



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 22-1488, Agenda Item #: 65.**

**3/24/2022**

### **Posting Language**

Conduct a public hearing to receive citizen input on community needs for the City's Fiscal Year 2022-23 Action Plan that will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as part of the City's application for federal funding.

### **Lead Department**

Housing and Planning Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **Prior Council Action:**

March 3, 2022 - Council set a public hearing to be held on March 24, 2022 to receive citizen input on community needs concerning the City's Fiscal Year 2022-23 Action Plan.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

In Fiscal Year 2022-23, the City of Austin expects to receive federal funding through four U.S. Department of 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 (Action Plan) that provides an overview of the community needs, resources, priorities, and proposed activities with regard to housing, community development, economic development, and public services. As of March 2, 2022, Congress had not completed the appropriations process for Fiscal Year 2022-23, and HUD had not announced Fiscal Year 2022-23 grant allocations for annual entitlement grants.

The requested action is to conduct a public hearing in accordance with the City of Austin's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), which sets forth procedures for citizen participation in the development of each Action Plan. The CPP is a community-developed plan required by HUD that is designed to encourage participation of city residents in the development of the Action Plan. As required by the CPP and Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 373, the steps for public participation include four total public hearings during the formation of the Action Plan: two before the Austin City Council and two before the Community Development Commission (CDC). There is also a 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 initial public hearing before the CDC will take place on April 12, 2022, and the initial public hearing before the Austin City Council is scheduled for March 24, 2022.

The draft Action Plan will be made available for public comment on May 3, 2022. During the public comment

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period, two additional public hearings will be conducted to receive input on the draft Action 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 2022-23 Action Plan on July 28, 2022, prior to HUD's submission deadline of August 16, 2022.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.