



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2512, **Agenda Item #:** 18.

7/30/2020

Posting Language

Conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on the City's Fiscal Year 2020-21 Action Plan; and approve a resolution that adopts the City's Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Action Plan for grant funds distributed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and authorizes the City Manager to submit, execute, and negotiate the necessary grant applications, certifications, and other related documents.

Lead Department

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

March 26, 2020 - Council set a public hearing for April 23, 2020 on the federal Action Plans for Fiscal Years 2019-2020 and 2020- 2021 that relate to federal funding opportunities.

April 23, 2020 - Council conducted a public hearing on the federal Action Plans for Fiscal Years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 that relate to federal funding opportunities.

June 11, 2020 - Council set a public hearing for July 30, 2020 to receive public comment on the City's Fiscal Year 2020-2021 federal Action Plan.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

July 15, 2020 - Community Development Commission conduct a public hearing to receive public comments on the draft Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Action Plan and provide final recommendations to Council.

Additional Backup Information:

The Action Plan serves as the City's application to receive U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) formula grants for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

In Fiscal Year 2020-21, the City of Austin expects to receive continued federal funding 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 HUD grants, the City must submit an annual Action Plan that provides an overview of community needs, resources, priorities, and proposed housing, community development, economic development, homelessness services, and public services activities.

This action complies with the City of Austin's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), as amended, and with program

waivers authorized by HUD. The waivers are allowed to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to facilitate assistance to communities and households economically impacted by COVID-19. These waivers allow jurisdictions to reduce the 30-day minimum public comment period to five days and to determine what is reasonable notice and opportunity for the public to provide comment on the FY 2020-21 annual Action Plan.

Public Input Process for the FY 2020-21 Action Plan

- City Council conducted a public hearing on April 23, 2020, to receive public input on community needs for the City's federal Action Plans for Fiscal Years 2019-20 and 2020-21 that relate to federal funding opportunities.
- The Community Development Commission is scheduled to conduct a public hearing on July 15, 2020, to receive public comment and provide final recommendations on the FY 2020-21 Action Plan.
- The draft Action Plan was made available for a 15-day public comment period on July 15, 2020. The public can provide comment on the draft plan through SpeakUp Austin or through phone call, email or postal mail. A copy of the draft FY 2020-21 Action Plan can be found [here](#).

If approved, 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 no later than August 16, 2020.