



**AARP
COMMUNITY
CHALLENGE**

Grants to make communities livable for people of all ages
aarp.org/CommunityChallenge

Frequently Asked Questions

1. WHAT IS THE TIMELINE FOR THE 2025 GRANT PROGRAM?

January 8, 2025	2025 Application Opens
January 29, 2025 (2 p.m. ET)	Free, Public Question & Answer webinar for applicants (<i>not required; will be recorded</i>) REGISTER HERE
March 5, 2025 (5 p.m. ET / 2 p.m. PT)	<u>Deadline for applications</u>
May 2025.....	Selected and non-selected applicants will be notified of their status via email
June 11, 2025.....	Deadline for Memorandum of Understanding and Vendor Forms to be completed and returned by grantees to AARP
June 25, 2025 (tentative)	Announcements of selected grantees to public and projects can start
December 15, 2025.....	<u>Deadline for project completion</u>
December 31, 2025.....	<u>Deadline for After-Action Report</u>

2. HOW STRICT IS THE DECEMBER 15, 2025 PROJECT COMPLETION DEADLINE?

While we recognize that sometimes unanticipated events happen that require a shift in the project or timeline, the goal of the Community Challenge is to fund “quick-action” projects. For projects taking place outdoors, completion by mid-December should allow organizations to beat the winter weather that can sometimes delay projects.

If the proposed project is a small segment of a larger project, organizations may need to consider if the larger project will be at the right phase to execute this grant. If the project requires lengthy approvals or permits, organizations may need to consider if there will be delays in executing the project and meeting the mid-December deadline, if any required approvals are not received in a timely manner. Some organizations may need to consider delaying their applications by a year.

3. I LIVE IN A SMALL COMMUNITY. IS THIS JUST A PROGRAM FOR BIG CITIES?

No. The AARP Community Challenge supports communities of *all* sizes and delivers unique support to rural communities. In fact, 40% of the Challenge projects AARP has funded have gone to rural communities with another 20% going to suburban communities. Communities with populations as

small as less than one hundred residents have received grants.

4. WHAT TYPES OF ORGANIZATIONS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING?

The program is open to the following types of organizations:

- **501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(6),** (*Nonprofit organizations must be recognized by the IRS in order to receive funds.*)
- **Government entities**
- **Other types of organizations** considered on a case-by-case basis.

AARP can NOT provide funds to any for-profit company or individual. AARP does allow for IRS recognized tax-exempt nonprofit organizations or government entities to serve as fiscal sponsors of grants.

5. HOW DO I APPLY?

All applications must be submitted through AARP.org/CommunityChallenge by March 5, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. ET / 2:00 p.m. PT. All applications must be completed through the online portal; no emailed or mailed applications will be accepted.

6. WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT FLAGSHIP GRANTS?

- **Overview:** *Flagship Grants* continue the successful Community Challenge grant program first launched in 2017. These grants offer a broad opportunity for communities to apply for funding across several categories and to be creative.
- **Categories:** AARP will accept applications for projects that benefit residents (especially those age 50 and older) in the following categories:
 - Creating vibrant **public places** that improve open spaces, parks and access to other amenities;
 - Delivering a range of **transportation** and mobility options that increase connectivity, walkability, bikeability and access to public and private transit;
 - Supporting a range of **housing** options that increases the availability of accessible and affordable choices;
 - Increasing **digital connections** and enhancing digital literacy skills of residents;
 - Supporting **community resilience** through investments that improve disaster management, preparedness and mitigation for residents.

Please see examples of *Flagship Grant* projects in Attachment C.

7. WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE CAPACITY-BUILDING MICROGRANTS?

- **Overview:** This grant opportunity combines \$2,500 grants with additional resources, such as webinars, cohort learning opportunities, up to two hours of one-on-one coaching with leading national nonprofit organizations and AARP publications. Participation in these capacity-building and support opportunities are a critical component of the grant.
- **Categories:** There are three categories under this opportunity:
 - **NEW! Disaster Preparedness Training** – Implement disaster preparedness training programs and resources for residents (especially those age 50-plus), with support from [SBP](#) and using the [AARP Disaster Resilience Tool Kit](#)
 - **Walk Audits** – Implement walk audit assessments to enhance safety and walkability in communities (especially for people age 50-plus), with support from [America Walks](#) and using the [AARP Walk Audit Tool Kit](#).
 - **Bike Audits** – Implement bike audits to enhance safety and bikeability in communities (especially for people age 50-plus), with support from [League of American Bicyclists](#) and using the [AARP Bike Audit Tool Kit](#).
 - **HomeFit® Guide Modifications** – Implement education, simple home modifications and accessible safety solutions to create and maintain “lifelong homes” (especially for people age 50-plus), with support from [RL Mace Universal Design Institute](#) and using the [AARP HomeFit® Guide](#).
- **Guidance from National Organizations:** [America Walks](#) (Walk Audit), [League of American Bicyclists](#) (Bike Audit), [RL Mace Universal Design Institute](#) (HomeFit® Guide Modifications) or [SBP](#) (Disaster Preparedness).
 - The Capacity Building Microgrant category empowers organizations to implement AARP Community Challenge projects for residents aged 50 and older. Each grantee will receive additional resources, including webinars, cohort learning opportunities and up to two hours of one-on-one coaching from a national nonprofit organization. This support enhances project effectiveness and helps support grantees, so they are better equipped to complete their projects and positively impact the lives of older adults.

Please see examples of *Capacity-Building Microgrant* projects in Attachment C.

8. WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DEMONSTRATION GRANTS?

- **Overview:** *Demonstration Grants* are designed to encourage replication of promising projects in communities around the country.
- **Categories:** There are four categories under this opportunity:
 - **NEW! Enhancing pedestrian safety** by creating safer streets and sidewalks (with a

focus on people age 50-plus) with funding support from Toyota Motor North America.

- **NEW! Expanding high-speed internet (broadband) access and adoption** (with a focus on people age 50-plus) with funding support from Microsoft.
- **Reconnecting communities divided by infrastructure** (with a focus on people age 50-plus), as highlighted in AARP's award-winning [Before the Highway](#) article series.
- **Implementing housing design competitions** that increase community understanding and encourage implementation of policies that enable greater choice in housing (with a focus on people age 50-plus), using the [AARP Housing Design Competition Tool Kit](#).

Please see examples of **Demonstration Grant** projects in Attachment C.

9. WHAT IS YOUR TYPICAL GRANT SIZE? HOW ARE THE FUNDING AMOUNTS FOR CAPACITY-BUILDING MICROGRANTS AND DEMONSTRATION GRANTS DIFFERENT?

Flagship Grants have ranged from *several hundred* dollars for smaller, short-term activities to *tens of thousands* of dollars for larger projects. Since 2017, AARP has funded projects with an average grant amount of \$10,000-12,000 and 92% of grants being \$20,000 or less. In 2025, Grants will not exceed \$25,000. AARP also reserves the right to award compelling projects of any dollar amount.

The **Capacity-Building Microgrants** will be awarded in the amount of \$2,500. They also include additional resources, webinars, cohort learning opportunities, up to two hours of one-on-one coaching with leading national nonprofit organizations and printed copies of AARP publications.

Demonstration Grants tend to fall between \$10,000-\$20,000 and will not exceed \$25,000.

Please see examples of **Flagship, Demonstration and Microgrant** projects in Attachment C.

10. HOW CAN I TELL IF MY PROJECT SHOULD BE A FLAGSHIP GRANT, A CAPACITY-BUILDING MICROGRANT OR A DEMONSTRATION GRANT?

Capacity-Building Microgrants are available in three specific categories, have an identified budget (\$2,500) and come with additional resources (webinars, cohort and one-on-one coaching, publications, etc.). If your organization/project does not require those additional resources to be successful or desires a larger budget, you may submit your project under the applicable Flagship Category.

Similarly, **Demonstration Grants** are available in four specific categories. The difference between a **Demonstration Grant** and **Flagship Grant** is that in a **Demonstration Grant**, AARP is seeking to elevate specific examples of successful past projects and replicate them in communities nationwide.

Flagship Grants remain an open call for innovation with five available project categories.

11. DO PROJECT CATEGORIES CHANGE YEAR BY YEAR?

Yes, project categories and sub-categories vary each year based on evolving community interests, AARP Livable Communities publications, and demands that align with AARP Livable Communities' body of work.

12. MAY I SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION?

Yes, your organization can submit as many applications as you like. Organizations are eligible to apply for more than one grant opportunity (*Flagship*, *Demonstration* or *Capacity-Building Microgrant*) and may submit multiple applications in each grant opportunity.

Just make sure each application aligns with the right grant opportunity. For example, your organization could apply for an ADA-accessible park improvement project within the traditional *Flagship* grant opportunity and you could also submit a second application within the *Capacity-Building Microgrant* area for a \$2,500 bike audit project.

