



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1868, **Agenda Item #:** 31.

5/20/2021

Posting Language

Set a public hearing to receive public comment on the City's draft Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Action Plan that will be submitted to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as part of the City's application for federal funding. (Suggested date: June 10, 2021, at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Tx).

Lead Department

Housing and Planning Department.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

March 25, 2021- Set a public hearing to receive public input on community needs concerning the City's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Action Plan.

April 22, 2021- Conducted a public hearing to consider public input on community needs concerning the City's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Action Plan.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

May 11, 2021- The Community Development Commission will conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on the City's draft Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Action Plan.

Additional Backup Information:

In Fiscal Year 2021-2022, the City of Austin 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). It is projected that the City will receive \$13.7 million from these formula grants in FY 21-22. 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, homelessness assistance, community development, economic development and public services.

This action will set a public hearing as part of the public participation process. The City of Austin's Citizen Participation Plan, which sets forth procedures for citizen participation in the development of each annual Action Plan and Chapter 373 of the Texas Local Government Code establish the steps for public participation. These steps include a total of four public hearings during the formation of the annual Action Plan. There are two public hearings related to the Community Needs Assessment and two public hearings to receive public comment on the draft Action Plan during the required 30-day public comment period. The public comment period began on or about May 6, 2021 and will last until June 11, 2021.

During this public comment period, the draft FY 21-22 Action Plan will be available on the Housing and Planning Department website, as well as on the Speak Up Austin website (SpeakUpAustin.org), with the option to leave comments. All comments received during the public comment period will be attached to the final Action Plan submitted to HUD. It is anticipated that the City Council will take final action on the FY 2021-2022 Action Plan on July 29, 2021, prior to submission to HUD.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.