

Governor's Council on an Age-Friendly Minnesota
JULY 2020

**FORM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
ON DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Governor's Council on an Age-Friendly Minnesota has released its draft recommendations for public comment. Any individual or organization may submit feedback on the recommendations from July 15 through July 31, 2020. All comments submitted during that period will be compiled and reviewed by the Council and used to inform revisions to the recommendations before they are submitted to Governor Walz on August 12, 2020. This form will be considered as public data. The responses must be submitted via email to MN.DHS.AgeFriendlyMN@state.mn.us

Visit <https://mn.gov/dhs/age-friendly-mn/> for more information about Age-Friendly Minnesota and the Governor's Council on an Age-Friendly Minnesota.

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GENERAL COMMENTS:

Please share any general comments or recommendations in this section. (Use the next section to comment on individual recommendations.)

COMMENTS ON INDIVIDUAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Please fill in comments, where you have them, in the relevant blank boxes.

Recommendation #1: Support efforts for the State of Minnesota to enroll in the WHO/AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities.	
Issue	
Supporting Information	
Specific Policy Recommendations	
Equity Implications	
Responsible Agencies	
Resources Needed	
<i>Additional comments on Recommendation #1:</i>	

Recommendation #2:

Champion diversity, equity, and inclusion in all age-friendly work at the outset of all issues.

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Specific Policy Recommendations	
Equity Implications	
Responsible Agencies	
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<i>Additional comments on Recommendation #2:</i>	

Recommendation #3:

Provide resources and support to local communities to adopt age-friendly policies, plans, and practices.

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Equity Implications	
Responsible Agencies	
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<i>Additional Comments on this Recommendation #3:</i>	

Recommendation #4:

Create a sustainable, ongoing infrastructure within the administration to support Age-Friendly Minnesota work.

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Equity Implications	
Responsible Agencies	
Resources Needed	
<i>Additional comments on Recommendation #4:</i>	

Recommendation #5:

Support the development of a framework/analytical tool that State agencies can use to analyze their policies and programs through an age-friendly lens, including a first step of an initial evaluation of existing policies and programs.

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<i>Additional comments on Recommendation #5:</i>	

Recommendation #6:

Establish a repository of resources to inform the Age-Friendly Minnesota process post-enrollment for policymakers, the public, and professionals in the world of aging (i.e., gaps analyses, MN 2030, comprehensive plans, MN diverse elders LTSS study, etc.).

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<i>Additional comments on Recommendation #6:</i>	

Recommendation #7:

Add emergency preparedness as a unique domain in Age-Friendly Minnesota's ongoing work.

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Responsible Agencies	
Resources Needed	
<i>Additional comments on Recommendation #7:</i>	

Recommendation #8:

Formulate plan to fill gaps in service, including access to broadband and cellular phone service.

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Responsible Agencies	
Resources Needed	
<i>Additional comments on Recommendation #8:</i>	

Recommendation #9:

The MN State Legislature is instrumental in ensuring Age-Friendly policies and resources are supportive and available to communities across Minnesota. Develop a plan to intersect with the legislature and relevant committees.

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<i>Additional comments on Recommendation #9:</i>	