

2022 COMMUNITY PRIORITY SURVEY
conducted by the
Longfellow Community Council

Administered online: 1/6/2022-2/28/2022

Longfellow Community Council

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Summary

The 2022 Longfellow Community Council (LCC) Priority Survey was conducted between January 6th and February 28th to gather feedback on the resources, programs, and events that residents and business owners in Greater Longfellow would like LCC to focus on.

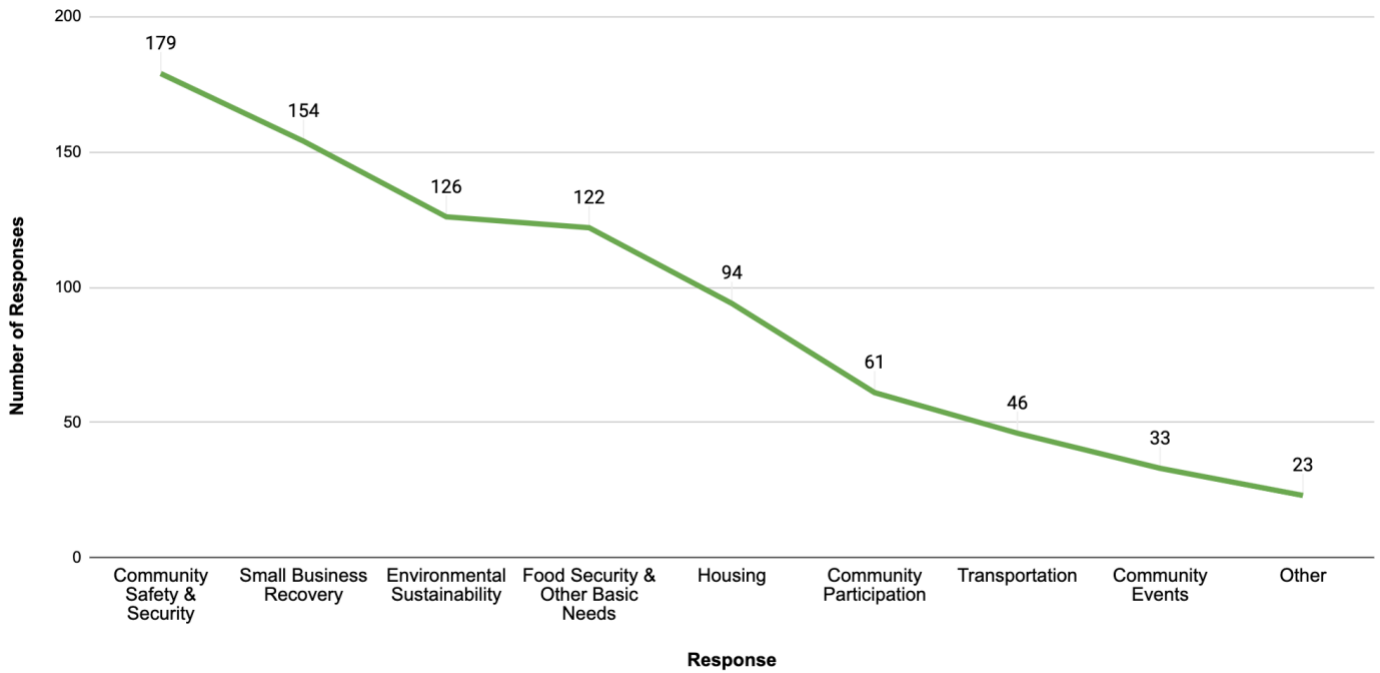
The survey was conducted online and shared through the LCC newsletter, website, social media, and the Longfellow Nokomis Messenger. The total number of responses was 295.

