



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Set a public hearing to receive citizen input on community needs related to the City's Fiscal Year 2020-21 Action Plan. (Suggested date: April 23, 2020, at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

### **Lead Department**

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development.

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

The Community Development Commission is scheduled to conduct a public hearing on April 14, 2020.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

In Fiscal Year 2020-2021, the City of Austin expects to receive continued federal funding through four U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) formula grants: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). In order to receive these HUD grants, the City must submit an annual Action Plan to HUD that provides an overview of the community needs, resources, priorities, and proposed activities with regard to housing, community development, economic development and public services. The Action Plan serves as an application for federal funding.

This action sets the date for a public hearing, which is required by the City's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), which sets forth the City's policies and procedures for citizen participation in the development of each Action Plan. As required by the CPP and Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 373, the steps for public participation include four public hearings during the development of the Action Plan: two before the Austin City Council and two before the Community Development Commission (CDC). There is also a required 30-day comment period on the draft Action Plan.

The two initial public hearings are conducted to receive input on the community's needs and service gaps. The public hearing before the CDC is scheduled for April 14, 2020 and the public hearing before the Austin City Council is scheduled for April 23, 2020.

The draft Action Plan will be made available for public comment on May 7, 2020. During the 30-day comment period, two additional public hearings will be conducted to receive input on the draft plan, one before the CDC and one before the Austin City Council. It is anticipated that the Austin City Council will take final action on the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Action Plan on July 30, 2020 prior to HUD's submission deadline of August 15, 2020.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.