13. HOW CAN I SAVE OR PRINT A COPY OF MY APPLICATION? HOW DO I DELETE AN APPLICATION?

You can save a copy of your application as a PDF or print the entire application at any time. First, go to "My Account" and click on "My Applications" from the menu on the left-hand side. Then locate the application you would like to print and select "Print" on the far-right side. From there, you have a copy you can download, email or print.

To delete an application, go to "My Account" and click on "My Applications" from the menu on the left-hand side. Then locate the application you would like to delete and select "Withdraw" on the far-right side.

14. HOW DO I CONFIRM MY APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED SUCCESSFULLY? CAN I UPDATE OR RESUBMIT AN APPLICATION?

Once you have successfully submitted your application, you will receive a confirmation to the email address of the application contact.

If you do not receive an email confirmation, please check in your spam folder. The confirmation email will be from noreply@secure-platform.com. It is also possible that the email address used to create an account in OpenWater is incorrect, such as typographical error, or the application was not submitted.

Applications can be updated up until the application deadline (March 5, 5 p.m. ET/2 p.m. PT), but additional confirmation emails of updates are not sent.

15. WHY IS MY APPLICATION LISTED AS INCOMPLETE?

If you log-into the application website by clicking on “Flagship Grant Application”, “Demonstration Grant Application”, or “Capacity-Building Microgrant Application,” a new incomplete application is automatically created. It is possible to delete incomplete applications. Please see adjacent question for steps to do so.

To prevent additional blank applications from being created, it is recommended that you log-in to your account using the “My Account” in the upper left corner of the application website.

All required questions must be completed in order to submit the application. The system will return you to the incomplete question if you attempt to submit the application before all required questions are answered.

16. WHAT IF I AM HAVING TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES WITH THE LOGIN OR THE ONLINE APPLICATION?

You are always welcome to email CommunityChallenge@AARP.org with any questions.

During the last few days of the application period, please also look for the “REQUEST SUPPORT” link in the bottom left of the application log-in screen. From there, you can fill out a help ticket and someone from the online platform’s tech support will get back to you.

17. WHEN AND HOW WILL I BE NOTIFIED IF OUR APPLICATION WAS SUCCESSFUL?

All selected and unselected applicants will be notified by email in mid-May using the email address provided by your organization during the application process.

Selected applicants must complete a binding Memorandum of Understanding and AARP’s vendor forms by June 11, 2025. Details on how to complete forms will be provided to selected applicants after selection notification. Noncompliance with this deadline may result in disqualification or delayed funding.

18. DOES THE PROJECT HAVE TO TAKE PLACE IN A COMMUNITY THAT BELONGS TO THE AARP NETWORK OF AGE-FRIENDLY STATES AND COMMUNITIES (NAFSC)? DOES MY COMMUNITY NEED TO BELONG TO NAFSC IN ORDER TO APPLY FOR A GRANT?

No. Hundreds of grants have been delivered to [Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities \(NAFSC\)](#) communities since 2017, but projects can benefit any community so long as they satisfy all other eligibility criteria.

Communities do not need to belong to [Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities \(NAFSC\)](#) in order to apply for a grant. Please see Eligibility question.

19. DO I NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF AARP TO APPLY FOR A GRANT?

AARP membership is not required, though many AARP members belong to organizations that have applied and been awarded grants.

AARP cannot award grants to individuals. Please see Eligibility question.

20. MY ORGANIZATION RECEIVED A GRANT PREVIOUSLY. ARE WE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Yes, absolutely, provided all 2025 eligibility criteria are met.

21. MY ORGANIZATION APPLIED AND DID NOT RECEIVE A GRANT PREVIOUSLY. ARE WE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY AGAIN?

Yes. You are eligible to apply again, and several grantees have been selected after previously applying and not receiving a grant. Please carefully review the project examples that are provided in **Attachment C** and throughout the Community Challenge website to help inform your application.

22. WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS WILL YOU NOT FUND?

The following projects are **NOT** eligible for funding:

- Partisan, political or election-related activities
- Planning activities and assessments and surveys of communities without tangible engagement
- Studies with no follow-up action
- Publication of books or reports
- Acquisition of land and/or buildings
- Purchase of vehicles or mechanical equipment (such as a car, truck, bus, snow mobile, snow grooming machine, or tractor)
- Sponsorships of other organizations' events or activities
- Research and development for a nonprofit endeavor
- Research and development for a for-profit endeavor
- The promotion of a for-profit entity and/or its products and services

These restrictions apply to *Flagship, Demonstration* and *Capacity-Building Microgrants*.

