

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	<b>Item ID</b>	13396	<b>Agenda Number</b>	56.
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	4/5/2012	<b>Department:</b>	Neighborhood and Community Development
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**Subject**

Set a public hearing to receive citizen input on a Substantial Amendment to the City's Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Action Plan and the Community Development 2011-2012 Program, as required by Texas Local Government Code Chapter 373. (Suggested date and time: April 12, 2012, 4:00 p.m., at Austin City Hall, 301 West Second Street, Austin, TX.)

**Amount and Source of Funding**

**Fiscal Note**

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	
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<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	July 28, 2011 – The Austin City Council approved the City's 2011-2012 Action Plan and the Community Development 2011-2012 Program.
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<b>For More Information:</b>	Contact Elizabeth A. Spencer, Director, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, 974-3182; or Stephanie Hayden, Acting Assistant Director, Health and Human Services Department, 972-5011.
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<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	July 12, 2011 - the Community Development Commission approved the City's 2011-2012 Action Plan and the Community Development 2011-2012 Program.
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<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	
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<b>Related Items:</b>	
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**Additional Backup Information**

The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act), became law on May 20, 2009 and consolidated several homeless programs administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and revised and renamed the former Emergency Shelter Grants program to the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program. The ESG program is designed to be the first step in a continuum of assistance to help clients quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness.

On December 1, 2011, the City of Austin received notification from HUD about the availability of a second allocation for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 ESG funds in the amount of \$185,896. In order to receive the funds, a Substantial Amendment to the City's 2011-2012 Action Plan and Community Development 2011-2012 Program must be submitted to and approved by HUD. If approved, the Substantial Amendment allows the City of Austin to apply, receive and administer additional ESG grant funds.

In the Substantial Amendment, the City proposes to utilize ESG funds to provide Rapid Re-Housing services to assist homeless persons in obtaining and maintaining permanent housing. The City of Austin's Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office, in coordination with the City's Health and Human Services Department, seeks public comment on the proposed activities outlined in the ESG Substantial Amendment which is due to HUD on or prior to May 14, 2012.