

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 24423 Agenda Number 86.

Meeting Date: 6/20/2013 Department: Neighborhood and Community Development

<u>Subject</u>

Conduct a public hearing to receive citizen comments on the City's Draft Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Action Plan, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Community Development 2013-2014 Program as required by Texas Local Government Code Chapter 373.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	March 28, 2013 - public hearing set for April 11, 2013. April 11, 2013 - public hearing conducted on the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Action Plan Community Needs Assessment and the Community Development 2013-2014 Program. June 6, 2013 - public hearing set for June 20, 2013 on the Draft Fiscal Year 2013-2104 Action Plan and the Community Development 2013-2014 Program.
For More Information:	Contact Elizabeth A. Spencer, Director, 974-3182; or Kelly Nichols, Housing Policy and Planning Manager, 974-9375.
Boards and Commission Action:	April 4, 2013 - Community Development Commission conducted a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Action Plan Community Needs Assessment and the Community Development 2013-2014 Program. June 18, 2013 - Community Development Commission set to conduct a public hearing on the Draft Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Action Plan and the Community Development 2013-2014 Program.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

In Fiscal Year 2013-2014, 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 Solutions 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 April 4, 2013 and the first public hearing before the Austin City Council was held on April 11, 2013. Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) promoted the public hearings through various outreach efforts including direct outreach to the community, local service providers, and government agencies.

The draft Action Plan and Community Development Program became available for public comment on May 31, 2013. During the 30-day public comment period, two public hearings will be conducted, one before the CDC and one before the Austin City Council. The Council will take final action on the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Action Plan and Community Development 2013-2014 Program prior to HUD's submission deadline of August 15, 2013.