

**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 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