

## Austin Free-Net Scope of Work Principles

To address the digital divide, Austin Free-Net (AFN) provides the City of Austin with access to computer skills, facilities, and technical support for underserved populations.

- I. Skills
  - a. Provide pre-digital, basic, and lifelong skills training to create independent computer users, appropriate to their self-defined needs and relevant to their lives.
  - b. Develop partnerships to pool common resources with other nonprofits.
  - c. Develop methods to measure ongoing benefits and results of training programs.
- II. Facilities
  - a. Set up and operate labs at City-owned facilities to provide availability based on need as shown in data from disparity study.
  - b. Deployment of temporary public access internet facilities
  - c. Provide training and support to other nonprofits to develop similar labs and training programs at non-City facilities.
- III. Technical Support
  - a. Define the process, procedures, and pay scale for technical support services.
  - b. Provide quality services.
  - c. Develop partnerships and revenue generating programs.
- IV. Organizational Development
  - a. Make an effort to locate additional funding sources including grants, etc.
  - b. Serve as a partner in the next residential technology study.
  - c. Recruit and manage volunteers/interns to help provide services.
  - d. Explore creative opportunities, partnerships, and arrangements with private sector providers.
  - e. Support efforts to improve internet access in the home for underserved residents.
  - e. Actively develop evangelists for the mission through a marketing plan targeted to area nonprofits and service providers.
  - f. Engage in promotions/marketing/outreach.

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