



# **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HUD ACTION PLAN, CONSOLIDATED PLAN & PARTICIPATION PLAN**

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING &  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

# Why Is The City Of Austin Amending Its U.S. Department Of Housing And Urban Development (HUD) Plans?

- The federal government adopted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security, or CARES Act, in April of 2020, which provides additional funding to be deployed through HUD programs to respond to the impacts of COVID-19
- Amending the current year Action Plan and the corresponding Consolidated Plan is the fastest way to deploy the additional funds to respond to the impacts of COVID-19
- Jurisdictions must submit amended plans to HUD to receive the funding



# Consolidated Plan & Action Plan Amendment Process

FY 2019-24  
Consolidated Plan  
and FY 2019-20  
Action Plan

- Approved by HUD in fall 2019

Amend FY 2019-24  
Consolidated Plan and FY  
2019-20 Action Plan

- To include CARES Act funding

Submit  
Amendments to  
HUD

- Upon approval by HUD, begin the process of implementing programs to mitigate the economic effects of COVID-19



# CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT OF 2020

The CARES Act provided funding to respond to the impacts of the coronavirus to be deployed by HUD through three programs:

1. Community Development Block Grant coronavirus response (CDBG-CV)
2. Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV)
3. Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA-CV)





# Eligible Uses of HUD CARES Act Funding by Program

<b>Community Development Block Grant-CV</b>	May be used to cover or reimburse costs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, regardless of the date on which such costs were incurred, when those costs comply with CDBG requirements.	\$4.6M
<b>Emergency Solutions Grant-CV</b>	Prevent the spread of COVID-19, Provide additional support to individuals and families eligible for Continuum of Care or ESG assistance who are economically impacted by COVID-19	\$2.4M
<b>Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS-CV</b>	Prevent the spread of COVID-19, Provide additional support to individuals and families eligible for Continuum of Care or HOPWA assistance who are economically impacted by COVID-19	\$272,000



# Public Input Opportunities & Advisory Bodies for Final CARES Act Proposals to HUD

Community input  
through online public  
input tool (Speakup  
Austin)

April 16-23

Public hearing in front of  
Austin City Council

April 23

Ongoing  
interdepartmental  
discussions and analysis  
to align eligible funds  
with community needs

City of Austin Economic  
Recovery Core Directors  
Panel (interdepartmental  
working group)

Community Development  
Commission Meeting

May 13

Austin City Council  
Meeting  
Scheduled for May 21



# INFORMED BY DATA: UNITED WAY 211 calls In Travis County

APRIL 1 - 15, 2020

Need	Volume of 211 Calls
Rent Payment Assistance	1938
Food Pantries	1028
Electric Service Payment Assistance	553
COVID-19 Control	527
Undesignated Temporary Financial Assistance * COVID-19	139
Water Service Payment Assistance	139
COVID-19 Diagnostic Tests	128
State Unemployment Insurance * COVID-19	122
Food Stamps/SNAP Applications	120
Gas Service Payment Assistance	114



# INFORMED BY DATA: COVID-19 Impact & The Fragility Of Childcare

- According to Workforce Solutions Capital Area, **68%** of the childcare programs that contract for subsidized childcare are **closed**.
- Approximately **50%** of all licensed childcare programs in Travis County are **closed**.
- Nationally, only **3%** of the first round of PPP and SBA loans went to the sector that includes childcare (educational services businesses), indicating that many of these closures, without government financial support, may be permanent.
- There are currently only **1, 469** childcare seats available for essential workers in Austin/Travis County. (Per 5/12/20 report from Workforce Solutions Capital Area).
- It is estimated that **54%** of childcare supply may be lost - a **loss** of more than **480,000** child care seats.
- Prior to the COVID-19 crisis, there was only 1 spot for every 2.71 children in Texas. Without investment, there may be only 1 spot for every 5.9 children.