Key Findings

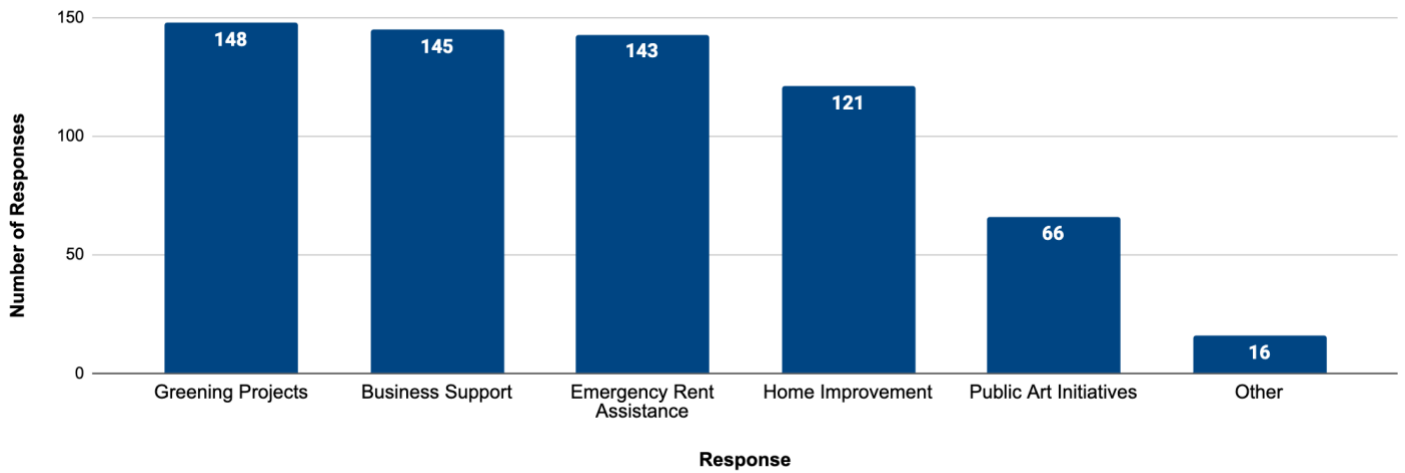
- More than half of respondents felt that **Community Safety & Security (62%)** and **Small Business Recovery (53%)** should be one of LCC's top 3 priorities in 2022
- At least half of respondents felt that **Greening Projects (52%)**, **Business Support (51%)**, and **Emergency Rent Assistance (50%)** were the most needed grant opportunities in the community.
- Respondents chose **Festivals and Street Fairs (74%)** as the type of LCC event they are most likely to attend by a large margin, with **Litter Clean-ups (46%)** receiving the second most responses.
- There were a wide range of responses to what LCC's role should be to best serve the community, with the most common themes being:
 - Identifying and Addressing Community Needs (40 responses)
 - Building Community (39 responses)
 - Providing Information (34 responses)

