

Public Hearing
Austin City Council
Action Plan - Community Needs
April 5, 2012

The following represents a summary of the testimony during the public hearing summarized by NHCD staff. The following is not a complete transcript of public testimony .

Name	Statement	Staff Response
Kathy Stark, Austin Tenants' Council	Supports the need for more affordable housing dispersed throughout the city. Continue CDBG funding for housing related services.	The City of Austin is committed to affirmatively furthering fair housing choice and promoting the City's affordable housing core values: long-term affordability, geographic dispersion, and deeper levels of affordability. NHCD will continue to prioritize resources to affordable housing projects that are geographically dispersed throughout Austin. For the FY 2012-13 Action Plan community needs phase, NHCD hosted a community conversation on April 24, 2012, to discuss national siting/geographic dispersion policies and gather feedback on strategies and approaches that the City of Austin could implement to enhance current practices and efforts in creating affordable housing in all parts of Austin.
Jennifer McPhail, ADAPT	Supports affordable housing and accessibility modifications through the Architectural Barrier Removal (ABR) program. ABR improves the quality of life and housing stock in Austin.	Affordable housing initiatives remain priority in FY 2012-13. Housing repairs remain high priority and will continue to be funded in FY 2012-13.
Spencer Duran, Austin CHDO Roundtable	The CHDO Roundtable conducted a needs assessment which determined 20,000 households need affordable housing and are currently on waiting list for housing. Requesting \$110M be allocated to affordable housing initiatives.	The City of Austin is committed to funding developers/partners to create affordable housing. Housing Developer Assistance programs that encourage the development of affordable rental and homebuyer housing , including permanent supportive housing, remains a high priority in FY 2012-13.
Charles Cloutman, Meals on Wheels and More	The G.O. Repair! Program has set a nation-wide standard on how to efficiently run a home repair program: collaborative efforts, streamline processes, whole-house approach, green initiatives, and preserve affordable housing.	Housing repairs remain high priority and will continue to be funded in FY 2012-13. On April 13, 2012, NHCD is hosted a community conversation /meeting focusing on the City's current home repair programs and gathering ideas on how NHCD can strengthen its home repair programs and services to create healthier homes for Austinites.
Stuart Hersh, Consultant	Concerns about the expiration of General Obligation Bond funds as they have supplanted federal and local funding to create affordable housing. Requests the City Council recommend funding during the FY 2012-13 Action Plan at a level that would make G.O. Bond funding a supplement.	As of March 1, 2012, approximately 2,242 homeownership and rental housing opportunities were created through the 2006 G.O. Bond funds. Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) recognizes the concerns about the competing demand for critical services with limited funding. Austin continues to see population growth, as federal and local resources continue to decrease. NHCD remains focused to increase and diversify revenues by utilizing strategic approaches to seek new funding. In FY 2011-12 NHCD increased its revenue by \$5.75M through the following grants: HUD's 2011 Sustainable Communities Challenge Grant (\$3M), Lead Hazard Control Grant (42.5M), and Individual Development Account (\$250,000). NHCD will continue the strategic pursuit of grants to increase and diversify revenues.
Marilyn Hartman, National Alliance on Mental Illness	Advocates strongly for more permanent supportive housing (PSH) in FY 2012-13. The need for PSH units is estimated to be 1,889 units.	The City of Austin is committed supporting the development of 350 PSH units over the course of the next two years. NHCD, the Health and Human Services Department, ECHO and other key stakeholders have made great strides in accomplishing this task.

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Stephanie Thomas, ADAPT	Concerns about funding restrictions related to affordable housing and supportive services.	NHCD welcomes feedback on how the City can enhance program delivery. Affordable housing initiatives remain high priority in FY 2012-13.
Ann Howard, Ending Community Homeless Coalition (ECHO)	Supports more PSH units and collaborating together to end homelessness.	The City of Austin is committed to develop 350 PSH units over the course of the next two years. NHCD, the Health and Human Services Department, ECHO and other key stakeholders have made great strides in accomplishing this task.

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Shannon Moody, Jeremiah Program	The Jeremiah Program is a non-profit organization and supports low-income single-parent households. The agency will partner with Blackland Community Development Corporation to create 20 apartments.	The City of Austin is committed to funding developers/partners to create affordable housing. Housing Developer Assistance programs that encourage the development of affordable rental and homebuyer housing , including permanent supportive housing, remains a high priority in FY 2012-13.
Charles Cloutman, Meals and Wheels and More	Requests continued and increased funding for Meals and Wheels and More to address home repair efforts in Austin. Supports expanding the program boundaries for the Holly Good Neighbor Program, which would target a greater population and utilize more Austin Energy-Holly funds.	Housing repairs remain high priority and will continue to be funded in FY 2012-13. On April 13, 2012, NHCD is hosting a community conversation /meeting focusing on the City's current home repair programs and gathering ideas on how NHCD can strengthen its home repair programs and services to create healthier homes for Austinites.

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