

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	<b>Item ID</b>	43307	<b>Agenda Number</b>	32.
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	4/16/2015		<b>Department:</b>	Neighborhood and Community Development
<b>Subject</b>				
Conduct a public hearing and consider citizen input on community needs concerning the City's Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Action Plan and Community Development Program, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 373.				
<b>Amount and Source of Funding</b>				
<b>Fiscal Note</b>				
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.				
<b>Purchasing Language:</b>				
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>				
<b>For More Information:</b>	Elizabeth A. Spencer, Director, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, (512) 974-3182.			
<b>Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:</b>	April 14, 2015 - the Community Development Commission conducted a public hearing on Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Action Plan Community Needs Assessment.			
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>				
<b>Related Items:</b>				

**Additional Backup Information**

In Fiscal Year 2015-2016, the City of Austin expects to receive continued federal funding through four U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement grants: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). In order to receive these HUD grants, the City must adopt a Community Development Program and submit an annual Action Plan to HUD that provides an overview of the community needs, resources, priorities, and proposed activities with regard to housing, community development, economic development and public services.

The requested action is to conduct 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 annual Action Plan. As required by the CPP and Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 373, the steps for public participation include four total public hearings during the formation of the Action Plan and Community Development Program: two before the Austin City Council and two before the Community Development Commission (CDC). There is also a 30-day comment period on the draft Action Plan and Community Development Program.

The two initial public hearings are conducted to receive input on the community's needs and service gaps. The public hearing before the CDC was held on April 14, 2015, and the public hearing before the Austin City Council is scheduled on April 16, 2015.

During the 30-day comment period, two additional public hearings will be conducted to receive input on the draft plan, 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 2015-2016 Action Plan and Community Development Program. The Action Plan is due to HUD on or before August 15, 2015.