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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	44614	Agenda Number	28.
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Meeting Date:	5/21/2015	Department:	Neighborhood and Community Development
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Subject

Set a public hearing to receive citizen comments on the City's draft Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Action Plan as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Community Development 2015-2016 Program as required by Texas Local Government Code Chapter 373. (Suggested date and time: June 11, 2015, 1:00 p.m., at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	
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Prior Council Action:	April 2, 2015 - set a public hearing for April 16, 2015; April 16, 2015 - public hearing conducted on the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Action Plan Community Needs Assessment and the Community Development 2015-2016 Program.
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	May 12, 2015 - the Community Development Commission conducted a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Action Plan Community Needs Assessment and the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Community Development Program. June 1, 2015 - the Community Development Commission is scheduled to conduct a public hearing to receive citizen comments on the City's Draft Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Action Plan and the Community Development 2015-2016 Program.
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Related Items:	
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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 submit an annual Action Plan 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 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 annual Action Plan and Community Development Program. 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 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 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 May 12, 2015 and the public hearing before the Austin City Council was conducted on April 16, 2015.

The draft Action Plan and Community Development Program will be made available for public comment on May 22, 2015. During the 30-day comment period, two additional public hearings will be conducted to receive input on the draft plan and Program, one before the CDC and one before the Austin City Council. The Council will take final action on the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Action Plan and Community Development 2015-16 Program prior to HUD's submission deadline of August 15, 2015.