



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 20-2094, **Agenda Item #:** 14.

5/21/2020

### **Posting Language**

Approve a resolution amending the City's Fiscal Year 2019-20 Action Plan, the City's Fiscal Year 2019-2024 Consolidated Plan, and the City's Citizen Participation Plan, to allow the City to apply for, receive and administer additional grant funds made available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act); and authorizing the City Manager to apply for CARES Act funds and to negotiate with the federal government to receive the CARES Act funds.

### **Lead Department**

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development.

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **Prior Council Action:**

April 23, 2020 - A public hearing was conducted to receive public input on community needs for the City's federal Action Plans for Fiscal Years 2019-20 and 2020-21 that relate to federal funding opportunities.

### **For More Information:**

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

May 13, 2020 - A public hearing was conducted before the Community Development Commission to receive public input on draft amendments to the City's federal Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2019-20, draft amendments to the Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2019-2024, and the City's Citizen Participation Plan.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The City of Austin expects to receive approximately 7.2 million dollars in federal funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) to be deployed through three grant programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).

In order to apply for the additional funding awarded as part of the CARES Act, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has directed jurisdictions to amend their current Fiscal Year 2019-20 Action Plans in order to include the planned use of the funding. To expedite the availability of funds, provisions under the CARES Act allow jurisdictions to have a five-day public-comment period, instead of a normal 30-day public comment period and provide that grantees may amend their Citizen Participation Plan to establish expedited procedures to draft, propose, or amend Consolidated Plans. The five-day public comment period can run concurrently for public comments on the Action Plan amendment and amended Citizen Participation Plans.

### **Public Input Process for Community Needs Assessment and Public Comment**

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- Austin City Council conducted a public hearing on April 23, 2020, to receive public input on community needs for the City's federal Action Plans for Fiscal Years 2019-20 and 2020-21 that relate to federal funding opportunities.
  - The proposed amendments to Fiscal Year 2019-20 Action Plan, the Fiscal Years 2019-2024 Consolidated Plan, and the Citizen Participation Plan were made available for a 5-day public review and comment period via the NHCD [federal funding <https://www.austintexas.gov/fy2020-21-action-plan?mc\\_cid=456cefb2e6&mc\\_eid=13c42b5cbb>](https://www.austintexas.gov/fy2020-21-action-plan?mc_cid=456cefb2e6&mc_eid=13c42b5cbb) and [SpeakUp Austin <https://www.speakupaustin.org/housing-and-urban-development-spending-plan?>](https://www.speakupaustin.org/housing-and-urban-development-spending-plan?) websites.
  - The Community Development Commission conducted a public hearing on May 13, 2020 to receive public comment on the proposed amendments to Fiscal Year 2019-20 Action Plan, the Fiscal Years 2019-2024 Consolidated Plan, and the Citizen Participation Plan.

In preparing the proposed amendments to Fiscal Year 2019-20 Action Plan and the Fiscal Years 2019-2024 Consolidated Plan, NHCD staff worked with interdepartmental leadership and considered public input provided during the community needs assessment and public comment periods. If approved, the proposed amendments will allow the City to apply for, receive, and quickly administer funding awarded as part of the CARES Act to Austinites impacted by the economic effects of COVID-19.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.