THE AARP COMMUNITY CHALLENGE AND VETERANS & MILITARY FAMILIES

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

AARP’s Livable Communities grant program, the Community Challenge, was launched in 2017 and has since awarded $9.3 million through over 800 grants to nonprofits and municipalities across all 50 states, D.C., Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The program’s focus on concrete improvements and community engagement using a quick-action timeline helps grantees fast-track ideas and build support for promising solutions.

SALUTING YOUR SERVICE AND YOUR SACRIFICE

In past years AARP has funded several projects that directly benefit and support the Veterans and Military Families community and is soliciting applications in 2022 that can benefit this community and address the following categories:

- Creating vibrant public places
- Delivering a range of transportation and mobility options
- Supporting a range of housing options
- Increasing civic engagement
- Ensuring a focus on diversity, equity and inclusion
- Supporting communities’ efforts to build engagement and leverage federal funding
- Other community improvements

Examples of past projects funded that focus on the Veterans and Military Families community include:

**Middlesex County, Massachusetts**
Clear Path for Veterans New England used grant funds in the creation of Clear Path’s Memorial Courtyard, with the addition of ten Adirondack tables and chair sets, which will serve as an outdoor space where Veterans, families, and the general public can reflect, remember and enjoy the enduring spirit of the United States Military.

**Central Falls, Rhode Island**
City of Central Falls used grant funds to install five much-needed shade structures at the popular Veterans Memorial Park and support programming for older adults.

**Wadena County, Minnesota**
Region Five Development Commission used grant funds to provide transit passes, transit training and memberships to a health and wellness center to 50 low-income seniors, veterans and members of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

**Thurston County, Washington**
Garden Raised Bounty used grant funds to increase food security, well-being and long-term resiliency during the COVID-19 crisis, by working with local veterans and youth to install gardens in neighborhoods at risk of food insecurity.

**Athens, Tennessee**
Habitat for Humanity of McMinn County used grant funds to help support the construction of a tiny home as well as training and resources for a local veteran family who was currently living in sub-standard conditions.

#AARPsalutesVets

APPLY FOR A 2022 GRANT TODAY!

Eligible applications will be accepted from:

January 25 - March 22, 2022 at 5:00 pm ET

To learn more and apply: AARP.org/CommunityChallenge