Results

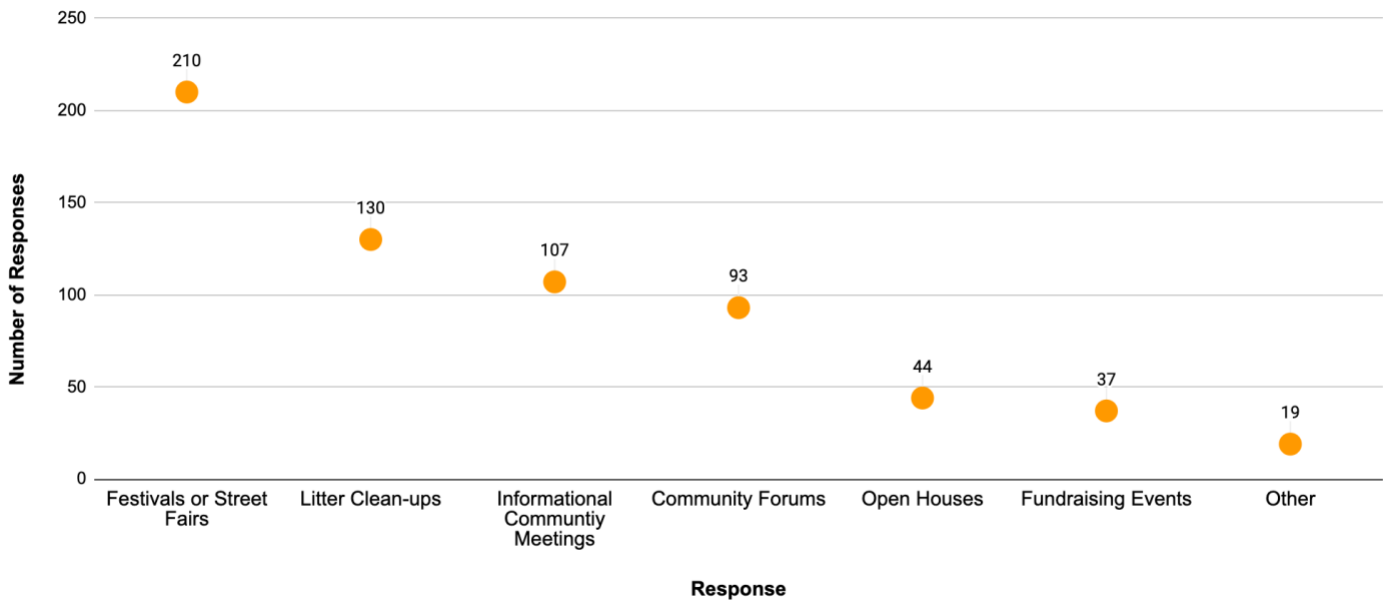
Question 1: What Are the Top 3 Things LCC Should Prioritize in 2022?



Question 2: What Grant Opportunities Are Most Needed in the Community?

