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## Recommendation for Council Action

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| Austin City Council   | Item ID   | 6923 | Agenda Number | 131.                                   |
| Meeting Date:   | 6/23/2011   |      | Department:   | Neighborhood and Community Development |
| Subject   |   |      |               |  |
| Conduct a public hearing to receive citizen comments on the City's Draft Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Action Plan, as required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Community Development 2011-2012 Program as required by Texas Local Government Code Chapter 373. |   |      |               |  |
| Amount and Source of Funding  |   |      |               |  |
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| Fiscal Note   |   |      |               |  |
| There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.   |   |      |               |  |
| Purchasing Language:  |   |      |               |  |
| Prior Council Action:   | March 24, 2011 - set a public hearing for April 7, 2011; April 7, 2011 - public hearing conducted on the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Action Plan and the Community Development 2011-2012 Program. June 9 - set a public hearing for June 23, 2011   |      |               |  |
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| Boards and Commission Action:   | March 8 and 29, 2011 - the Community Development Commission conducted public hearings on the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Action Plan and the Community Development 2011-2012 Program. June 16, 2011 - the Community Development Commission conducted a public hearing on the Draft Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Action Plan and the Community Development 2011-2012 Program. |      |               |  |
| MBE / WBE:  |   |      |               |  |
| Related Items:  |   |      |               |  |
| Additional Backup Information   |   |      |               |  |

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 conduct 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). A 30-day public comment period is required on the draft Action Plan and the Community Development Program.

The two initial public hearings were conducted to receive citizen input on the community's needs and service gaps. The first public hearing before the CDC was held on March 29, 2011 and the first public hearing before the Austin City Council was held on April 7, 2011. The CDC conducted an additional public hearing on March 8, 2011, in accordance with the 2008 African-American Quality of Life Final Report, which recommended that a public hearing be conducted to solicit input from local small businesses and organizations on the use of federal economic funding. Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) promoted the public hearings through various outreach efforts including direct outreach to the community, local service providers, government agencies, the African American Resources Advisory Commission, and East Austin businesses.

The draft Action Plan and Community Development Program was made available for public comment on June 10, 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 Community Development 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.