



Ask the City: a question about the HUD Annual Action Plan

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*What is the HUD Annual Action Plan?*

The HUD Annual Action Plan is required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In order for the City to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, the City of Merced must submit new action plan every year. The Annual Action Plan identifies funding priorities and details the projects proposed to receive Federal funds under the CDBG and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Programs.

*How do I find out more about the City's HUD Annual Action Plan?*

There are number of community meetings scheduled to discuss the contents of the HUD Annual Action Plan before the final draft is presented to the City Council. The City of Merced Housing Draft 2018 HUD Annual Action Plan for July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, will be presented to the City Council at the April 17, 2017, council meeting.

The draft plan outlines the proposed expenditure of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds. A public hearing will be held at the City Council at 7 p.m., Monday, April 17, 2017 for final adoption of the HUD Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2017/18.

The public is encouraged to attend and provide comments at the three community meetings and at both of the City Council meetings. The agendas for the Council meetings will be posted online at the City website.

To receive a copy of the Draft Plan, contact the City Housing Program at (209) 385-6863 and ask that one be sent to you, or stop by the office on the second floor of the Merced Civic Center, 678 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street 95340.

Once the Draft Plan is available, the plan can be viewed at the City of Merced's website [www.cityofmerced.org](http://www.cityofmerced.org).