



Public Hearing on Action Plan Community Needs Assessment

Presentation for the Austin City Council

April 16, 2015



Neighborhood Housing + Community Development Office Mission

To 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.

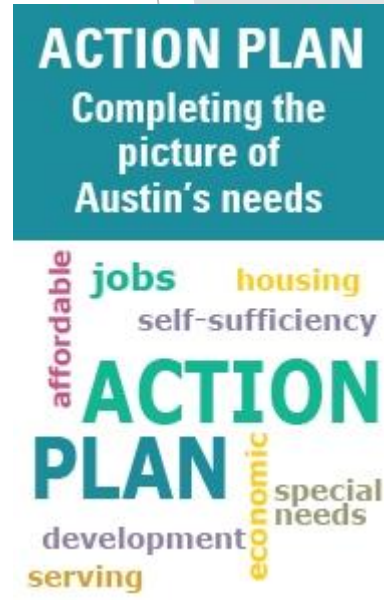




Why Are We Here?

Action Plan Process

- ▶ The City of Austin expects to receive \$11.2 million from HUD for Fiscal Year 2015-16. The Action Plan serves as the City's application to access these resources.
- ▶ Annual Action Plans outline the actions, activities, and resources that will be used to address the needs of low-to moderate-income families.
- ▶ At the end of each Fiscal Year, the City prepares a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) that includes annual performance metrics.



2014-2019 Five Year Consolidated Plan





Federal Funds + Requirements

- ▶ The City of Austin receives four formula block grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to help address affordable housing, community and economic development needs.



HOME HOPWA ESG

- ▶ Regulatory requirements include affirmatively furthering fair housing choice in Austin.
- ▶ As a participating jurisdiction, the City of Austin is required to submit a 5-year Consolidated Plan, Action Plans (1 per year), and End-of-Year Reports called the CAPER (1 per year).



Federal Formula Funds

| | FY 14-15 | FY 15-16 | Annual \$ Change | Annual % Change | 5 Year \$ Change | 5 Year % Change |
|-------|--------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| CDBG | \$6,983,366 | \$7,078,382 | \$95,016 | 1% | (\$1,078,766) | -14% |
| HOME | \$2,686,764 | \$2,433,108 | (\$253,656) | -10% | (\$2,098,709) | -46% |
| HOPWA | \$1,112,390 | \$1,117,794 | \$5,404 | 1% | \$13,867 | 1% |
| ESG | \$583,706 | \$622,474 | \$38,768 | 8% | \$292,030 | 89% |
| TOTAL | \$11,366,226 | \$11,251,758 | (\$114,468) | | (\$2,871,578) | |

CDBG = Community Development Block Grant

HOME = HOME Investment Partnerships

HOPWA = Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS

ESG = Emergency Solutions Grant



Community Needs Assessment Public Hearing

- ▶ The purpose of the Community Needs Assessment is to obtain feedback from the community, residents, and stakeholders about how to refine investment priorities.
- ▶ **Key Question: Of the investment priorities identified in the Consolidated Plan (below), which are the top needs in our community?**
- ▶ Input will inform the DRAFT Action Plan.

Homeless & Special Needs Assistance

- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs
- Child Care Services
- Senior Services
- Youth Services

Renter Assistance

- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
- Architectural Barrier Removal – Rental
- Tenants' Rights Assistance

Homebuyer Assistance

- HousingSmarts Counseling and Financial Literacy Education
- Down Payment Assistance

Homeowner Assistance

- Architectural Barrier Removal – Owner
- Emergency Home Repair
- Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program
- GO Repair! Program
- Holly Good Neighbor
- LeadSmart

Housing Development Assistance

- Rental Housing Development Assistance
- Acquisition and Development
- Community Housing Developer Organization (CHDO) Operating Expenses Grants
- Developer Incentive-Based Programs

Neighborhood & Commercial Revitalization

- East 11th and 12th Streets Revitalization
- Colony Park Sustainable Community Initiative

Small Business Assistance

- Community Development Bank
- Microenterprise Technical Assistance

Financial Empowerment

- Individual Development Accounts
- HousingSmarts Counseling and Financial Literacy Education



FY2015-16 Action Plan Timeline

| Date | Action |
|---------------------|--|
| Friday, March 20 | Community Needs Assessment Period Begins |
| Monday, April 13 | Mayor's Committee for People w/ Disabilities - Presentation and Input |
| Tuesday, April 14 | CDC - Public Hearing @ Austin Energy, Town Lake Center (6:30pm) |
| Thursday, April 16 | City Council - Public Hearing @ City Hall (1pm) |
| Tuesday, April 21 | Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission - Presentation and Input |
| Wednesday, April 22 | Hispanic / Latino Quality of Life Advisory Commission - Presentation and Input |
| Friday, April 24 | Community Needs Assessment Period Ends |
| Wednesday, May 6 | African American Resource Advisory Commission - Presentation and Input |
| Friday, May 22 | Public Comment Period Begins (DRAFT Action Plan Published) |
| Monday, June 1 | CDC - Public Hearing @ City Hall Boards and Comm. Room (7pm) |
| Thursday, June 11 | City Council - Public Hearing @ City Hall (Time TBD) |
| Monday, June 22 | Public Comment Period Ends |
| Tuesday, June 30 | CDC - Meeting for Final Recommendations @ NHCD 400a (6:30pm) |
| Thursday, August 6 | City Council - Final Action @ City Hall (Time TBD) |
| Saturday, August 15 | Action Plan Due to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development |



Additional Opportunities for Community Input



- ▶ **E-MAIL:** Public comments can be submitted to NHCD@austintexas.gov



- ▶ **MAIL:** Public comments can be submitted by mail to NHCD, ATTN Action Plan, P.O. Box 1088, Austin Texas 78767
- ▶ **ONLINE:** For more information, and to see where you can engage with staff about the Action Plan, visit www.austintexas.gov/housingplan

Questions



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