



**COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

**COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**RECOMMENDATION NUMBER: 20220309-3a1**

**REGARDING: Increasing City Support of Digital Literacy Training with Austin Free-Net**

**WHEREAS**, digital literacy training is a necessary City service to ensure members of the public can equitably access online City resources;

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has closed many in-person service options and made in-person contact inherently more risky;

**WHEREAS**, the current labor market is particularly challenging for non-profit organizations;

**WHEREAS**, the current City contractor for provision of digital literacy training services has requested an increase in the City funding in order to be able to hire qualified staff and support robust service delivery;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission recommends that the City contract with Austin Free-Net providing digital literacy training services be increased from \$198,000 annually to \$298,000 annually.

Date of Approval: March 9, 2022

Record of the vote: Motion to recommend \$100,000 in additional funding for Austin Free-Net made by Commissioner Dasgupta, seconded by Chair Pitts, passed on a vote of 7-0.

ATTEST:

  
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