to:

- Adhere to Michael Morton Act for swift handling of video processing to prevent deferred justice, aka justice denied
- Address current APD video processing reliant upon legacy, disparate systems that require manual processes and dedicated time currently borrowed from sworn unit

The additional FTE focused on processing would diffuse the backlog of police video processing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION RECOMMENDS TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE FOLLOWING: To include an allocation for two (2) FTE's – (Unknown Title allocated to the Police Department) dedicated to APD police video processing, in the FY21 City of Austin budget.

Date of Approval: April 29, 2020

Record of the vote: Motion to approve the recommendation made by Commissioner Yeatts, seconded by Commissioner DasGupta passed on a vote of 6-0. Commission Chair Pitts III presiding.

ATTEST:

Jesse Rodriguez
Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION:

Recommends budget support to increase Wi-Fi Hotspot to 300 units, and one (1) FTE – (Unknown Title allocated to the Austin Public Library Department) for program management. This concept received budget support in FY19 and aligns with CTTC mission. Currently, the Wi-Fi hotspot lending program has more than 100 hotspots available for checkout at any given time and are available at 10 different Austin Public Library branch locations, but can be reserved and sent, as well as returned, to any branch of the Austin Public Library.

The COVID-19 Pandemic has increased need for access to information and communications technology, including internet access. In FY20, the Austin Public Library Department will apply for funds through the Institute of Museum and Library Services IMLS has \$30 million that will be distributed to all 50 states. APL will be requesting funding for laptops and hotspot devices to enable people to connect to health, community, government, and job information.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION RECOMMENDS TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE FOLLOWING: To include an allocation to increase Wi-Fi Hotspot to 300 units, and one (1) FTE – (Unknown Title allocated to the Austin Public Library Department) for program management including applying for Institute of Museum and Library Services Funds for additional inventory (IMLS), in the FY21 City of Austin budget.

Date of Approval: April 29, 2020

Record of the vote: Motion to approve the recommendation made by Commissioner DasGupta, seconded by Commissioner Alexander passed on a vote of 6-0. Commission Chair Pitts III presiding.

ATTEST:

Jesse Rodriguez
Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs, City of Austin