

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 55640 Agenda Number 25.

Meeting Date: 4/7/2016 Department: Neighborhood and Community

Subject

Set a public hearing to receive citizen input on community needs concerning the City's Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Action Plan and Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Community Development Program, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 373. (Suggested date and time: April 21, 2016, 4:00 p.m., at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

Amount and Source of Funding

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required. Purchasing Language: Prior Council Action: For More Information: Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action: MBE / WBE: Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

In Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the City of Austin expects to receive continued federal funding through four U.S. Housing and Urban Development (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 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 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. 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: 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.

The two initial public hearings are conducted to receive input on the community's needs and service gaps. The public hearing before the CDC is scheduled for April 12, 2016 and the public hearing before the Austin City Council is scheduled on April 21, 2016.

The draft Action Plan and Community Development Program will be made available for public comment on or before May 23, 2016. 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. It is anticipated that the Austin City Council will take final action on the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Action Plan and Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Community Development Program on August 4, 2016 prior to HUD's submission deadline of August 15, 2016.