

## Resident Panels Update



Resident Panels are a cornerstone of the Public Engagement Plan for Imagine Madison, the City of Madison’s Comprehensive Plan Update process. Resident Panels are a proactive approach to ensure that Imagine Madison engages residents who have historically been underrepresented in City planning processes. The City is partnering with community-based organizations that have connections to Madison’s communities of color, lower income residents, and other residents whose voices are often missing from these community conversations. Selected Community Partners will convene panels of representative Madison residents to discuss and provide feedback on issues such as housing, transportation, and economic development.

Resident Panels are intended to remove as many barriers to participation as possible. The City is providing funding to cover costs associated with convening the Panels, such as meeting space rental, food, child care, and transportation.

In late October 2016, the City of Madison issued a Call for Community Partners to connect with organizations interested in forming Resident Panels. There was a focus on including less formal groups of residents that may not have received City funding in the past. Project staff received 40 Letters of Interest from a wide range of organizations – a fantastic response. After an in-depth review of the proposals, 12 organizations were selected to receive funding (listed below). These 12 organizations will form 18 different Resident Panels.

Given our limited budget, the downside of receiving so many responses is that we are not able to fund every organization. City staff is developing meeting materials that unfunded organizations may still use within their group.

<b>Organization(s)</b>	<b>Primary Community Represented</b>
Centro Hispano	Latinx
Foundation for Black Women's Wellness	African American
Goodman Community Center	Youth of color
Hmong Language & Culture Enrichment Program in partnership with Resilient Research Center	Hmong
Hmong Professional Networking	Hmong
Madison-Area Urban Ministry in partnership with Street Pulse	Homeless as well as formerly-incarcerated
Rebalanced-Life Wellness Association in partnership with JP Hair Design Barbershop	African American
Sustain Dane in partnership with Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison	Ho-Chunk Nation
Vera Court Neighborhood Center	Latinx
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program in partnership with West Madison Senior Coalition, North/Eastside Senior Coalition, South Madison Coalition of the Elderly, and East Madison/Monona Coalition of the Aging	Older adults
WI Transgender Health Coalition	Transgender
Young Gifted & Black Coalition	African American