



City of Austin: Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) FY 2014-19 Consolidated Plan and FY 2014-15 Action Plan

What is a Consolidated Plan?

Every five years, the City of Austin's Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office (NHCD) develops a 5-Year Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) detailing how the City plans to invest its resources to meet Austin's ongoing affordable housing, community development, economic development, and public services needs.

The City is developing the FY 2014-19 Con Plan and wants to ensure the collaborative community engagement process results in a shared strategic vision for how resources are allocated to meet priority needs. Feedback from the public and stakeholders will inform NHCD's "Investment Plan", which will provide the framework for programs and services offered by both NHCD and the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department over the next five fiscal years.

What is an Action Plan?

NHCD's annual Action Plan is a strategic plan that outlines the community's needs, priorities, local and federal resources, and proposed activities for the upcoming fiscal year. The activities serve very-low, low- and moderate-income households. The annual Action Plan must show progress towards meeting the established goals in the 5-Year Con Plan. The FY 2014-15 Action Plan serves as the City's application to HUD for funding through 4 entitlement grant programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).

What is a Community Needs Assessment?

In order to receive the four entitlement grants, cities are required to develop a Citizen Participation Plan (CPP). The CPP describes efforts that will be undertaken to encourage citizens to participate in the development of its federal reports: the 5-Year Con Plan, Annual Action Plan, and Consolidated Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

Austin's CPP requires that NHCD conduct at least four public hearings during the Con Plan's community needs assessment period, one before the Community Development Commission (CDC), one before City Council and two before organizations working with low- and moderate-income populations. These public hearings provide an opportunity for the public to give input on community needs and priorities. Once a draft Con Plan and Action Plan are developed, the reports are available to the public for a 30-day public comment period and during this time, two additional public hearings are held to receive input on the draft report.

How Can You Provide Feedback?

- **Attend a Public Hearing**

6:00P Tues., March 25, 2014: HIV Planning Council, 1520 Rutherford Ln.

4:00P Thurs., March 27, 2014: Austin City Council at Austin City Hall, Council Chambers, 301 W. 2nd St.

6:30P Mon., March 31, 2014: Community Development Commission (CDC), at Austin City Hall, Council Chambers, 301 W. 2nd St.

12:00P Mon., April 14, 2014: Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities, Boards and Commissions Room, 301 W. 2nd St.

- **Take a Community Survey**

You are invited to take a Community survey mid March through April 30th. Responses are confidential and will inform future decisions that impact household affordability. Survey respondents can opt to be entered in a drawing for a \$100 gift card. Take the survey online at www.austintexas.gov/housing call (512) 974-3100 or email NHCD@austintexas.gov to request a hard copy.

- **Provide Comments**

Written comments may be submitted until 5:00 PM on Friday April 30, 2014. Please include a name, address and phone number. Mail to: City of Austin: NHCD ■ Attn: ConPlan ■ P.O. Box 1088 ■ Austin, Texas 78767 or email: NHCD@austintexas.gov

For more information about the Con Plan, Action Plan or the Community Needs Assessment visit:
www.austintexas.gov/consolidated-plan