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## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	31185	Agenda Number	59.
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Meeting Date:	3/20/2014	Department:	Neighborhood and Community Development
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## Subject

Set a public hearing to receive citizen comments on community needs in order to develop the City's five-year Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2014 through 2019, as required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, the City's Citizen Participation Plan, and the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 373. (Suggested date and time: March 27, 2014, 4:00 p.m., at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX.)

## Amount and Source of Funding

## Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

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Boards and Commission Action:

March 13, 2014 - the Community Development Commission conducted a public hearing to receive citizen comments on community needs in order to develop the City's five-year Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2014 through 2019, and Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2014-15.

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

## Additional Backup Information

The City of Austin Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office conducts a needs assessment in the community to determine housing and community development priorities to be included in the five-year Consolidated Plan. As required by Chapter 373 of the Texas Local Government Code and/or the City's Citizen Participation Plan, the steps for public participation in assessing community needs for the five-year Consolidated Plan and the annual Action Plan and Community Development Program include the following:

- Consultation with Community Institutions. Public and private agencies, both for-profit and non-profits that either provide or have direct impact on the broad range of housing, health and social services need by Austin residents.
- Utilization of Quantitative and Qualitative Data on Community Needs. Review of relevant data and conduct necessary evaluation and analysis to provide an accurate assessment of community needs and priorities on which to base strategic recommendations.
- Public Hearings:

- Two before the Austin City Council.
  - Two before the Community Development Commission.
  - Two before organizations working with low- and moderate-income populations.
- Written Comments. A period of 30 calendar days will be provided to receive written comments on the draft five-year Consolidated Plan
- An Analysis of Impediments to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing Report – A report examining and identifying barriers to fair housing in Austin
- Consultations with social services, non-profits, for-profits, and government entities regarding public housing needs and planned programs and activities
- A Housing Market Study– An evaluation of the existing and future housing needs in Austin

The annual Action Plan outlines activities and programs that fund the priorities identified in the five-year Consolidated Plan. The fiscal year 2014-2019 draft Consolidated Plan and fiscal year 2014-2015 draft Action Plan will be made available for written public comment in June 2014.

The City of Austin anticipates receiving funding through four U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs: Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS. In order to receive HUD grants, the City must submit a Consolidated Plan every five years and an annual Action Plan that describes community needs, resources, priorities, and proposed activities with regard to housing, community development, economic development, and public services. The Consolidated Plan and Action Plan are both due to HUD on August 15, 2014.