



Strategic Capacity and Connection: St. Louis Aging Services Delivery Network
Response to Questions for Request for Letters of Interest

Q. Do you have a sense of the number of stakeholders you'd expect to be involved in these sessions? This will help us think about how to create meaningfully interactive sessions.

A: We anticipate engaging between 50–150 stakeholders. Discussing the exact structure, grouping, engagement strategies, and facilitation approach will be part of our interview process with selected candidates. St. Louis City Senior Fund recognizes that the current federal and state financial landscapes are shifting significantly, and these changes will continue to inform our work.

Q. How constant do you expect the stakeholders participating might be (would the same people be participating in each session, or would folks come in and out)?

A. Participation is expected to vary based on project design. Stakeholders will be encouraged to engage at points that align with their areas of service delivery expertise. Participation will be voluntary and not mandated.

Q. When you think about the stakeholders you'd most like to have involved, what is a realistic amount of time to engage them in a session? With some groups, the maximum is an hour and a half, and others can commit more like half a day or most of a day.

A. Given the complexity of the issues at hand; we anticipate that meaningful discussions will require multiple hours. While some groups may only be able to participate in sessions lasting 1–2 hours, others may be available for longer, half-day sessions. The scope of this work is focused on the older adult population, and because the service delivery network is often fragmented and siloed—and complicated further by funding limitations—thoughtful and sustained engagement will be necessary.

Q. Do you have any existing formats or expectations for what implementation deliverables might look like or include? This could include existing documentation that you use to guide what will happen next, or how groups will work together.

A. There are no predetermined formats for implementation deliverables. The goal of this RFP is to create a framework (a model) for service delivery that can strengthen what exists and where appropriate reimagine what is necessary.

The St. Louis City Senior Fund team has been deeply engaged in monitoring and analyzing local, state, and federal policy and budget changes, particularly in relation to our 34+ grantee organizations. Detailed information and analysis will be provided to the consulting team selected for this project.

Q. How does this project need to connect to the Master Plan on Aging?

A: The strategic framework does not directly serve the state-level plan. Rather, the facilitator and working groups are encouraged to incorporate relevant data and insights already gathered through the state's Master Plan process—such as findings from local town halls and the recent comprehensive survey. Our team will work closely with the selected facilitation team to explore meaningful connections between the two efforts. Ultimately, we do expect the Master Plan to be referenced in the final report, as this local work could serve as an example of actionable steps taken at the community level.