

Public Comment for the Missing and Murdered African American Women Task Force

Background

The Missing and Murdered African American Women Task Force (MMAAW) was created during the 2021 Legislative Session. The first of its kind in the nation, the MMAAW Task Force will examine and report on:

- Systemic causes of violence against African American women and girls
- Appropriate methods of tracking and collecting data
- Policies, practices, and institutions that assist in perpetuation violence against African American women and girls
- Measures necessary to address and reduce violence against African American women and girls, and
- Measures necessary to help victims, their families, and their communities.

Guidelines for Submissions

The public is invited to submit written comments to the Missing and Murdered African American Women Task Force. These comments will be considered, along with other data collection, as the MMAAW Task Force develops recommendations, which will be included in a report to the Minnesota Legislature in December 2022.

Comments should be directly related to the mandates of the MMAAW Task Force (shown above) and should provide clear recommendations that can be implemented by the Minnesota Legislature.

The public comment opportunity is not intended as a mechanism for persons to request assistance about their personal situations or cases. If you or someone they love has experienced an act of violence and is looking for help, resources, or justice, please check the following resources:

[Minnesota Day One Line](#) (1-866-223-1111)

[Minnesota General Crime Services Victim Program](#)

[Survivor Resources](#)

Your options to submit a public comment to the MMAAW Task Force are the following:

- You may email your comments, using the required format shown below, to: researchsupport@researchinaction.com
- The beginning of the MMAAW Task Force meetings on March 25, 2022, May 27, 2022, and July 29, 2022, starting at 9 am

Your comments will be sent to and collected by Research in Action (a contractor that is working with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety). Research in Action and DPS will compile public comments through this online form and at Task Force meetings. The comments will assist in the preparation of recommendations for the Task Force's report to the Minnesota Legislature.

Please note that the Minnesota Data Practices Act applies to all submitted comments. By submitting public comments, your contact information will become public data. These guidelines will help us to process your information and include your testimony in the deliberations of the Task Force. We appreciate your participation and cooperation.

If you need further clarification, please email your questions to:
researchsupport@researchinaction.com.

Submission deadline: Please submit all comments via email by July 15, 2022. Public comment in the MMAAW Task Force will conclude after the July 29, 2022 meeting.

Form for Submissions

All individuals who wish to make a public comment related to the recommendations of the Missing and Murdered African American Women Task Force, please provide the following information by emailing this information to researchsupport@researchinaction.com:

Provide your name and contact information:

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

If representing an organization, the name of the organization: _____

Phone number: _____

Please describe your experience that highlights the gaps in how we as a state and society address the problem of missing and murdered African American women in Minnesota as it relates to the mandate of the Task Force (500 word max.): _____

Please list your top three recommendations that you would like to see included in the MMAAW Task Force's report to the Minnesota Legislature:

1. (100 word max.): _____

2. (100 word max.): _____

3. (100 word max.): _____

