



Recommendation for Action

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Posting Language

Conduct a public hearing to receive citizen input on community needs concerning the City's Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Action Plan.

Lead Department

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

The Community Development Commission conducted a public hearing on April 14, 2020.

Additional Backup Information:

In Fiscal Year 2020-2021, the City of Austin 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 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 conduct a public hearing in accordance with the City of Austin's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), which sets forth procedures for citizen participation in the development of each annual Action Plan. The CPP is a community developed plan - required by HUD - that is designed to encourage participation of city residents in the development of the 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 Community Development Commission is planned for April 14, 2020, and the public hearing before the Austin City Council is planned for April 23, 2020.

The draft Action Plan will be made available for public comment on May 7, 2020. 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 2020-2021 Action Plan on July 30, 2020 prior to HUD's submission deadline of August 15, 2020.

