

Good morning,

My name is Emma Siegworth and I am a City Planner for the City of Saint Paul and the project lead for the **2020-2024 HUD Consolidated Plan**. The City of Saint Paul receives approximately \$8-9 million in federal funds each year from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for housing and community development projects and programs. In order to receive this HUD funding, the City must prepare a five-year Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan addresses the City's housing and community development needs, and identifies five-year priorities for how to use these funds, including Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

The Consolidated Plan begins with your input. Interested individuals, local and regional organizations, and government agencies all are encouraged to contribute information, ideas, opinions, and suggested priorities for improving neighborhood public facilities, increasing affordable housing, job, and business opportunities, and enhancing public services for our residents.

The City values your perspective and experience in the topics addressed in the Consolidated Plan, and invites you and other members of your organization to participate in the process by taking a brief online survey for representatives of an organization: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ConPlan-OrgAg>. Please share this survey link with others in your organization who might be interesting in contributing. In addition, we welcome you to invite members of the communities you work with to take the survey for residents, which is available on the project website: <https://stpaul.gov/conplan>. The online surveys will be open until **December 6, 2019**.

Other opportunities to provide input will be available through January 2020, including a chance to review and comment on the draft plan. To learn more about the City's Consolidated Plan and to stay updated on these opportunities, visit the project website: <https://stpaul.gov/conplan>.

Thank you,

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