



**Public Hearing
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 34
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SUBJECT: Set a public hearing to receive citizen comments on community needs to develop the City's (1) annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2006-07, related to allocation of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant funds, and (2) Community Development Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Program required by Texas Local Government Code Chapter 373, including proposed funding allocations. (Suggested date and time: March 23, 2006 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 301 West Second Street.)

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

FISCAL NOTE: N/A

REQUESTING Neighborhood Housing **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT: and Community **AUTHORIZATION:** Paul Hilgers
Development

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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

In order to receive certain federal entitlement grant funds, Federal Law requires cities to develop an annual Action Plan. In addition, Chapter 373, Texas Local Government Code, requires cities that utilize federal funds to establish an approved community development program that is determined to assist a public purpose. This Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Action Plan and Chapter 373 Community Development Program (the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Plan) is a one-year strategic plan that describes community needs, resources, priorities, and proposed activities to be undertaken under certain Federal housing and community development grants programs as well as in accordance with Chapter 373, Texas Local Government Code.

There will be two public hearings to receive citizen input on community needs and service gaps. In addition to the hearing on March 23, 2006, a second hearing will be on May 25, 2006. The City of Austin must submit its Council approved Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by August 15, 2006. HUD and State law requires that the public have opportunities to participate in the development of Action Plans through two City Council public hearings and a thirty-day written citizen comment period. The City of Austin provides further opportunities by meeting with the Community Development Commission (CDC). Notice of hearings is published in three local newspapers.