

City of Austin

FY21 Budget Recommendations

April 29, 2020 - Special Called Meeting

Community Technology & Telecommunications Commission
Nehemiah Pitts III, Chair Commissioner

Police Video Processing

- Citizen Communication and local media generated inquiry about APD Police video processing delays
- Michael Morton Act requires swift handling of video processing to prevent deferred justice, aka justice denied.
- APD video processing is reliant upon legacy, disparate systems that require manual processes and dedicated time currently borrowed from sworn unit
- Additional FTE focused on processing would diffuse the backlog

CTTC Budget Recommendation: Budget allocation for the hiring of (2) FTE dedicated to APD Police Video Processing

- Pending FTE count needed and salary requirements

Austin Public Library Wi-Fi Lending Program

- 183+ Hotspots at 10 different locations, with previous CTTC support
- COVID-19 Pandemic has increased need for services
- APL locations are closed due to COA and State guidelines
- APL will be applying for funds through the Institute of Museum and Library Service (IMLS). 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.

Budget Recommendation: CTTC recommends allocating budget to increase Hotspot inventory to 300 units and the hiring of an dedicated FTE for program management, including applying for IMLS funds for additional inventory