



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2106, Agenda Item #: 84.

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Posting Language

Conduct a public hearing on the City's draft Fiscal Year 2022-2023 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:

May 19, 2022 - Council set a public hearing for June 9, 2022, to receive citizen input on the City's draft 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.

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.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

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.

April 12, 2022 - The Community Development Commission conducted a public hearing on community needs concerning the City's 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). As of the posting of the draft Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Action Plan, HUD has not announced grant allocations for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Per guidance from HUD, the draft Fiscal Year 2022-2023 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.

In order to receive these 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, and public services.

The requested action is to conduct 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 city residents 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 Action Plan: two before the Austin City Council and two before the Community Development Commission (CDC). The two initial public hearings were conducted to receive input on the community's needs and service gaps, one before the Austin City Council on March 24, 2022, and one before the CDC on April 12, 2022. The remaining public hearings will take place on May 10, 2022, with the CDC, and June 9, 2022, with the Austin City Council, to receive feedback on the draft Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Action Plan.

The draft Action Plan was made available for public comment on May 3, 2022, via the Housing and Planning Department website (<http://austintexas.gov/departments/housing>) and Speak Up Austin! webpage. The draft Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Action Plan is provided in backup to this document.

The plan will be available for comment from May 3, 2022, to June 10, 2022. During the public comment period, two additional public hearings will be conducted to receive input on the draft plan, one before the CDC and one before the Austin City Council. It is anticipated that the Austin City Council will take final action on the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Action Plan on July 28, 2022, prior to HUD's submission deadline of August 16, 2022.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.