

## FY26-FY30 Newton Consolidated Plan Survey

### Why take this survey?

**The City of Newton's Planning and Development Department urgently seeks your help in developing the needs assessment and future goals for the City's FY26-FY30 Consolidated Plan. Over the next five years, approximately \$17.5 million in federal housing and community development funds are anticipated to be made available for affordable housing and public service programs in Newton and the surrounding communities of the WestMetro HOME Consortium. The FY26-FY30 Consolidated Plan will serve as the framework for how these funds are used, and it is crucial that we have the public's input in developing our program goals during this period. Your participation in the plan's creation is vital!**

**Contact Nika Sandal at [nsandal@newtonma.gov](mailto:nsandal@newtonma.gov) with any questions.**

### Newton & You

1. What is your connection to Newton? Check **all** that apply.

- I live in Newton
- I work in Newton
- I am a parent of or caretaker for a child or children who attend school in Newton
- Other (please specify)

2. Select your gender(s). Check **all** that apply.

- Female
- Male
- Non-binary
- I prefer not to disclose my gender
- Other (please specify)

3. Select your age range.

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-61
- 62+

4. Select your race and ethnicity. Check **all** that apply.

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Middle Eastern or North African
- East Asian or East Asian American
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- South Asian or South Asian American
- White
- Black or African American
- Multi-racial
- Hispanic or Latino
- Other (please specify)

5. Which language do you mainly speak at home?

- English
  - Spanish
  - Haitian Creole
  - Chinese (Mandarin)
  - Chinese (Cantonese)
  - Hindi
  - Japanese
  - Korean
  - Vietnamese
  - Arabic
  - Greek
  - French
  - German
  - Italian
  - Polish
  - Portuguese
  - Russian
  - None of the above
  - Some other language (please specify)
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**Demographic Information**

6. How many people are in your household, including you?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8+

7. Household Annual Income:

- Less than \$10,000
- \$10,000 - \$14,999
- \$15,000 - \$24,999
- \$25,000 - \$34,999
- \$35,000 - \$49,999
- \$50,000 - \$74,999
- \$75,000 - \$99,999
- \$100,000 - \$149,999
- \$150,000 - \$199,999
- \$200,000 - \$249,000
- \$250,000+

8. What is the highest level of education you've recieved?

- Eighth grade or less
  - Some High School High
  - School Diploma GED/
  - HiSET
  - Some College Associate's
  - Degree Trade/Vocational
  - School Bachelor's
  - Degree Master's Degree
  - Professional Certification
  - Doctoral Degree
  - Other (please specify)
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9. Are you employed?

- Yes
- No
- Retired

10. Do you work more than one paid job at a time?

- Yes
- No

11. If you work in Newton, do you face any of the following challenges? Check **all** that apply.

- I do not experience any of these issues
  - Access to child care
  - Finding affordable child care
  - Earning a living wage
  - Roads and paths are unsafe for cyclists
  - Too few public transportation options
  - Unreliable transportation options
  - Lack of parking near my workplace
  - Walkability issues (e.g., interrupted or bumpy sidewalks, unsafe intersections, etc.)
  - I do not work in Newton
  - Other (please specify)
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## Housing Status

12. What is your current living situation? Check **all** that apply.

- Own
- Rent - Market Rate Unit
- Rent - Subsidized or Affordable Unit
- Public Housing (Newton Housing Authority)
- Staying with friends or family
- Group Home
- Homeless - Streets/Car, Emergency or
- Transitional Shelter Hotel/Motel
- Assisted Living
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

13. Do you have a mobile housing voucher (e.g., Section 8, MRVP)?

- Yes
- No

14. Are you currently on a wait list for a subsidized (or affordable) housing, public housing unit, or mobile voucher?

- Yes
- No

15. Have you ever experienced homelessness?

- Yes
- No

16. Please check the three Housing Priorities listed below which are most important to you.

- Affordable Rental Housing
- Affordable Homeownership Options
- Middle Income Housing
- Accessible and Visitable Housing Units
- Education on Housing Discrimination and Fair Housing
- Laws
- Security Deposit Assistance
- Promoting and Securing Tennant's Rights through
- Education and Enforcement Downpayment Assistance
- Supportive Housing for Seniors
- Housing for Larger Households
- Are there any other Housing Issues that Newton should prioritize?

17. Have you experienced any of the following Housing Issues within the past five years?

- Difficulty paying rent/mortgage/utilities
- Eviction or Foreclosure
- Landlord stopped accepting Section 8, MRVP, or other rental subsidies
- Refused a lease or mortgage due to low credit or discrimination
- Difficulty paying first/last month's rent and security deposit to move into an apartment
- Difficulty finding Affordable Housing
- Difficulty finding Accessible Housing
- Increases in my monthly housing costs
- Want a smaller/larger house but concerned will have to leave Newton
- Have had to adapt an existing home or unit to make it Accessible
- Difficulty in making necessary home repairs, safety or accessibility improvements
- Difficulty paying property taxes
- Issues with a Landlord (Harassment, retaliation, refusal to make necessary repairs, etc.)
- Problems with fees associated with HOA or Condominium Associations
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

18. Are you at-risk of having to move out of Newton? If yes, select all the reasons you might have to leave Newton.

- My rent or mortgage payment increased beyond what I can afford
- Rising housing costs in general
- Poor transit options
- I have a long commute from my home in Newton to my place of work
- My family, friends, community, and/or support network live far away from Newton I am downsizing and cannot afford to stay in Newton
- I do not feel welcome in Newton
- Lack of housing options
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
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- I am not at-risk at this time

19. Have you experienced discrimination during your housing search in Newton due to your income, race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, disability, sex, age, sexual orientation, familial status, veteran status, criminal record, and/or gender identity/expression?

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable
- I'm not sure

20. If you have experienced housing discrimination in Newton, please explain the situation in a few sentences.

Public Services and Programs

21. Please rate the following Human Services and Community Support Programs

	Poor	Average	Good	Very Good	Non Applicable
Childcare	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Homelessness services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elder services (e.g., day timeprogramming and care)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family services (e.g., parent education, family reunification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Services for anyone fleeing domestic/intimate partner violence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job training and job placement services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Services for substance dependency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Veteran services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Services for anyone previously incarcerated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth services (e.g., after school activities, summer camp, mentoring)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Substance dependency services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General physical and mental health services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Thank you!

Please contact Nika Sandal at [nsandal@newtonma.gov](mailto:nsandal@newtonma.gov) with questions about this survey or the FY26-FY30 Consolidated Plan.

Check our website to learn about more opportunities for feedback in-person and virtually. [www.newtonma.gov/government/planning/housing-community-development/plans-reports/consolidated-plan](http://www.newtonma.gov/government/planning/housing-community-development/plans-reports/consolidated-plan)