Thursday, July 29, 2010

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 42

Subject: Approve a resolution adopting the City's Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2010-2011, related to the allocation of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant funds, and the Community Development 2010-2011 Program as required by Texas Local Government Code Chapter 373, including proposed funding allocations for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Boards and Commission Action: March 10, 2010 - The Community Development Commission conducted a public hearing on the Draft Annual Action Plan and the Community Development Program. June 14, 2010 - The Community Development Commission conducted a public hearing on the Draft Annual Action Plan and the Community Development Program. June 22, 2010 - Reviewed by the Community Development Commission.

Prior Council Action: March 11, 2010 - The Austin City Council held a public hearing related to the Annual Action Plan and the Community Development Program; June 10, 2010 - The Austin City Council set a public hearing on the Draft Annual Action Plan and the Community Development Program; June 24, 2010 - The Austin City Council conducted a public hearing on the Draft Annual Action Plan and the Community Development Program.

In Fiscal Year 2010-2011, the City of Austin expects to receive \$14.1 million through four HUD programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). In order to receive these grants, the City must submit an annual Action Plan to HUD. The annual Action Plan is a one-year report that describes the community needs, resources, priorities and proposed activities to be funded with regard to housing, community and economic development, and public services for the upcoming Fiscal Year. The report must show progress towards meeting the established goals in the Fiscal Year's 2009-14 Consolidated Plan, which is the City's five-year strategic plan. Pursuant to the Citizen Participation Plan, NHCD seeks input from the community during two public hearings on needs assessment and two public hearings on the Draft Action Plan. NHCD also gathers statistical data to prepare the draft report.

The City must submit the final Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 to HUD before August 15, 2010.