# City of Lawrence
# Community Needs Assessment 2019

**What is the purpose of this survey?**

The City of Lawrence is in the process of developing a Consolidated Plan that will establish community goals and guide resource allocations. The Consolidated Plan is a document required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Plan will cover the period 2020-2024. We invite you to assist the City to establish community needs and priorities. *We appreciate your time and thank you for your participation.*

## Section I: A Little Bit About You

1.  **I have lived in the city:**
    - ○ Less than 1 year
    - ○ 1-5 years
    - ○ 5-10 years
    - ○ Over 10 years
    - ○ I do not live in the city.

2.  **If you do not live in the city (check all that apply):**
    - ○ I work in the city
    - ○ I grew up in the city
    - ○ I live outside the city but I travel into the city for recreational, cultural, or leisure activities

3.  **My neighborhood is:**
    - ○ Arlington
    - ○ Colonial Heights
    - ○ Mount Vernon
    - ○ General Donovan
    - ○ North Common
    - ○ Prospect Hill
    - ○ South Common
    - ○ Saunders School
    - ○ Tower Hill
    - ○ Not sure, but I live on (insert street name): _____

4. **How was your household impacted by the Gas Explosion? (check all that apply)**
   - ○ Not at all
   - ○ Lost personal property
   - ○ Lost housing temporarily
   - ○ Lost housing permanently
   - ○ Lost income
   - ○ Impacted my health and/or wellbeing

## Section II: Neighborhood Needs

5. **Please rank the following Infrastructure and Public Facility Needs in your community using the following (No Need, Low Need, Medium Need, High Need):**

| Infrastructure Needs | Low Need | Medium Need | High Need | Critical Need |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Street Improvements | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Street Lighting | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Access to Broadband/High Speed Internet | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Disaster Preparedness and Response | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Neighborhood/Community Facilities | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Recreational Facilities | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Public Parks | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)/Handicapped Accessibility | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |

6. **Please rank the following Housing Needs in your community:**

| Housing Services | Low Need | Medium Need | High Need | Critical Need |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Increasing Homeownership | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Affordable rental housing | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Home Repairs for Existing Homeowners | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Lead-Free Housing | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Lead Paint and Environmental Hazard Removal | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Energy Cost | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Foreclosure Issues | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |

| Abandoned, Vacant Buildings | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Property Maintenance/Upkeep of properties | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |

7.  **Please rank the following Homeless Needs in your community:**

| Homelessness Services | Low Need | Medium Need | High Need | Critical Need |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Additional Homeless Shelters | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Additional Transitional Housing | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Additional Support Services Including Substance Abuse Treatment and Mental Health | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Job Training for Homeless | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Additional Supportive Permanent Housing | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |

8.  **Please rank the following Economic Development Needs in your community:**

| Economic Development | Low Need | Medium Need | High Need | Critical Need |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Job Development/Creation | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Job Training | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Small Business Loans | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Technical Assistance to Small Businesses | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Rehabilitation of Commercial Buildings | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Storefront Improvements | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Street Improvements and Lighting | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Sidewalk Improvements | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |

9. **Please rank the following Public Service Needs in your community:**

| Public Service Needs | Low Need | Medium Need | High Need | Critical Need |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adult Education including ESL | O | O | O | O |
| Employment Training/Job Readiness | O | O | O | O |
| Youth Services(School Age) | O | O | O | O |
| After School Programs | O | O | O | O |
| Child Care Services (Preschool) | O | O | O | O |
| Senior Services | O | O | O | O |
| Foreclosure Prevention | O | O | O | O |
| Homebuyer Education/Financial Literacy Services for Persons with Disabilities | O | O | O | O |
| Health Services | O | O | O | O |
| Mental Health Services | O | O | O | O |
| Substance Abuse Services | O | O | O | O |
| Crime Prevention | O | O | O | O |

## Section III: Household Background

**We ask you to share information about yourself so we are better able to target programs and resources.**

10. **Please provide your gender identity:**
    - O  Male
    - O  Female
    - O  Non-binary

11. **Please provide your race (check all that apply):**
    - O  White
    - O  Black or African American
    - O  American Indian and Alaska Native
    - O  Asian
    - O  Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander
    - O  Other race
    - O  Multiple Races

**12. Please provide your ethnicity:**

- ○ Hispanic or Latino
- ○ Not Hispanic or Latino

**13. Please describe your family (check all that apply):**

- ○ Single person
- ○ Small Family (2-4 people)
- ○ Large Family ( more than 4 people)
- ○ Single Parent
- ○ Family with Children under 6 years of age
- ○ Elderly Household

**14. Please provide your housing status (check all that apply):**

- ○ Rent
- ○ Own home
- ○ Homeless
- ○ Living doubled up/with friends, family
- ○ Have another person/family living in my home
- ○ Receive a housing subsidy
- ○ Have difficulty making monthly housing expenses
- ○ Have been late on rent or mortgage payments twice in past six months

**15. Please provide your employment status:**

- ○ Employed full time
- ○ Employed part time
- ○ Student
- ○ Unemployed
- ○ Self-employed
- ○ Homemaker/Caregiver

**16. Has a landlord said any of these things to you in the last three years? (check all that apply):**

○ "We don't accept Section 8."

○ "We don't accept children under 6."

○ "Sorry, the unit is already rented."

○ "We don't allow pets."

○ "Your application has been denied for rental history, credit score."

**17. Is it difficult for you to get housing for any of these reasons (check all that apply):**

○ I can't find an apartment I can afford

○ I never hear back regarding my application

○ I am told I don't meet the landlords requirements - references, credit score

○ I think I am being discriminated against due to race/ethnicity/gender

○ I have difficulty understanding the process

# Thank you for assisting us with this survey!

**When and where do I turn it in?**

If you are interested in obtaining information on this survey, the Consolidated Planning Process, and Community Development Programs, please contact the Community Development Department at (978) 620-3510. Thank you. Electronic submissions will be recorded. If you are completing a hard copy of the survey, you may return the survey to the Office of Planning and Development located at:

<div align="center">

Office of Planning and Development
12 Methuen Street
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Lawrence, MA 01840

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This survey is also available online:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LawrenceConPlan2020