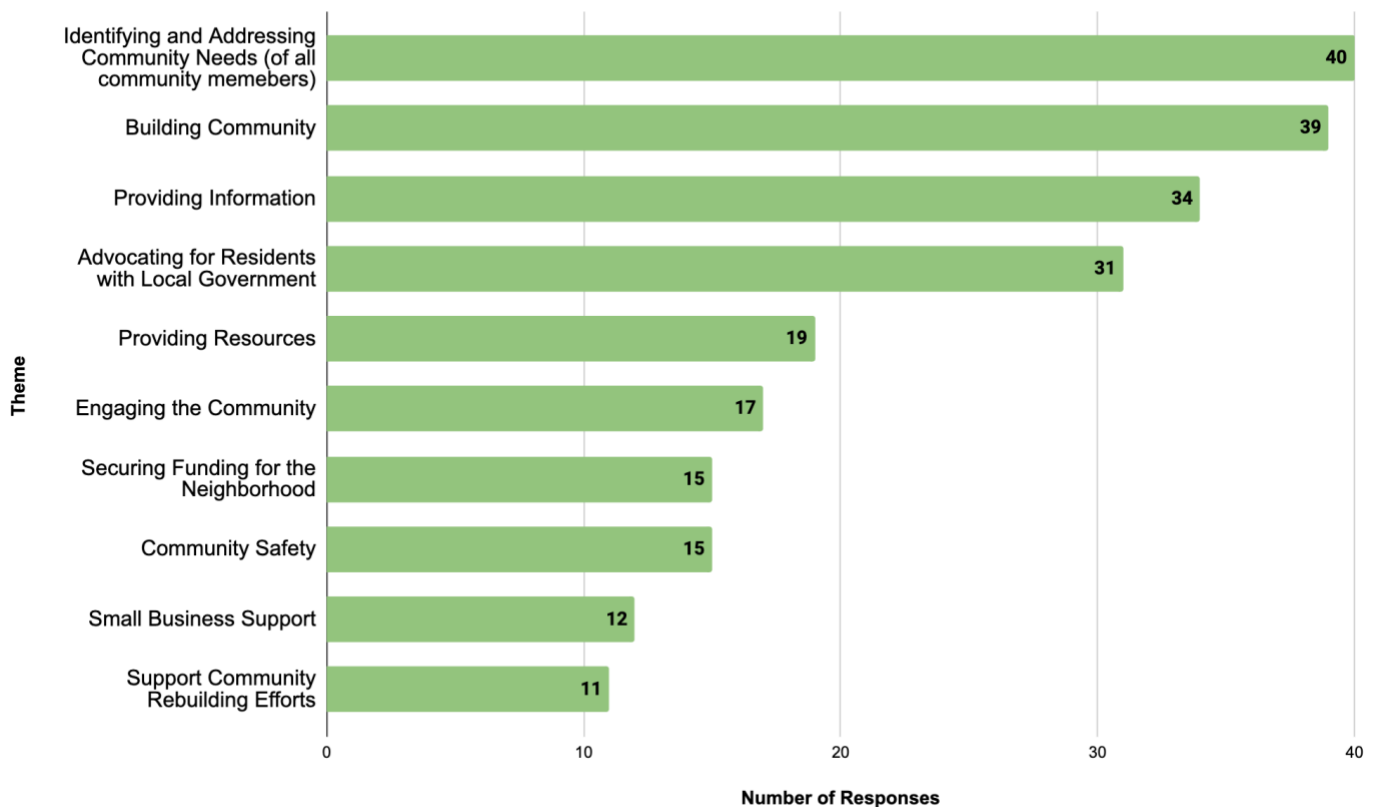


Question 3: What Types of LCC Events Are You Most Likely to Attend?



Question 4: What do you Think Should be LCC's Role to Best Serve the Needs of the Community?

Top 10 Themes



Results (Other)

Question 1 (Other)

Walkability and bike-friendliness
Neighborhood clean-up. Becoming a dump in MPLS
Youth programs
Functioning USPS
Grants for repairing aging housing stock.
Livability/blight and graffiti issues - community public art
Restoring Postal Service including Blue Boxes to drop off mail
Support for seniors
Maintain the architectural integrity of the area. Prevent big poorly constructed homes to be built here among the historic 1920's bungalows.
East Lake Street vacant buildings should be filled and rebuild what was lost.
Elder programming — assistance. age in place, adequate elder housing.
Engaging all people in the Longfellow community
Racial equity
Remove buildings as needed (like the 3rd precinct), stay on top of graffiti and rebuild.
Traffic Calming & more pedestrian/bicycle/disabled byways
Bike and pedestrian infrastructure improvements
Improvements to area parks particularly the Minnehaha dog park; also, a strong commercial corridor on Lake Street (broader than just small business recovery)
Bold plan for East Lake Street
Walkability and making commercial corridors a nice place to be not just drive to
More direct bus routes
Our terrible, terrible police department
Keeping MPD out
civic engagement

Question 2 (Other)

Businesses hurt in the riots on Lake Street
Increase child/teen engagement in winter outdoor activities - cross country skiing, ice skating, etc. and support for more park rinks and skate/ski lending
Not clear to me
Home ownership grants for lower income buyers

Emergency grants for heating/cooling
Childcare support - for both clients and providers
Anything to support low-income housing or combating homelessness
Especially the small businesses damaged in the riots.
Additional bicycle infrastructure, such as bike share and bike parking
Connecting community members to existing resources that they need
neighbor relationship building, new neighbors
grants to get elder tech and training. CLEAN UP LAKE! Tear down boards, get rid of graffiti
Promote resources to help seniors in their homes such as but not limited to State of Minnesota Deferred Property Tax Program, Essential Community Services Program, The Rental 4D Program
Youth programming
childcare / pre school
Public safety

Question 3 (Other)

Age Friendly Neighborhood themed events
online seminars on home repair and yard help
open streets
Virtual
Dog related events
Meetings on Safety and crime. This has become a problem.
River gorge improvements
Democracy Education/Promotion
More as I recover from stroke
Virtual only
Always offer virtual participatory events. Ideas can include neighborhood history, people stories, art, healthy seniors
art events
Guided hikes along the river
Youth programs
Community garden creation. Skill set!
River cleanup events
Nature/environmental events
farmers market
Garden tours