

Montague Mass in Motion:

HOUSING

PRIORITY ISSUE (concern/problem)	ROOT CAUSES (reasons/why)	STRATEGIES (solutions)	IMPLEMENTATION	RESOURCES
<p><i>*Need more affordable housing for both low and moderate income seniors</i></p> <p><i>*Need additional rental opportunities</i></p> <p><i>*Need support for homeowners to remain in homes</i></p> <p><i>*Reluctance to question existing conditions in residences</i></p>	<p><i>*Lack of knowledge of multiple agencies involved in housing</i></p> <p><i>*High taxes</i></p> <p><i>*Lack of knowledge of resources to rehab properties</i></p> <p><i>*Lack of information on ADU's</i></p> <p><i>*Reluctance to question conditions for fear of losing voucher or getting evicted</i></p>	<p><i>*Affordable housing coalition info sessions on housing, ADU's, CPA (community preservation act)</i></p> <p><i>*Understand two types of vouchers: traveling and stationery</i></p> <p><i>*Opportunities for towns to clean up/fix up existing buildings</i></p> <p><i>*Promote CDBG 0% interest loans where applicable</i></p> <p><i>*AG receivership program for abandon buildings</i></p> <p><i>*Utilize ADU's in rural parts of towns where space is more available</i></p>		

		<p><i>*Revamp older homes to allow for age-friendly housing</i></p> <p><i>*Utilize HRA loan programs for 0% interest loans for home modifications that increase accessibility</i></p>		
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Additional housing related information:

-Montague is at 9.6% affordable housing

-AMI = area median income

-CHAPA = citizen housing and planning association

-CDBG = Community development block grant

-SHI = subsidized housing inventory

-ADU considerations: parking, septic, size, owner occupied

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SOCIAL PARTICIPATION/RESPECT AND INCLUSION

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<p><i>*Social Isolation</i></p> <p><i>*Importance of establishing and keeping connections</i></p> <p><i>*Degradation of communication and connections during Covid</i></p> <p><i>*Lack of programming for seniors or is it lack of communication??</i></p> <p><i>*Lack of usage of Gill Montague Senior Center from Lake Pleasant, Montague City, Millers Falls</i></p>	<p><i>*Limited public transit</i></p> <p><i>*Drivers do not assist with packages</i></p> <p><i>*People in rural areas not accustomed to using public transportation</i></p> <p><i>*Difficult for caregivers to go out</i></p> <p><i>*Hearing difficulty may impede participation</i></p> <p><i>*Sound systems in some buildings such as TFHS and town hall impedes hearing</i></p> <p><i>*Lack of wheelchair accessibility at TF library for story hour and....</i></p>	<p><i>*Need to prepare for not being able to drive</i></p> <p><i>*Fixed route buses are free</i></p> <p><i>*Utilize On-Demand Service!!!</i></p> <p><i>*FRTA presentation</i></p> <p><i>*Grant opportunities for listening devices</i></p> <p><i>*Improve sound systems</i></p> <p><i>*Utilize MCTV for town meetings. Closed captioning??</i></p> <p><i>*Intergenerational programming at Senior Center</i></p> <p><i>Story hour at Farmers Market</i></p>		

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HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

PRIORITY ISSUE (concern/problem)	ROOT CAUSES (reasons/why)	STRATEGIES (solutions)	IMPLEMENTATION	RESOURCES
<p><i>*Diabetes, bone density, high blood pressure, blood sugar</i></p> <p><i>*No direct service NURSE. (previous nurse went to every village)</i></p> <p><i>*No walk-in vaccination clinics. Must register on-line.</i></p> <p><i>*Need clarity on HOW to recognize dementia.</i></p> <p><i>*Hearing loss connected to depression and social isolation.</i></p> <p><i>*Hearing problems for seniors as well as for younger population.</i></p>	<p><i>* Little if any screening for conditions. Lack of transportation for food, health care appointments.</i></p> <p><i>*Lack of knowledge regarding resources.</i></p>	<p><i>*iPad for online shopping</i></p> <p><i>*Nurse position needed with possible outreach in different locations</i></p> <p><i>*Walk-in vax clinics</i></p> <p><i>*Education sessions on how to recognize and cope with dementia; support for individuals and families (through LifePath)</i></p> <p><i>*Educational programs on how to access over the counter hearing aids. *J. Fischer (Gfld.) audiologist</i></p>		

<p><i>Good hearing can be related to confidence level.</i></p> <p><i>*Addiction</i></p> <p><i>*Vision impairment</i></p> <p><i>*Lack of Primary Care Providers and Specialists</i></p> <p><i>*Medication Management</i></p> <p><i>*Problematic and lack of good seating, particularly on Avenue A in Turners Falls.</i></p>	<p><i>*Lack of connection of existing services.</i></p> <p><i>*Medical professionals leaving area.</i></p>	<p><i>develops individualized plans and has some walk-in hours. Hearing devices easily connected to phone (blue tooth).</i></p> <p><i>*Support to manage medications</i></p> <p><i>*Need for comfortable, functional, non-metal benches as well as increase the number of benches. *Shaded areas are essential.</i></p> <p><i>* An Age-Friendly town benefits all residents!</i></p> <p><i>*ALL town related initiatives must take aging into consideration.</i></p>		
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COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

PRIORITY ISSUE (concern/problem)	ROOT CAUSES (reasons/why)	STRATEGIES (solutions)	IMPLEMENTATION	RESOURCES
<p><i>*Senior Center Website under-utilized</i></p> <p><i>*Senior Newsletter on back of calendar lacking large-scale distribution</i></p> <p><i>*Town of Montague website not user friendly and important information is difficult to locate</i></p> <p><i>*Limited viewers of town TV station.</i></p> <p><i>*Not everyone can or wants to use the internet. PRINT form is the preference of many seniors.</i></p>	<p><i>*Needs update and on-going maintenance</i></p> <p><i>*Lack of capacity to produce Newsletter.</i></p> <p><i>*Current staffing is one 16 hr. per week position. *Printing costs are high.</i></p>	<p><i>*Need multiple forms of communication</i></p> <p><i>*LifePath weekly sections in recorder and online newsletter are useful.</i></p> <p><i>*Town wants and needs to overhaul website.</i></p> <p><i>Utilize key locations for announcements: Food City, P.O., Town Hall</i></p> <p><i>*Consider using Montague Reporter insert (only \$150).</i></p> <p><i>*Select an effective communication channel and have everyone use it.</i></p>		

	<i>*Inertia is a possible reaction to numerous modes of communication.</i>	<i>*Hire a Town Communicator to produce print and online information.</i>		
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