Public Hearing on Action Plan Community Needs Assessment

Presentation for the Austin City Council

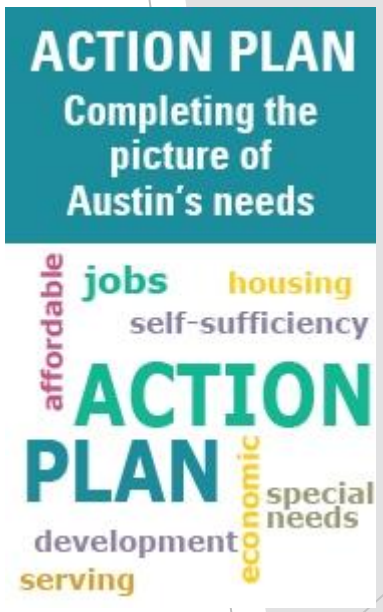
April 16, 2015

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

FY 14-15 Action Plan	FY 14-15 CAPER	FY 15-16 Action Plan	FY 15-16 CAPER	FY 16-17 Action Plan	FY 16-17 CAPER	FY 17-18 Action Plan	FY 17-18 CAPER	FY 18-19 Action Plan	FY 18-19 CAPER

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.

40 Years CDBG Building Better Neighborhoods **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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