

Blueprint Action Team Guide

Action Teams will play the critical role of leading implementation of the Blueprint, with support from Age-Friendly Minnesota. This guide is designed to provide you with the information needed to help make your Blueprint Action Team successful.



What Action Teams Do

Each Action Team is led by a Convener and made up of actively engaged crosssector members. Their primary work will be to:

- Facilitate partnerships among diverse sectors and partners, such as government agencies, community organizations, and others.
- Keep abreast of emerging trends and challenges associated with the objective area.
- Develop a plan of action to implement tactics identified by the Multisector Blueprint.
- Meet on a regular on-going basis to implement the plan of action.
- Suggest/Advocate for policy changes that support age-friendly design, programs, and systems related to objectives (if applicable).
- Suggest metrics/data that can be used to monitor progress on specific objectives.
- Provide regular updates to the Age-Friendly Minnesota Team.

Action Team Toolkit

- Sample Agenda for the first meeting
- Forms to submit notes from initial meeting and subsequent meetings
- Questions? Reach out to either:
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Additional Resources

- [Multisector Blueprint for Aging](#) (first version released Dec. 2024)
- Background on [Action Teams](#)
- [Take a journey through the Blueprint](#)
- Learn more about [Age-Friendly Minnesota](#)
- Learn more about [Multisector Plans for Aging](#)
- [National Center to Reframe Aging](#)



Your Action Team



Domain 1: Connected Communities

Strategy A: Affordable Housing for the Lifespan

Objective 1: Affordable Housing

Your Action Team's Priority Tactics

These tactics were identified as priority action steps needed to achieve your Action's Team objectives. View the full Blueprint for more detail and to see them in context. Your Action Team will determine which tactics to undertake first and a general timeline for the work.

- **Fund incentives for developers to work in rural areas.** Benefits for developers in Greater MN are not comparable to the metro area.
- **Ease and promote the production of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs),** such as backyard cottages, above-garage apartments, etc.
- **Reduce zoning barriers to housing options such as ADUs and “Missing Middle Housing,”** which includes a range of house-scale buildings with multiple units—compatible in scale and form with detached single-family homes—located in a walkable neighborhood.
- **Support funding for [Housing Infrastructure Resources](#)** (no base budget, bonding bill or one-time appropriation). These state funds are eligible for certain projects related to affordable housing, including housing specifically for adults ages 55-plus.