

## Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department





FY 2013-14 Proposed Budget



**Budget Presentations:** 

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### **Department Overview**

**Mission Statement:** Provide housing, community development and small business development services to benefit eligible residents, so they can have access to livable neighborhoods and increase their opportunities for self-sufficiency.

#### **Major Accomplishments**

- Opening of the African American Cultural & Heritage Facility
- First Department to go live on AMANDA5
- Closure of long standing federally funded projects
- Implementation of 'Neighborhood Block Walk' for enhanced program outreach and awareness
- Completion of neighborhood prioritized developments
- Permanent Supportive Housing

#### **Programs**

#### Housing

Homebuyer Assistance, Homeowner Assistance, Housing Developer Assistance & Renter Assistance

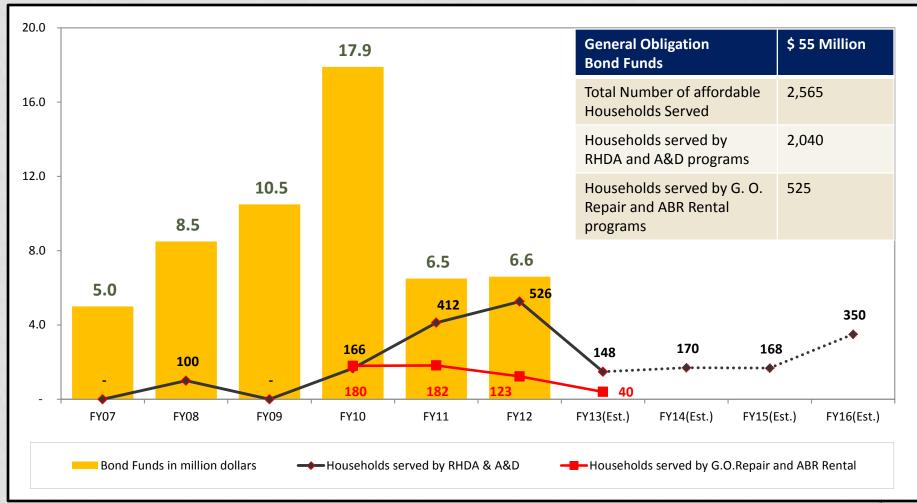
#### **Community Development**

Financial Empowerment, Homeless/Special Needs Assistance, Neighborhood & Community Revitalization, Small Business Assistance

Key Performance Data	FY 12 Act.	FY 13 Est.
Total number of households/persons assisted through all services	6,461	5,441
Number of persons/households assisted through Housing services	3,456	2,521
Rental units created and/or retained by the Rental Housing Developer Assistance program	517	155
Number of households assisted with repair services for the homeowner	708	576
Number of jobs created/retained	6	6

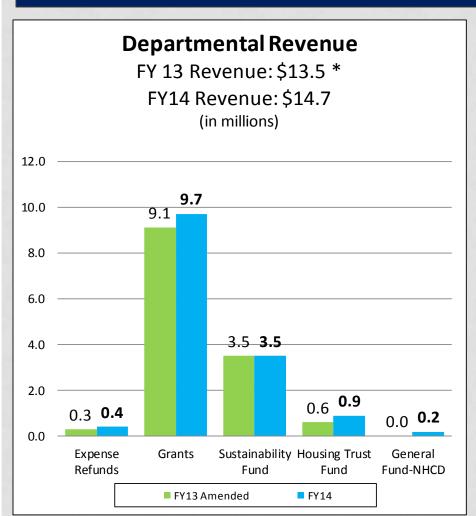


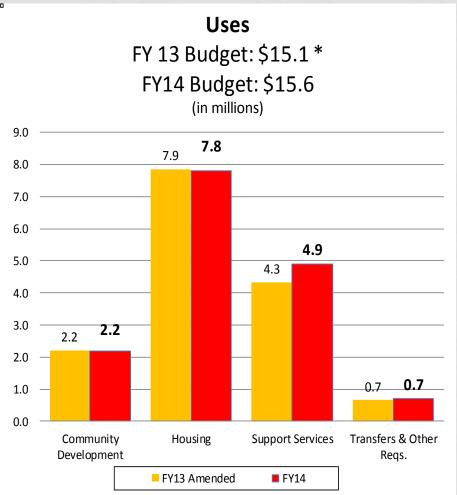
### **Housing Development Cycle**





#### **Sources and Uses of Funds**





<sup>\*</sup> Excludes \$2.8 million in one-time grant funds



## **Revenue Highlights**

- > CDBG and HOME grant awards \$0.6 million increase
- ➤ Housing Trust Fund \$0.3 million increase
- ➤ General Fund transfer \$0.2 million increase
- ➤ No Sequestration impact in FY 2014, but \$3.6 million decrease realized in previous two fiscal years









### **Revenue Highlights**

#### **Long-term Housing Funding Strategy:**

- > Staff options and strategies presented in June 2013
- Transition NHCD Programs from Sustainability Fund to General Fund
- ➤ New calculation method allocates 0.25% of O&M property tax revenue to the HTF in FY 2013-14
- Percentage allocation will increase to 2.0% by FY 2017-18 with a transfer cap established at \$10 million annually
- > \$78,000 increase in FY 2013-14 relative to the prior calculation method; \$17.4 million over the next 5 fiscal years



## **Budget Highlights**

- ➤ Temporary position to increase department records analysis and management \$0.1 million
- Housing programs education and outreach efforts – \$0.1 million











## **CIP Highlights**

#### **Major Accomplishments**

- GO bond funds expended in prior years produced a record 503 rental units in FY 2011-12
  - Average two-year development cycle for housing
- Rehabilitated six homes and constructed one new on Juniper and Olive Streets
- > \$10 million from Council mid-year budget amendment
  - \$2.8 million is scheduled for loans

#### FY 2014 Spending Plan - \$5.5 million

- > \$5.4 million planned for affordable housing projects
- > \$0.1 million for Housing Market Study



# **Affordable Housing Strategy**





Dedicated Revenue and Affordable Housing Tools



Innovative Zoning
Regulations to Facilitate
Lower-Cost Housing

- Housing Market Study
   projects need for affordable
   housing and determines
   gaps. Crucial to determining
   goals, baselines.
- Define Sub-population and sub-geographic goals and targets through upcoming Housing Market Study (2014)
- Link data to Imagine Austin planning principles: jobs, transportation, housing

- ROI from 2006 General Obligation Bond funds
  - \$55 million committed/spent (avg. of \$11M annually for 5 years)
  - Created 2,593 affordable units
  - Average per unit \$23K
- 9% Low-Income Housing Tax to support tax credit projects funded by the State
- Home Repair supports repair services administered by nonprofit partners to leverage other home repair initiatives.

- Create opportunities through regulatory practices and policies responsive to market conditions:
  - Advance goals through Land Development Code Rewrite
  - Incentives for inclusion
  - Reduce regulation that impedes affordability
  - Expedite affordable developments



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