

# 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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  - Farah Baig, Legislative Coordinator for the AFMN Council [farah.baig@state.mn.us](mailto:farah.baig@state.mn.us)

## 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 4:** Economic Security and Vitality

**Strategy A:** Financial Security as We Age

**Objective 1:** Meeting Basic Needs and Beyond

## 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.

- **Alleviate food insecurity among older adults.**
  - Advocate for innovation in meal delivery and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
  - Explore new models to serve those aging in community. Add one meal a day to those receiving medications from long-term care pharmacies. Develop an innovative food access model.
- **Develop affordable small universal design housing.** Include examination of existing models.
- **Advocate for Social Security reform:**
  - to avoid predicted cuts in 2033—ensure a guaranteed income for all older people;
  - to address lower Social Security payments for people who are not in the workforce, due to raising families—particularly in communities of color; and
  - to eliminate tax on Social Security benefits.