

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Committee Action**

Housing and Community Development Committee	<b>Item ID</b>	46096	<b>Agenda Number</b>	7.
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	5/27/2015	<b>Department:</b>	Neighborhood and Community Development
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**Subject**

Presentation on the DRAFT Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Action Plan, a Plan required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in order to receive formula program funding; Community Development Block Grants; HOME Investment Partnerships; Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS; and Emergency Solutions Grants.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

**Fiscal Note**

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

<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	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 2015-2016 Community Development Program
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<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	
<b>Related Items:</b>	

**Additional Backup Information**

If approved by the Austin City Council, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development will submit a one-year Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on behalf of the City of Austin. The Action Plan serves as the City's application to receive HUD formula grants for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

In FY 2015-2016, the City of Austin expects to receive \$11,251,758 through four HUD formula 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 grant funds, 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.

As required by the CPP and Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 373, the steps for public participation include four public hearings during the formation of the Action Plan: 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.

Two initial public hearings were 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 held on April 16, 2015.

The draft Action Plan and Community Development Program was 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, one before the CDC and one before the Austin City Council. The Action Plan is due to HUD on or before August 15, 2015.