



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 21-1503, **Agenda Item #:** 68.

3/25/2021

### **Posting Language**

Set a public hearing to receive citizen input on community needs concerning the City's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Action Plan, which serves as an application for federal funding. (Suggested date: April 22, 2021, at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas).

### **Lead Department**

Housing and Planning Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

In Fiscal Year 2021-2022, the City 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 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 sets the date for a public hearing that is required by the City's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) and Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 373. The CPP establishes the City's policies and procedures for citizen participation in the development of each Action Plan. The steps for public participation include four total public hearings during the development of the Action Plan: two before City Council and two before the City's Community Development Commission (CDC). There is also a required 30-day comment period on the draft Action Plan.

The two initial public hearings receive input on the community's needs and service gaps. The public hearing before the CDC is anticipated to take place in April 22, 2021.

City staff plan to make the draft Action Plan available for public comment beginning on May 6, 2021. 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 City Council. The anticipated date for City Council's final action on the Action Plan is July 29, 2021, which is prior to HUD's submission deadline of August 16, 2021. The dates noted are provided for planning purposes and are subject to change. Information will be published to the City of Austin's Housing and Planning Department's Web site as public hearings are scheduled:

[www.austintexas.gov/housing-planning](http://www.austintexas.gov/housing-planning).

### **Strategic Outcome(s):**

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.