AARP Foundation grantmaking supports sustainable, real-world solutions to the fundamental challenges facing older adults with low income.

2021 By the Numbers

- Total grants: 78 (across 50+ organizations)
- Grant dollars distributed: $11.2 million+
- Average grant: $144,000
- Grants supporting direct service: 85%

What We Fund

### Generating income/earnings
Grants that increase income or earnings. This includes workforce programs that provide upskilling or reskilling opportunities, such as work-based learning opportunities or other pathways that help older workers gain the skills needed for high-quality employment.

### Gaining access to benefits
Grants that help older adults with low income secure benefits. This includes benefits that enable older adults support their health and well-being by reducing the financial burden of essential expenses, such as health care, medicine, and food expenses.

### Securing refunds/credits
Grants that help older taxpayers secure the refunds and credits they've earned. This includes free tax preparation, assistance applying for property tax relief, and helping eligible taxpayers access the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

**Spotlight on 2021 Grant Distribution (by region)**

**Midwest: 10**
The Accounting Aid Society was granted funds to help older adults with low income in the Detroit Metro Area access the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), a tax credit for low- to moderate-income workers.

**West: 17**
AARP Foundation funded nine organizations in 2021 to enroll older adults with low income in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), generating $13.7 million in benefits across five grantees in California.

**Northeast: 15**
An AARP Foundation grant to the Connecticut Veterans Legal Center helped 118 veterans secure $1.5 million in veterans’ benefits in 2021.

**South: 49**
AARP Foundation provided $2.17 million in aid to nonprofits assisting with disaster relief and recovery, of which $1.42 million went to grantees in Louisiana to work with the communities that suffered the greatest impact.

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