



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-1568, **Agenda Item #:** 51.

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Posting Language

Set a public hearing to receive citizen input on the City of Austin's Draft Fiscal Year 2019-2024 Consolidated Plan, and Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan, which together serve as planning documents for the City of Austin and as an application for federal funding. (Suggested date: May 23, 2019 at Austin City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas.)

Lead Department

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

January 31, 2019 - Council set a Public Hearing on Community Needs.

February 7, 2019 - Council conducted a Public Hearing on Community Needs.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

January 8, 2019 - the Community Development Commission conducted a Public Hearing on Community Needs.

February 12, 2019 - the Community Development Commission conducted a Public Hearing on Community Needs.

Additional Backup Information:

In Fiscal Years 2019-2024, the City of Austin (City) expects to receive continued federal funding through four U.S. Department of 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 submit a five-year Consolidated Plan and an annual Action Plan that provide 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 a public hearing in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), which sets forth the City's policies and procedures for citizen participation in the development of federal planning documents. As required by the CPP and Texas Local Government Code Chapter 373, the steps for public participation include seven total public hearings during the formation of the Consolidated Plan: two before the Austin City Council (Council), three before the Community Development Commission (CDC), and

two before organizations that work with low-and moderate-income populations. There is also a required 30-day comment period on the draft Consolidated Plan and draft Annual Action Plan.

The following five initial public hearings were conducted to receive input on the community's needs and service gaps:

- January 8, 2019: Community Development Commission
- February 7, 2019: City Council
- February 8, 2019: Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities and Commission on Seniors Annual Joint Meeting
- February 12, 2019: Community Development Commission
- February 25, 2019: Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council

The draft Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan were made available for public comment on April 15, 2019 via the [Neighborhood Housing and Community Development <http://austintexas.gov/departments/housing>](http://austintexas.gov/departments/housing) website. During the 30-day comment period, two additional public hearings will be conducted to receive feedback on the draft plan and input regarding community needs - one before the CDC, and one before Council. It is anticipated that Council will take final action on the Fiscal Years 2019-2024 Consolidated Plan and Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan on June 6, 2019, prior to HUD's submission deadline of August 15, 2019.

Additionally, at this time Congress has not completed the appropriations process for FY 2019-20. Per guidance from HUD, the FY 2019-2024 Draft Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan are written with allocations from prior fiscal years of federal funding awarded to the City. Once FY 2019-20 funding allocations are released by HUD, the City's FY 2019-20 Action Plan will be updated to reflect those appropriations. All proposed activities' budgets will be proportionately increased or decreased from the estimated funding levels to match actual allocation amounts.