

Governor's Council for an Age-Friendly Minnesota

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RECOMMENDATIONS to the LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON AGING

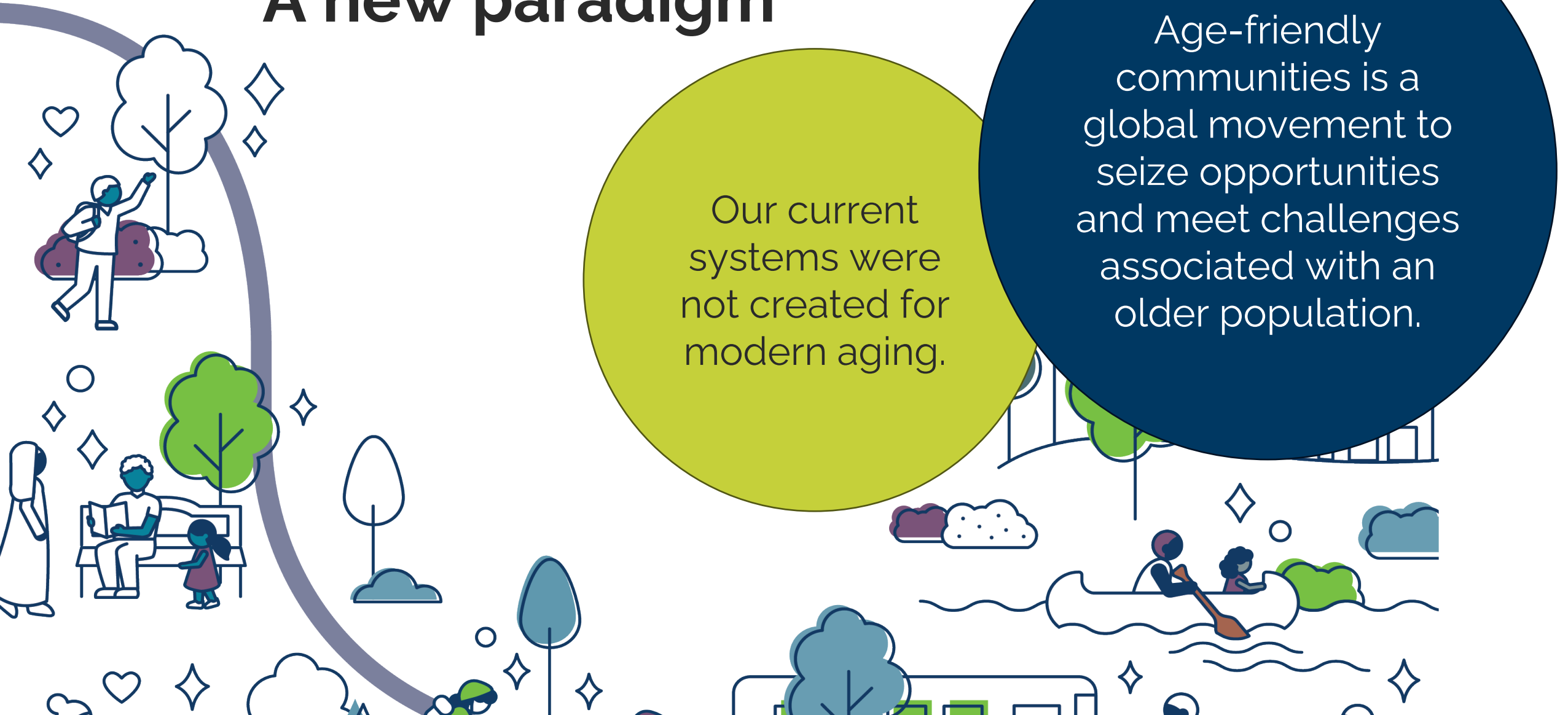


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Age-friendly: A new paradigm

Our current systems were not created for modern aging.

Age-friendly communities is a global movement to seize opportunities and meet challenges associated with an older population.

