



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Conduct a public hearing to receive input on community needs for the City's Fiscal Year 2024-2029 Consolidated 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 Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **Prior Council Action:**

February 15, 2024 - Council set a public hearing for March 7, 2024, to receive public input on community needs for the City's Fiscal Year 2024-2029 Consolidated Plan.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

In Fiscal Year 2024-2025, the City expects to receive 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.

As of February 16, 2024, HUD had not yet announced Fiscal Year 2024-2025 grant allocation for annual entitlement grants.

The requested action is to conduct a public hearing in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), which sets forth procedures for community participation in the development of each Consolidated 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 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 formation of the Consolidated Plan: two before Council and two before the Community Development Commission (CDC). There is also a 30-day 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 expected to take place on March 12, 2024, and the public hearing before Council is expected to take place on March 7, 2024.

The draft Consolidated Plan will be made available for public comment on May 7, 2024. 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 Council. It is anticipated that the Council will take final action on the Fiscal Year 2024-2029 Consolidated Plan on July 18, 2024, prior to HUD's submission deadline of August 16, 2024.