



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2076, **Agenda Item #:** 55.

6/10/2021

Posting Language

Conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on the City's Draft Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Action Plan that will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as part of the City's application for federal funding.

Lead Department

Housing and Planning Department.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

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

May 20, 2021- Council set a public hearing for June 10, 2021, to receive public comments the City's draft Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Action Plan.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

The Community Development Commission is scheduled to conduct a public hearing on June 8, 2021.

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). 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 set a public hearing in accordance with the City of Austin's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), which sets forth procedures for public participation in the development of each annual Action Plan. The CPP is a community developed plan that is designed to encourage participation of city residents in the development of the annual Action Plan. Public participation includes 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 received input on the community's needs and service gaps. The CDC held a public hearing on April 13, 2021, and the City Council held a public hearing on April 22, 2021.

The draft Action Plan was made available for public comment on May 6, 2021 via the Housing and Planning Department website (<http://austintexas.gov/departments/housing>). During the 30-day comment period, two additional public hearings will be held to receive input on the draft plan. One hearing will be held by the CDC and another will be held by City Council. Staff anticipates that the City Council will take final action on the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Action Plan on July 29, 2021 prior to HUD's submission deadline of August 16, 2021.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.