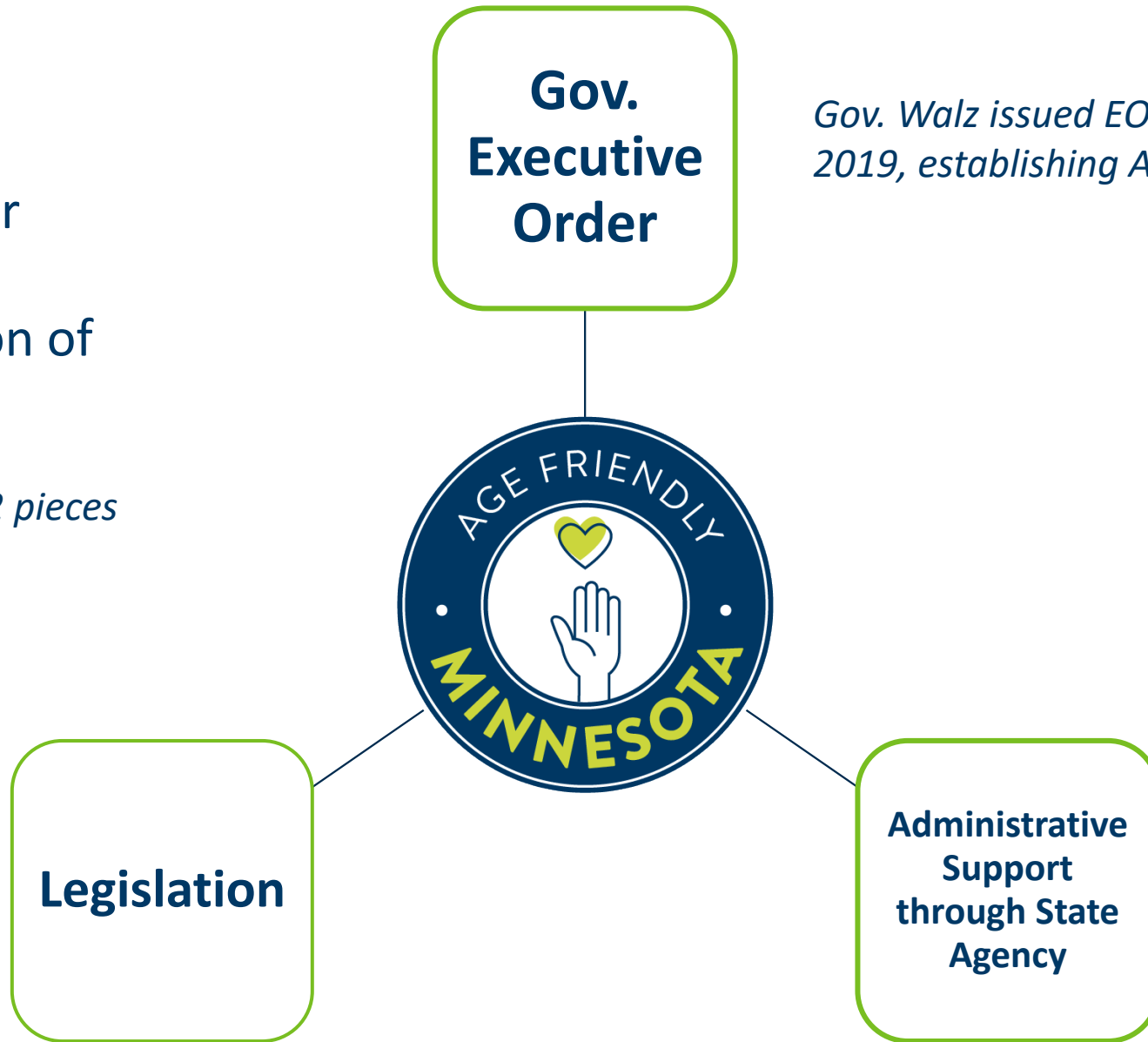


AGE-FRIENDLY MINNESOTA:

- Well-positioned for success
- A strong foundation of support

Some states have only 1 or 2 pieces in place.

