



Community Connections Program Application Criteria

Applications will be reviewed and assessed based on the Criteria approved by Austin City Council Resolution No. 20130822-083, with the following matrix applied to the information provided.

Individual Site Considerations

Community:

- Will it enhance public participation in the entity's service?
- Does it promote digital inclusion?
- Will it serve the underserved?
- How much of the community will benefit from the connection?
- Does it offer a new community service to the public as a result of the connection?

Innovation:

- Are there potential innovative applications?
- Does the entity have or foresee high bandwidth applications?
- Does the entity have interest in advancing their technology?
- Does the entity have the capacity and resources to advance their technologies?
- Project provides great benefit to the program participants

Pragmatic:

- Will the connection help the entity financially?
- Will this be the entity's primary or secondary connection?
- Does the entity have (or will they have) equipment necessary to connect?
- How long will the entity be at their current location?
- Does the entity currently have access to affordable, quality, high-speed broadband internet?
- Does the entity make the connection available and accessible?

Collectively, the Site Selection List should -

- Be geographically dispersed
- Serve diverse populations by ethnicity, gender, age, and income
- Serve diverse sectors, e.g. public gov't services, education, social services, creative endeavors, health