# Funding Recommendations to Respond to Coronavirus

## Recommendations for use of CDBG-CV funds:

- Approximately \$2.6 million for emergency rental assistance
- Approximately \$1 million for child care assistance
- Approximately \$1 million for homelessness assistance

## Recommendations for use of ESG-CV funds:

- Approximately \$2.3 million for homelessness assistance

## Recommendations for use of HOPWA-CV funds:

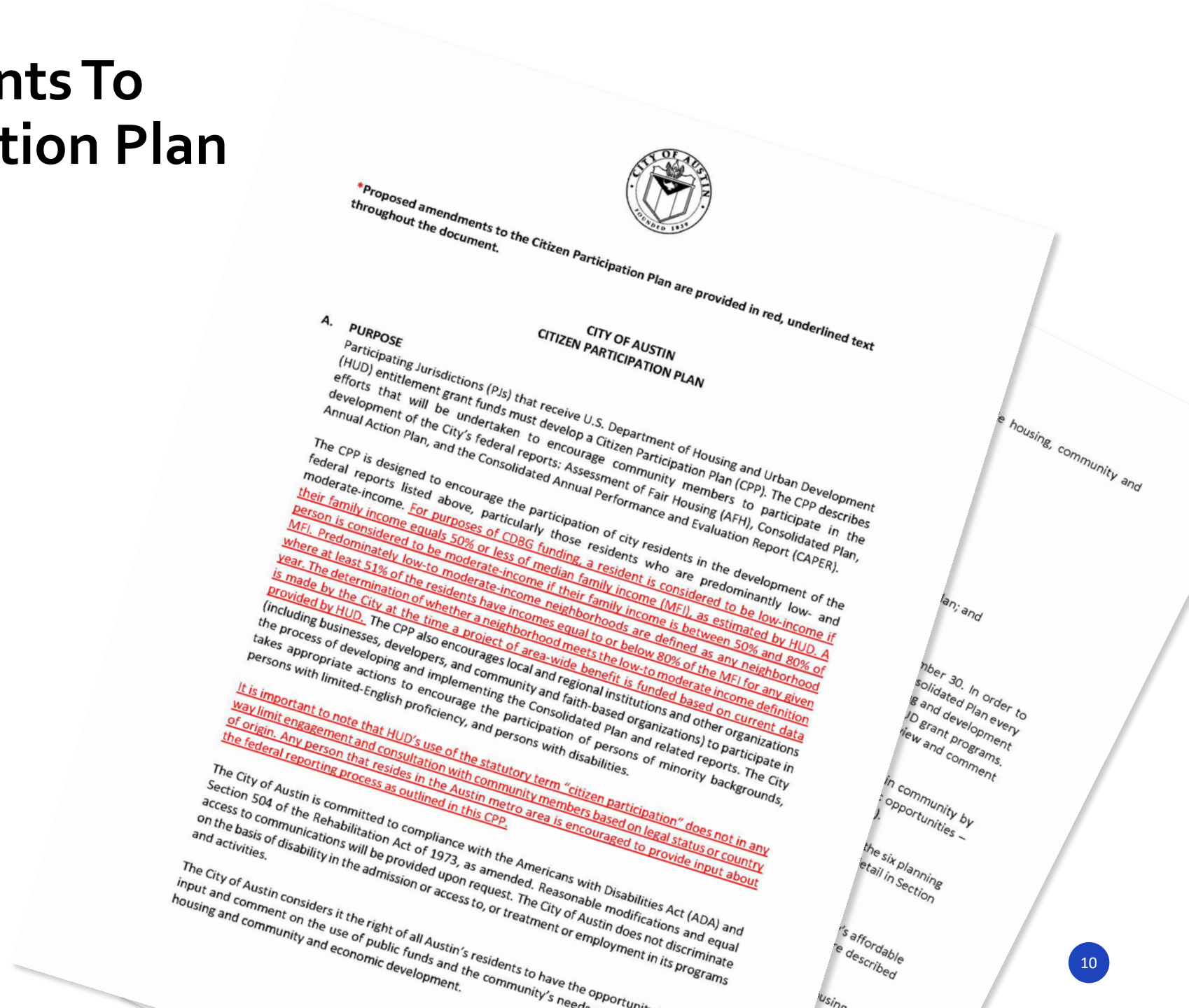
- Approximately \$270,000 for services for the HOPWA program

**Note:** *The funding proposals reflect staff recommendations to address community needs responsive to COVID-19. Recommendations as to how best to fund these proposals may change based on funding availability from a range of sources to address these community needs. The City of Austin continues to explore funding sources that can align with community needs responsive to COVID-19.*

