

**Jefferson County Aging Well Project – YEAR TWO**  
**Steps to Identifying and Researching Best Practices, Innovative Ideas, etc.**  
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A key task within Year Two of the Jefferson County Aging Well Project involves each workgroup identifying and researching “do-able” best practices or innovative models that could realistically be brought to the county in the coming years. “Do-able” may be defined slightly differently for each workgroup. Some possible aspects to consider:

- ✓ it is something that has successfully been tried before
- ✓ there is sufficient documentation (website, manual, etc.) on how it was done by others
- ✓ those who have done it before are potentially willing to provide some free technical assistance, if needed
- ✓ there is a way to estimate how much it might cost to implement here
- ✓ if needed, the workgroup can identify potential funding sources and/or funding mechanisms
- ✓ the workgroup can reasonably estimate how long it will take to implement once the needed resources are collected
- ✓ you can articulate why and how it would work in Jefferson County
- ✓ there is a willingness for someone or some local agency to take the lead on bringing the idea to fruition here
- ✓ it is evidence-based – look especially for models and practices that are evidence-based
- ✓ etc.

**Innovative ideas or best practices identified should clearly relate to priorities the workgroup selected during Year One.** Each workgroup should revisit the priorities, gaps, and future goals identified in the workgroup’s YEAR ONE report. Based on what the workgroup’s priorities are, members should select areas for researching that will uncover do-able best practices or innovative ideas. Or, the group may already have some models or ideas in mind from previous work that has been done.

Example 1: If a key goal/priority for the Housing Workgroup is to increase variety of senior housing options, the workgroup could identify varieties of innovative Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) available, builders of ADUs, cost for various types of ADUs, and existing model local ordinances.

Example 2: If a key goal/priority for the Transportation/Mobility Workgroup is to increase collaboration among transportation and mobility stakeholders within Jefferson County, the workgroup could research successful existing county-based Local Human

Service-Transportation Coordinating Council models and later suggest a specific model for Jefferson County.

For examples 1 and 2 above, the workgroup would need to recommend whether each best practice should be implemented in Jeffco in the short-term or in the long-term.

### Short-Term

We are considering the “short-term” as one to five years out (2011-2015). We are asking each workgroup to come up with three to five goals for the short-term.

### Long-Term

We are considering the “long-term” as six to twenty years out (2016-2030). We are asking each workgroup to come up with three to five goals for the long-term.

**The best practices or innovative models chosen should be clearly related to one (or more) of the short-term or long-term goals or priorities chosen by the workgroup members.**

Each workgroup needs to know what goals or priorities it wants to continue working on for both the short-term and the long-term. Then the workgroup can begin to research existing models or innovative practices that relate to priorities for the workgroup. We are essentially asking each workgroup to make recommendations on what, if any, new models-best practices-innovative ideas should be implemented in Jefferson County.

NOTE THAT NOT EVERY GOAL OR PRIORITY A WORKGROUP WANTS TO ADDRESS IN THE FUTURE NEEDS TO HAVE A BEST PRACTICE OR INNOVATIVE MODEL ASSOCIATED WITH IT!

Two different formats will be used: **one for short-term** goals and objectives and **one for long-term** goals and objectives. There is also a one-page format for collecting best practice and innovative models information.