



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Approve a resolution adopting the City's Fiscal Year 2021-22 Action Plan that is used to obtain grant funds distributed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and authorizing the City Manager to submit grant applications and certifications and to take actions necessary to secure grant funds.

### **Lead Department**

Housing and Planning Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **Prior Council Action:**

April 22, 2021- Public hearing conducted to collect feedback on community needs.

June 10, 2021 - Public hearing conducted to receive public comment on the draft Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

### **For More Information:**

Rosie Truelove, Director, Housing and Planning Department, 512-974-3064.

### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

April 13, 2021- Public hearing conducted by Community Development Commission to collect feedback on community needs.

June 8, 2021- Public hearing conducted by Community Development Commission to receive public comments on the draft Fiscal Year 2021-22 Action Plan.

July 13, 2021- The Community Development Commission recommended approval of the Draft Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Action Plan with some recommendations that are outlined in the Action Plan's appendices.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The Action Plan serves as the City's application to receive grant funds from HUD. In Fiscal Year 2021-22, the City 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). An annual Action Plan provides an overview of community needs, resources, priorities; and proposes activities related to housing, community development, economic development, homelessness services, and public services.

This request for Council action complies with the City of Austin's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) 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. The waivers allow jurisdictions to conduct virtual public hearings.

The City anticipates receiving the following grant allocations from HUD-

- CDBG: \$7,947,552
- HOME: \$3,156,803
- ESG: \$669,870
- HOPWA: \$2,099,125

This anticipated funding is allocated to various programs via the FY 21-22 Action Plan.

**Public Input Process for the FY 2021-22 Action Plan**

- The Community Development Commission conducted a public hearing on April 13, 2021, to receive public input on community needs for the City's federal Action Plans for Fiscal Year 2021-22 that relate to federal funding opportunities.
- Austin City Council conducted a public hearing on April 22, 2021, to receive public input on community needs for the City's federal Action Plans for Fiscal Year 2021-22 that relate to federal funding opportunities.
- The draft Action Plan was made available for a 30-day public comment period starting on May 6, 2021 and concluded on June 11, 2021.
- The Community Development Commission conducted a public hearing on June 8, 2021, to receive public comment on the draft Fiscal Year 2021-22 Action Plan.
- The Community Development Commission recommended approval of the draft Fiscal Year 2021-22 Action Plan on July 13, 2021 with the recommendation to address public input by disabilities advocates regarding departmental outreach and communications as well as prioritize investments for households at 30 percent MFI and below, with a focus on reporting investments that benefit persons with disabilities.

If approved, the Housing and Planning Department will submit the City's one-year Action Plan to HUD no later than August 16, 2021.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.