

AGENDA



Thursday, March 24, 2011

Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s)
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**Item No. 46**

Subject: Set a public hearing to receive citizen input on the community's needs for the development of the City's Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Action Plan, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and the Community Development 2011-2012 Program as required by Texas Local Government Code Chapter 373. (Suggested date and time: April 7, 2011, 4:00 p.m., at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

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

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In fiscal year 2011-2012, the City of Austin expects to receive continued federal funding through four U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement grants: 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 HUD grants, the City must submit an annual Action Plan that provides the community needs, resources, priorities, and proposed activities with regards 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 of Austin's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), which sets forth the City's policies and procedures for citizen participation in the development of each annual Action Plan. As required by the CPP and Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 373, the steps for public participation includes four public hearings: two before the Austin City Council and two before the Community Development Commission (CDC). There is also a 30-day public comment period on the draft Action Plan and Community Development Program.

Public hearings are conducted to receive citizen input on the community's needs and service gaps. The public hearing before the CDC is scheduled on March 29, 2011 and the public hearing before the Austin City Council is recommended to be scheduled on April 7, 2011.

The draft Action Plan and Community Development Program will be made available for public comment beginning in June, 2011. During the 30-day public comment period, two public hearings will be conducted, one before the CDC and one before the Austin City Council. It is anticipated that the Austin City Council will take final action on the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Action Plan and the Community Development 2011-2012 Program on July 28, 2011. The Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Action Plan and Community Development 2011-2012 Program is due to HUD on or before August 15, 2011.