



## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 22-1883, **Agenda Item #:** 45.

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### **Posting Language**

Set a public hearing to receive citizen input on the City's draft Fiscal Year 2022-2023 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: Thursday, June 9, 2022, Austin City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701).

### **Lead Department**

Housing and Planning Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **Prior Council Action:**

March 3, 2022 - Council set a public hearing for March 24, 2022 to receive citizen input on community needs concerning the City's Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Action Plan.

March 24, 2022 - Council conducted a public hearing to receive citizen input on community needs concerning the City's Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Action Plan.

### **For More Information:**

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

April 12, 2022 - The Community Development Commission conducted a public hearing on community needs concerning the City's Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Action Plan.

May 10, 2022 - The Community Development Commission conducted a public hearing to receive citizen input on the City's draft Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Action Plan.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

In Fiscal Year 2022-2023, the City of Austin expects to receive continued federal funding through four U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) formula grants: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). In order to receive these funds, the City must develop an annual Action Plan that describes how the funding will be allocated across housing and public service programs. A draft Action Plan is available to the public for comment until June 10, 2022.

As of the start of the public comment period for the draft Action Plan, HUD has not announced grant allocations for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Per guidance from HUD, the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Draft Action Plan is written with allocations from the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Action Plan. Once Fiscal Year 2022-2023 funding allocations are released by HUD, the City's Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Action Plan will be updated to reflect those appropriations. All proposed activities' budgets will be proportionally increased or decreased from the estimated funding levels

to match actual allocation amounts.

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 citizen participation in the development of each annual Action Plan. The CPP is a community developed plan required by HUD that is designed to encourage participation of community members in the development of the annual Action Plan. As required by the CPP and Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 373, the steps for citizen participation include four total public hearings during the formation of the annual Action Plan: two public hearings as part of the Community Needs Assessment in front of the Community Development Commission and City Council, and two public hearings to receive citizen input on the draft Action Plan, as part of the required 30-day public comment period. The public comment period will last from May 3, 2022, to June 10, 2022.

During this public comment period, the draft Fiscal Year 2022-2023 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 Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Action Plan on July 28, 2022, prior to submission to HUD.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.