A GRANT PROGRAM TO MAKE COMMUNITIES MORE LIVABLE FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES WITH TANGIBLE IMPROVEMENTS THAT JUMP-START LONG-TERM CHANGE

$9.3M
GRANTED
for quick-action
PROJECTS

804
GRANTS
delivered in first
FIVE YEARS

63%
OF GRANTS
have gone to local
NONPROFITS

37%
OF GRANTS
have gone to local
GOVERNMENTS

GRANTS BY LOCATION:
42% 38% 20%
URBAN RURAL SUBURBAN

From 2017 to 2019, grantees have installed 5,649 tangible permanent or temporary improvements in their communities, and supported 938 resources, activities or programs, including the ones below.

- Garden beds built
- Benches installed
- Crosswalks improved
- Bike/Mobility lanes created
- Sculptures/art pieces installed
- Murals painted
- Properties improved with home maintenance
- Transportation access and safety trainings
- Bike fix-it stations mounted
- Healthy living programs/resources
- Bike racks installed
- Volunteers engaged
- Bike/Mobility lanes created
- Properties improved with home maintenance
- Urban: 42%
- Rural: 38%
- Suburban: 20%
45% of grantees demonstrate the grant helped them leverage additional funds and support from public and private organizations.

“Our design efforts catalyzed city-led fundraising for the project, with $100,000 coming from Capital Improvement Project Funds.” – Utah grantee

81% of grantees demonstrate the grant helped to overcome policy barriers or advance change.

“The City has updated the master plan map to incorporate the new route (where the Complete Streets demonstration was held). It was unanimously approved by City Council.” – New York grantee

100% of grantees demonstrate the grant led to greater awareness, engagement, and new relationships.

“More than 500 people have visited our project to learn more after the initial installation.” – Oregon grantee

The Community Challenge grant program is part of AARP’s nationwide Livable Communities initiative, which supports the efforts of cities, towns, neighborhoods and rural areas to become great places to live for people of all ages. Projects are funded in these categories:

- **PUBLIC PLACES** that improve open spaces, parks and access to other amenities
- **TRANSPORTATION** and mobility options that increase connectivity, walkability, bikeability, and access
- **HOUSING** support that increases the availability of accessible and affordable choices
- Focus on **DIVERSITY and INCLUSION** while improving the built and social environment of a community.
- **CORONAVIRUS** recovery support with an emphasis on economic development, improvements to public spaces and transportation services
- **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT** projects that bring residents and local leaders together to address challenges
- **OTHER** investments in projects that address additional community priorities