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% URBAN 38% RURAL 20% SUBURBAN

Since 2017, grantees have installed 8,306 tangible permanent or temporary improvements in their communities, and created 1,697 resources, activities or programs, including the ones below.

- 99 Murals painted
- 429 Properties improved with home maintenance
- 668 Benches installed
- 601 Garden beds built
- 17 Bike/Mobility lanes created
- 137 Crosswalks improved
- 195 Bike racks installed
- 39 Bike fix-it stations mounted
- 141 Sculptures/art pieces installed
- 361 Healthy living programs/resources
- 138 Transportation access and safety trainings
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

GRANT FUNDING CATEGORIES

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, EQUITY and INCLUSION** while improving the built and social environment of a community.
- **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT** projects that bring residents and local leaders together to address challenges
- **OTHER** investments in projects that address additional community priorities

**2022 NEW CATEGORY** Support communities’ efforts to BUILD ENGAGEMENT AND LEVERAGE FUNDING available under new federal programs through laws like the American Rescue Plan Act, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and more.