MN Legislation passed in June 2021, again in 2023



Gov. Walz issued EO-1938 in Dec. 2019, establishing AFMN Council

Nine State agencies are active members of the AFMN Council

AFMN Timeline:

Much accomplished in under 5 years

- **2019:** Gov. Walz establishes AFMN Council (Exec. Order 19-38)
- **2020:** Council issues initial recommendations
- **2021:** MN Legislature passes first-ever age-friendly legislation
- **2022:** MN joins AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities; AFMN Director and staff hired
- **2023:** AFMN Grants Program launches
- **2024:** Multisector Blueprint to be released; second round of grants launches

AFMN Council Membership

9 State Agencies

- Dept. of Commerce
- Dept. of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)
- Dept. of Health (MDH)
- Dept. of Human Services (DHS)
- Metropolitan Council
- MN Board on Aging (MBA)
- MN Housing Finance Agency (MHFA)
- Dept. of Transportation (MNDOT)
- Dept. of Veterans Affairs (MDVA)



Tribal Government:

- Faron Jackson, Chair, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

Community Representatives

- Dr. Rajean Moone, Woodbury
- Dian Lopez, Alexandria
- Dr. Russell Pointer, Lakeville
- Michelle Stender, Duluth
- Sandy Vargas, Golden Valley

Strategic Partners:

