



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

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 42
AGENDA DATE: Thu 03/24/2005
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SUBJECT: Set public hearings to receive citizen comments on community needs to develop the City's (1) annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2005-2006, related to allocation of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant funds, and (2) Community Development Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Program required by Texas Local Government Code Chapter 373, including proposed funding allocations. (Suggested dates and times: April 7, 2005 and May 12, 2005 at 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 301 West Second Street.)

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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: The Community Development Commission will conduct public hearings on April 12, 2005 and May 10, 2005 and make recommendations to Council on June 14, 2005. City Council final approval is required before the August 15, 2005 HUD submission deadline.

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 2005-2006 Action Plan and Chapter 373 Community Development Program (the 2005-2006 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.

The City of Austin must submit its Council approved Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by August 15, 2005. 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 stakeholders/vendors, conducting citizen surveys, and holding two additional public hearings with the Community Development Commission (CDC). Notice of hearings is published in three local newspapers.

The draft Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Action Plan will be made available on May 20, 2005. The final Plan is scheduled for review and action by Council on August 4, 2005