

Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2320, Agenda Item #: 85.

7/20/2023

Posting Language

Approve a resolution adopting the City's Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Action Plan that is used to obtain grant funds distributed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and authorizing the City Manager to submit grant applications and certifications and to take actions necessary to secure grant funds.

Lead Department

Housing Department.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

June 8, 2023 - Council conducted a public hearing receive public comment on the draft Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 ("Action Plan").

March 23, 2023 - Council conducted a public hearing to receive public input on community needs concerning the City's Action Plan.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

June 13, 2023 - The Community Development Commission recommended approval of the Action Plan.

May 9, 2023 - The Community Development Commission conducted a public hearing to receive public comment on the City's draft Action Plan.

April 11, 2023 - The Community Development Commission conducted a public hearing on community needs concerning the City's Action Plan.

Additional Backup Information:

In Fiscal Year 2023-2024, 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).

HUD has announced the City of Austin is eligible for the following grants:

- CDBG: \$7,362,354
- HOME: \$3,601,868
- ESG: \$658,196
- HOPWA: \$2,670,278

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Total: \$14,292,696

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 full draft Action Plan, including the proposed funding table, is available in the backup to this item.

Following the City of Austin's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), a total of four public hearings were held for the Action Plan to gather input from the public: two in front of the Community Development Commission, and two in front of the City Council. The draft Action Plan was made available for public comment from May 9, 2023, to June 9, 2023, via a Speak Up Austin! webpage.

This item requests City Council's approval of the proposed Action Plan. With City Council's approval, the Action Plan will be submitted to HUD for review no later than August 16, 2023.