- AARP Minnesota
- Minnesota Leadership Council on Aging

AFMN Council Work to Date: Major Pieces



Coordination & integration of aging across State agencies



Reframing aging for the public and policy



Multisector Blueprint for Aging



AFMN Grants Program

AFMN Council: Opportunities and Innovations



Minnesota's Multisector Blueprint for Aging

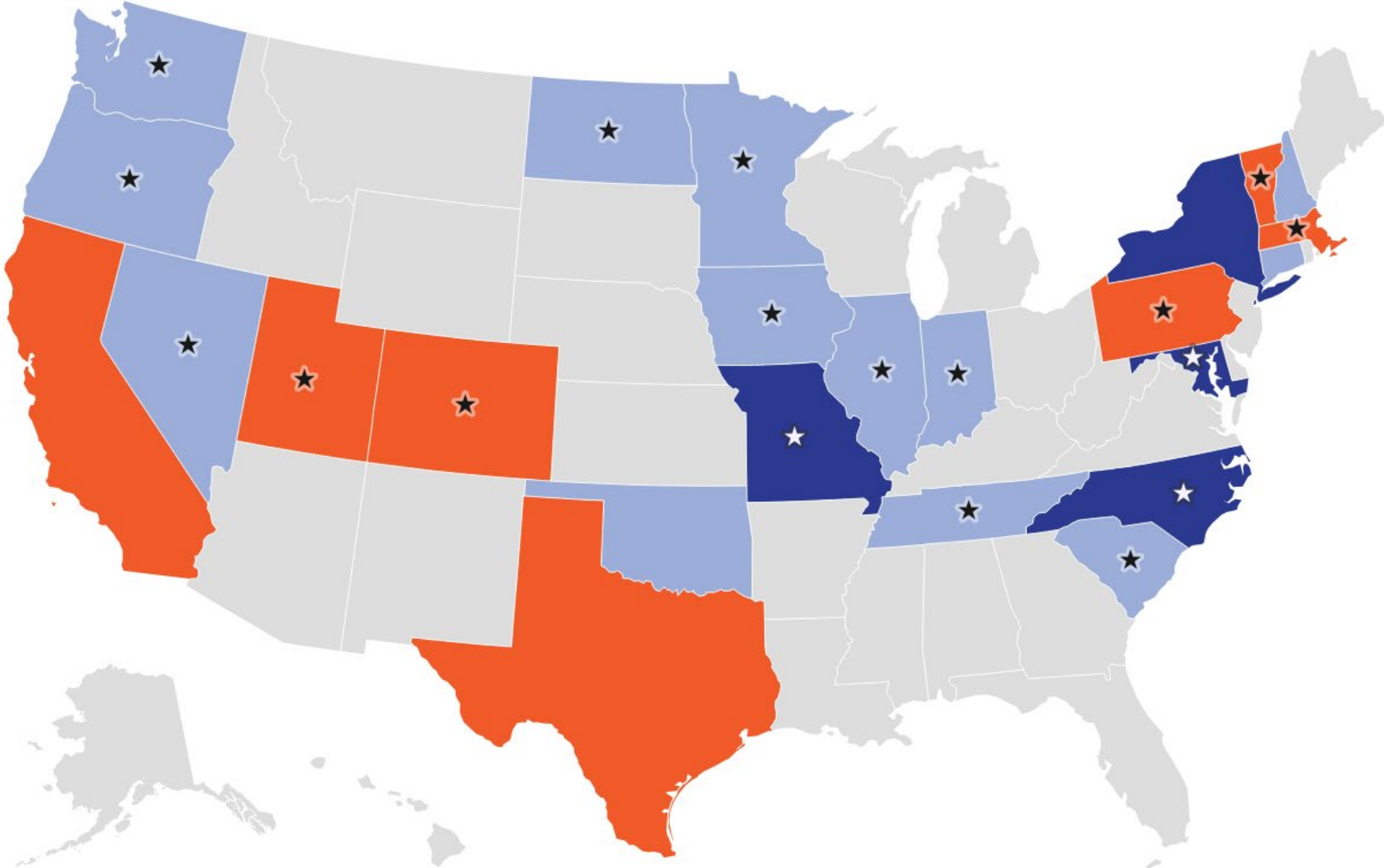


Multisector Plans on Aging: What are they?

- **10-year** timeframe
- **State-led** (governor and/or legislative leaders), **cross-sector** effort
- **Guides the restructuring of state and local policy**, programs, and funding toward aging with dignity
- **Connects public, private, and independent sectors** to renovate systems-based solutions that touch all major areas of the aging life experience
- Reflects **extensive community input** and
- **Data driven**



**States with
developing or
completed
Multisector
Plans on Aging
(MPAs)**



Minnesota's Multisector Blueprint for Aging

- **Builds on existing coordination of State agencies** through AFMN Council
- **Taps national momentum related to multisector planning for aging**
- **Strengthened through MN's participation in a year-long Multi-State Learning Collaborative** led by the Center for Health Care Strategies; MN worked with 10 other states at similar stages of the process
- **Mechanism for engaging non-traditional partners in the state and new sectors** to develop systems-based solutions
- *Encompasses virtually all topics brought before the Task Force to date*



