



**Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office
Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Action Plan
Notice of Public Comment Period and Public Hearing**

The City of Austin Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office announces a 30-day public comment period and public hearing to receive input on a Substantial Amendment to the FY 2011-12 Action Plan, related to allocation of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Community Development 2011-2012 Program as required by Texas Local Government Code Chapter 373.

The City's FY 2011-2012 Action Plan describes community needs, resources, priorities and activities addressing affordable housing, community development, economic development and public services. These activities are funded primarily through four entitlement grant programs received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD): Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).

On December 5, 2011, HUD notified cities that receive Emergency Shelter Grant funds about the eligibility to receive additional FY 2011-12 ESG funds to carry out the new activities. This second allocation is the Emergency Solutions Grants program funding, which will replace the Emergency Shelter Grant. The City of Austin plans to apply for \$185,896 in additional grant funds made available through HUD's Emergency Solutions Grant program, authorized by the Steward B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, as amended by the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act). In order to apply and to receive these funds, the City of Austin must amend the current FY 2011-12 Action Plan.

A summary of the Substantial Amendment will be made available to the public for a 30-day comment period, March 16th through April 16th. During this time a public hearing before the Austin City Council on April 12th will be held for the public to provide input. The Substantial Amendment for grant funds is due to HUD on or prior to May 14th.

Public Hearing on Substantial Amendment

The public is invited to provide input at the following public hearings:

- **4:00 PM Thursday, April 12, 2012:** Before the Austin City Council at City Hall, City Council Chambers, 301 W. Second Street

View the Substantial Amendment

The public is invited to review a summary of the Substantial Amendment from March 16, 2012, through April 16, 2012, on the City's web site at www.austintexas.gov/housing or at the following community locations:

- Austin Central Public Library, 800 Guadalupe (Central)

- Austin Resource Center for the Homeless, 500 East 7th Street (Central)
- East Austin Neighborhood Center, 211 Comal (East)
- Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department, 1000 East 11th Street, Suite 200 (East)
- Rosewood-Zaragosa Neighborhood Center, 2800 Webberville Road (East)
- St. John's Neighborhood Center, 7500 Blessing (North East)
- AIDS Services of Austin, 7215 Cameron Road (North)
- Housing Authority of the City of Austin, 1124 S IH 35 (South)
- South Austin Neighborhood Center, 2508 Durwood (South)
- Pleasant Hill Library Branch, 211 East William Cannon (South)

Written Comments

Written comments may be submitted until 5 p.m. on March 16, 2012. Please include a name, address, and phone number.

Mail to:

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For more information concerning the Substantial Amendment, 30-day comment period and public hearing, NHCD staff may be reached at 974-3100 (voice) or 974-3102 (TDD) Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM.

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