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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	13859	Agenda Number	19.
Meeting Date:	4/26/2012		Department:	Neighborhood and Community Development
Subject				
Approve a resolution adopting a Substantial Amendment to the City's Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Action Plan and 2011-2012 Community Development Program as required by state and federal law.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Fiscal Note				
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:	April 12, 2012 – City Council conducted a public hearing on the proposed ESG Substantial Amendment; July 28, 2011 – City Council approved the City's 2011-2012 Action Plan and the Community Development 2011-2012 Program.			
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Boards and Commission Action:	April 10, 2012 – Reviewed by the Community Development Commission; July 12, 2011 – The Community Development Commission approved the City's 2011-2012 Action Plan and the Community Development 2011-2012 Program.			
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				

The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act) became law on May 20, 2009, and consolidated several homeless assistance programs administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It also renamed the Emergency Shelter Grants program to the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program. The ESG program is designed to be the first step in a continuum of assistance to help clients quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness.

On December 1, 2011, the City of Austin received notification from HUD about the availability of a second allocation for FY 2011-2012 ESG funds in the amount of \$185,896. In order to receive the funds, a Substantial Amendment to the City's 2011-2012 Action Plan and Community Development 2011-2012 Program must be submitted to and approved by HUD. If approved by HUD, the Substantial Amendment allows the City of Austin to apply for, receive, and administer additional ESG grant funds.

In the Substantial Amendment, the City proposes to utilize ESG funds to provide Rapid Re-Housing services to assist homeless persons in obtaining and maintaining permanent housing. The Substantial Amendment is due to HUD on or prior to May 14, 2012.