Blueprint Domains & Strategies

Connected Communities



Affordable Housing for the Lifespan

Multimodal Transportation

Public Spaces for All Ages & Seasons

Social Engagement

Long-Term Care as Home: Quality of Life, Quality of Care

Emergency Preparedness, Individual Rights and Safety



Inclusive Emergency Preparedness and Response

Elder Justice

Optimized Health & Longevity



Integrated Care: Health, Services, and Social Supports

Support for Family, Friend & Neighbor Caregiving

Age-Friendly Healthcare Access

Well-Trained and Well-Compensated Direct Care Workforce

Economic Security and Vitality



Affording Aging

Economic Contributors

Blueprint: Opportunities for New Collaborations

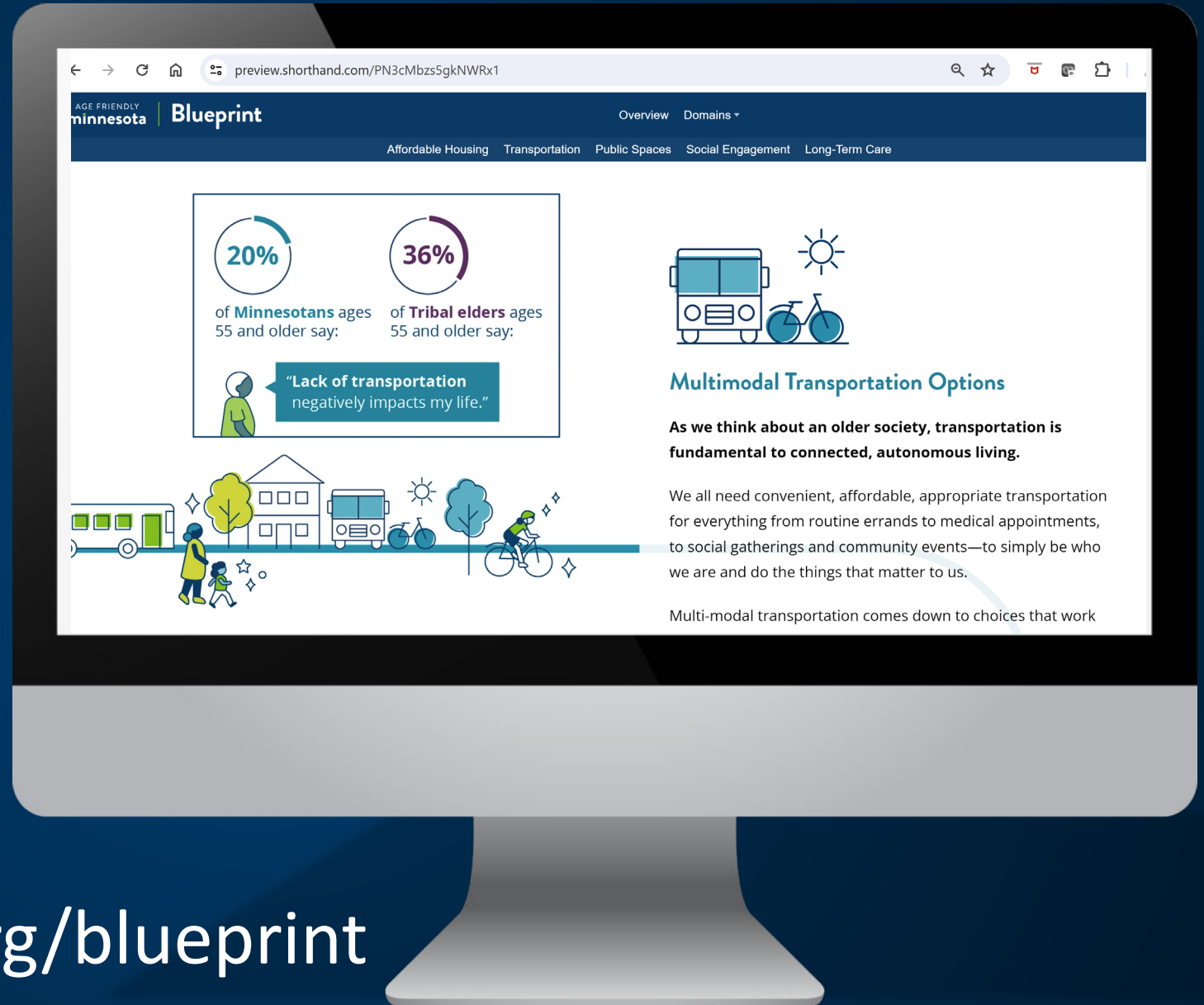
PARTNERSHIPS IN DEVELOPMENT

- **Tribal governments**
- **State Agencies**
 - Dept of Corrections
 - Dept of Natural Resources
- **Existing State Boards, Commissions & Councils**
 - Gov's Taskforce on Broadband
- **Foundations/Philanthropy**
- **Age-Friendly Ecosystem**
 - Age-Friendly Universities
 - Age-Friendly Health Systems
 - Age-Friendly Public Health

POTENTIAL NON-TRADITIONAL PARTNERS

- **Community colleges**
- **Library systems**
- **Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis**
- **Culturally specific service providers**
- **Faith communities**
- **Emergency responders networks**
- **Protection and advocacy networks**
- **Architects, planners, and developers**
- **Banks/Finance**
- **Legal** (bar associations, legal services, etc.)
- **Civic organizations**
- **Chambers of Commerce**
- **Economic development agencies**

Just launched: Dynamic journey through the Blueprint



www.agefriendlymn.org/blueprint

Blueprint Data Strategy

Research
Data

- Research existing data sources
- Map data sources



Match data to
tactics for
tracking

- Set outcomes for Blueprint tactics
- Select data to measure tactics



Ongoing
Measurement
& Analysis

- Set schedule for measuring
- Follow schedule and regularly analyze progress

Age-Friendly Minnesota Grants



AFMN Grants: Overview

Relatively small \$, big impact: Grants elevate aging and age-friendly work; provide opportunities to “activate” age-friendly



- **90 Community Grants** – to cities, counties, school districts, university, foundations, nonprofit organizations, and others
- **Innovative structure:** 9 Technical Assistance Provider (TAP) Grantees helped less experienced organizations apply for and administer their grant
- **Equity focus:** 20 grants to culturally-specific groups; many grants to rural communities
- **Diverse array of projects:** Supporting systems, environments, program development. *No direct services.*

