

AGENDA



Thursday, May 17, 2007

**Public Hearings and Possible Actions
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 54**

Subject: Conduct a public hearing to receive citizen comments on the following: (1) the Annual Draft Action Plan Fiscal Year 2007-2008, required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and (2) Texas Local Government Code Chapter 373 Community Development 2007-2008 Program, including proposed funding allocations for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

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This is the second of two required public hearings before the Council adopts the City's Action Plan and Community Development Program for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. This action is in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan, which sets forth the City's policies and procedures for citizen participation in the Consolidated Plan. As required by Chapter 373 of the Texas Local Government Code and the City's Citizen Participation Plan, the steps for public participation in the annual Action Plan are two public hearings before the City Council and two before the Community Development Commission (CDC) and a 30-day comment period on the draft Plan.

Two public hearings have already been held to receive citizen input on community needs and service gaps. The public hearing with City Council was on March 8, 2007 and the hearing with the CDC was on March 15, 2007. The draft Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Action Plan will be made available for written public comment from May 4, 2007 to June 5, 2007 with final City Council approval on July 26, 2007.

In addition to this hearing at Council on 5/17/07, there will be a public hearing to receive citizen input on the draft Action Plan at CDC May 10, 2007.

In Fiscal Year 2007-2008, the City of Austin will receive approximately \$13 million through four HUD programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). In order to receive these grants from HUD, the City of Austin must submit annually an Action Plan that describes community needs, resources, priorities, and proposed activities with regard to housing, community development, economic development and public services. The Action Plan, Fiscal Year 2007-2008, is due to HUD on August 15, 2007.