

City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-3872, Agenda Item #: 29.

2/15/2024

Posting Language

Set a public hearing to receive input on community needs concerning the City's Fiscal Year 2024-2029 Consolidated Plan, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Texas Local Government Code Chapter 373 for the City's application for federal funding. (Suggested date: March 7, 2024, at Austin City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas).

Lead Department

Housing Department.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The public hearing is requested to receive input on the community's needs and service gaps related to housing and public services provided by the City.

In Fiscal Year 2024-2025, the City expects to receive continued federal funding through four U.S. Department of 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 submits a Consolidated Plan to HUD every five years which 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 the date for a public hearing in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), which sets forth the City's policies and procedures for community participation in the development of each Consolidated Plan. As required by the CPP and Texas Local Government Code Chapter 373, the steps for public participation include four total public hearings during the development of the Consolidated Plan: two before the City Council and two before the Community Development Commission (CDC). There is also a required 30-day public comment period on the draft Consolidated Plan.

The two initial public hearings are conducted to receive input on the community's needs and service gaps. The public hearing before the CDC is anticipated to take place on March 12, 2024, and the public hearing before the City Council is anticipated to take place on March 7, 2024.

The draft Consolidated Plan will be made available for public comment on May 7, 2024. During the 30-day comment period, two additional public hearings will be conducted to receive input on the draft Consolidated Plan, one before the CDC and one before the City Council. It is anticipated that the City Council will take final action on the Fiscal Year 2024-2029 Consolidated Plan on July 18, 2024, prior to HUD's submission deadline

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