AFMN Grants: Project Highlights



- **CARE Resource Connection** – *Metro*

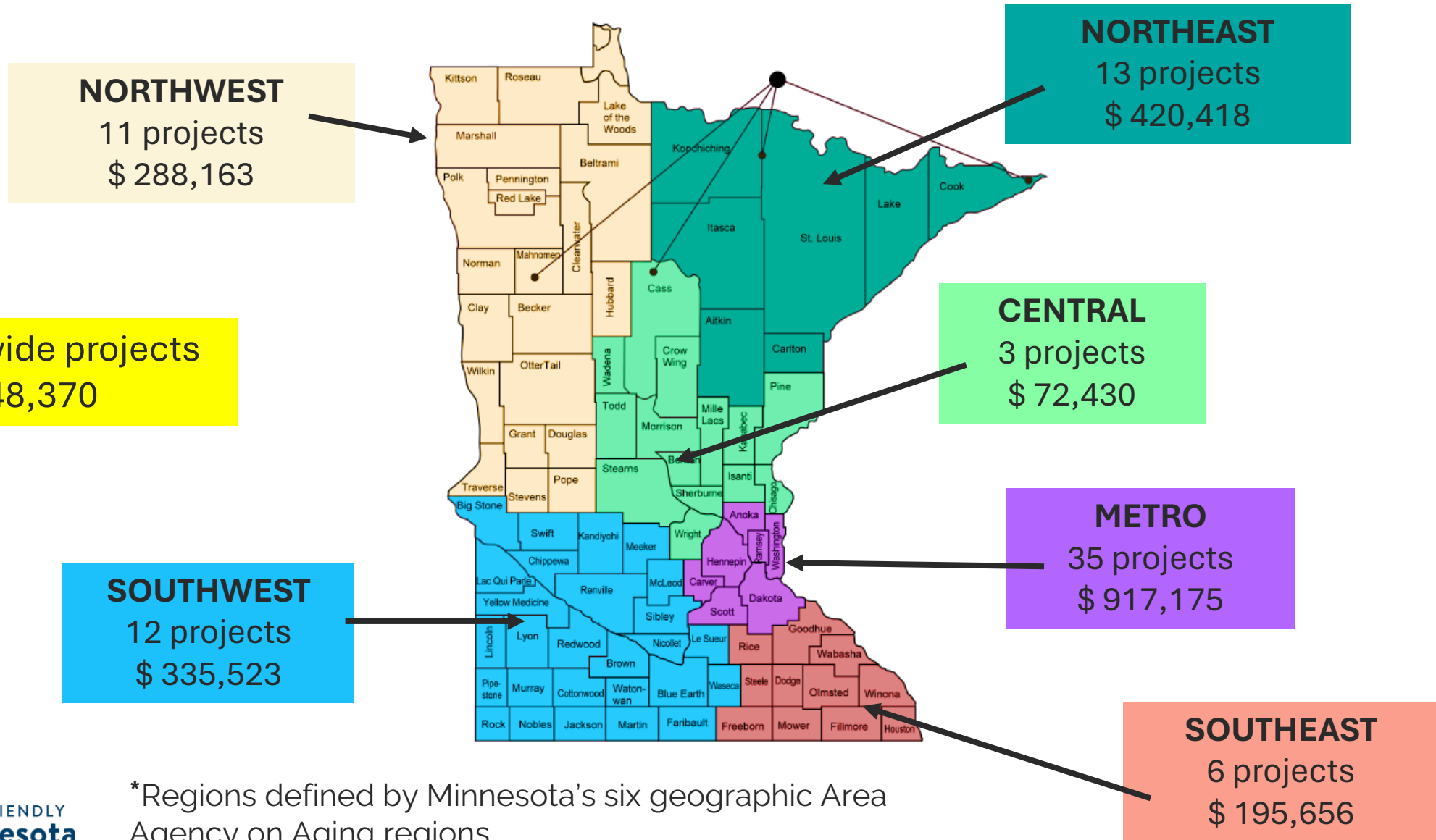
Connects Fire Departments with older adults following 911 calls to ensure those individuals connect to the right resources and better outcomes

- **City of Willmar** – *West Central MN*

Conducted community needs assessment related to aging with special focus on growing Hispanic/Latine population



Community Grants: Impact by Region*



*Regions defined by Minnesota's six geographic Area Agency on Aging regions.

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