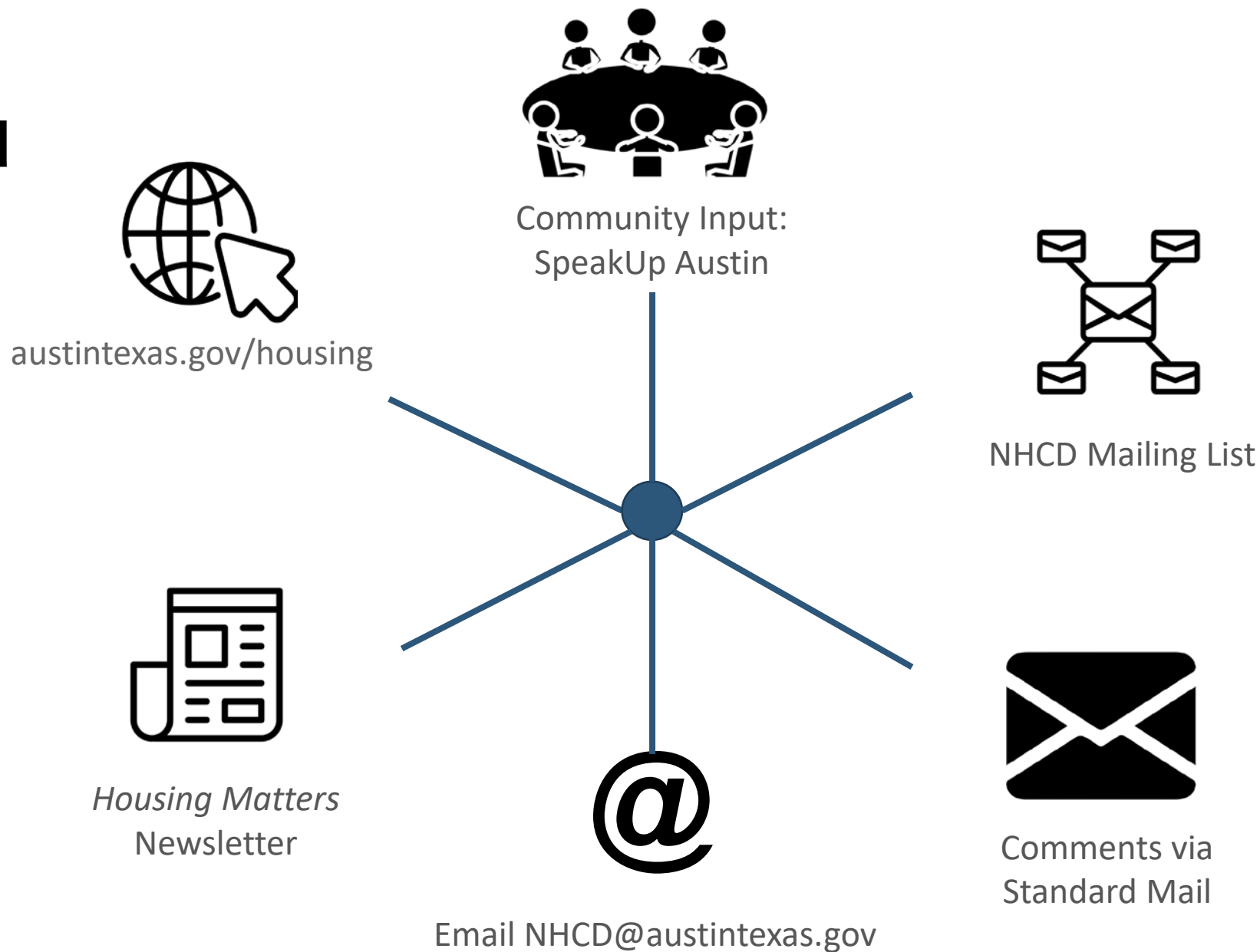


# Proposed Amendments To The Citizen Participation Plan

- Addition of Disaster Response and Recovery Section
- Additional Regulatory Provisions Provided by HUD



# Opportunities To Engage & Stay Informed





# QUESTIONS?

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Community Development