

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	33051	Agenda Number	78.
---------------------	---------	-------	---------------	-----

Meeting Date:	6/12/2014	Department:	Neighborhood and Community Development
---------------	-----------	-------------	--

Subject

Set a public hearing to receive citizen comments on the City's Draft Five Year Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2014-19, Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2014-15, and the Community Development 2014-2015 Program. (Suggested date and time : June 26, 2014, 4:00 p.m., at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX, or other location due to City Hall construction.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	March 28, 2014 - set public hearing for April 11, 2014. April 11, 2014 – public hearing conducted on the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Action Plan Community Needs Assessment and the Community Development 2014-2015 Program.
For More Information:	Contact Elizabeth A. Spencer, Director, (512) 974-3182; or Erica Leak, Housing Policy and Planning Manager, 512-974-9375.
Boards and Commission Action:	April 4, 2014 - the Community Development Commission conducted public hearings on the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Action Plan Community Needs Assessment and Community Development 2014-2015 Program.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

In Fiscal Years 2014-2019, the City of Austin expects to receive continued federal funding through four U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement grants: 1) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); 2) HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME); 3) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG); and 4) Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). In order to receive these HUD grants, the City must submit a five-year Consolidated Plan and an annual Action Plan that specifies community needs, resources, priorities, and proposed activities with regards to housing, community development, economic development and public services.

The requested action is to set the date for a public hearing in accordance with the City of Austin's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), which sets forth the City's policies and procedures for citizen participation in the development of each Consolidated Plan and Action Plan. As required by the CPP and Texas Local Government Code Chapter 373, the steps for public participation include four public hearings: two before the Austin City Council and two before the Community Development Commission (CDC). A 30-day public comment period is required on the draft Consolidated Plan, Action Plan and Community Development Program.

The two initial public hearings were conducted to receive citizen input on the community's needs and service gaps. The first public hearing held before the CDC was on March 31, 2014 and the first public hearing held before the Austin City Council was on March 27, 2014. Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) promoted the public hearings through various outreach efforts including direct outreach to the community, local service providers, and government agencies.

The draft Consolidated Plan, Action Plan and Community Development Program will be made available for public comment on June 6, 2014. During the 30-day public comment period, two public hearings will be conducted, one before the CDC and one before the Austin City Council. It is anticipated that the Austin City Council will take final action on the Fiscal Year 2014-19 Consolidated Plan, 2014-2015 Action Plan and Community Development Program on August 7, 2014. The Fiscal Year 2014-2019 Consolidated Plan, Action Plan and Community Development Program are due to HUD on or before August 15, 2014.