23. WHERE CAN I FIND EXAMPLES OF PREVIOUS STANDOUT PROJECTS?

Please view **Attachment C** for examples of projects that AARP has funded in the past. While these projects can help inform your thinking, we are also interested in innovative and fresh ideas!

The [AARP Livable Map](#) has more information about projects including photos and videos, as well as being searchable by category, location, and more.

You can see videos of previous projects, videos of each category, descriptions of previously funded

projects and more at [AARP.org/CommunityChallenge](https://www.aarp.org/CommunityChallenge)

24. IF MY APPLICATION IS NOT SELECTED, CAN I RECEIVE FEEDBACK ON WHY IT WAS NOT FUNDED?

Unfortunately, due to the high volume of applications we receive, we cannot offer feedback on individual project ideas or applications after submission.

In 2024, AARP received over 3,300 applications, of which 343 were funded for over \$3.8 million. Unfortunately, many worthy projects were not funded.

25. CAN WE APPLY WITH ANOTHER ORGANIZATION?

Yes. On the “Organization Name” line, you can list the main applicant’s name and add “in collaboration with” and list the second organization name. From there, we only need the information for the primary point of contact. The primary applicant will be legally responsible for the terms and conditions in the grant Memorandum of Understanding. The grant funding will only go to the main applicant.

If you will be using a fiscal sponsor, under the “Organization Tax Status” question, please check the box for “Fiscal Sponsor” and provide additional information about your fiscal sponsor, including their name, nonprofit/municipality tax status, Federal Tax Number and address.

26. CAN COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANTS BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OR CONSULTANT FEES?

Typically, Community Challenge grants do not fund indirect costs such as salaries or administrative or consultant fees. The majority of Challenge grant funds need to go directly to project execution or implementation.

Incentives, stipends, gift cards, and honorariums are eligible, but should be considered administrative costs. AARP would not pay for a significant portion of administrative overhead, staff time, ongoing program costs or the hiring of a consultant, designer, surveyor or facilitator, including project planner, graphic designer, landscape designer or site surveyor unless those indirect costs were a very small part (0-15%) of the overall request.

If the application demonstrates that these types of activities are part of a broader project which shows a commitment to engage residents with some tangible demonstration, then a larger percentage of paying for a consultant or facilitator may be eligible and warranted.

27. CAN COMMUNITY CHALLENGE FUNDS BE USED TO SUPPORT ONGOING PROGRAMS?

Community Challenge grants do not typically support ongoing programming; however, we would fund a tangible, short-term purchase that would benefit a current, ongoing program.

For example, Community Challenge funds typically wouldn’t pay for the staff or training to continue a

current community gardening program. Funds could be used to improve accessibility for older adults through the improvement of an existing community garden's walking paths, purchase of ergonomic tools or lightweight hoses, installation of additional raised garden beds, benches, tables, shade structures, water spigots or solar water pumps to make gardening easier and more comfortable for older adults.

Funds may be used to host a temporary demonstration, civic engagement opportunity or pop-up event related to an ongoing program.

28. CAN COMMUNITY CHALLENGE FUNDS BE USED TO PAY CONTRACTORS TO COMPLETE THE WORK?

AARP recognizes that local governments and nonprofits may not have the staff expertise or skills to fully execute the projects, especially for physical infrastructure. While volunteers can bring many skills and applicants are strongly encouraged to consider the role volunteers could play (and whose work can potentially be considered "matching funds"), Community Challenge grants may be used to pay contractors to execute the grant. Contractors could include construction/general contractors, artists commissioned for public art design(s), installation professionals or ride-sharing companies.

29. WHAT ARE YOUR SCORING CRITERIA?

Eligible projects will be assessed on the following. This applies to applications under all three funding opportunities.

- **IMPACT (45 points)** – The project addresses a clear need that brings positive change and demonstrates the ability to overcome barriers and accelerate, grow and/or sustain the community's efforts to become more livable for residents (especially those age 50 and older).
- **EXECUTION (30 points)** – Applicants demonstrate capacity to deliver the AARP Community Challenge project on time and within the awarded budget, effectively engage residents and key stakeholders, and leverage volunteers (especially those age 50 and older) in the execution.
- **ADDRESSING DISPARITIES (15 points)** – The project addresses disparities for people of color and/or other historically marginalized groups, including community members of all ages (especially those age 50 and older), abilities, incomes, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities and other backgrounds.
- **INNOVATION (10 points)** – The project demonstrates creativity or unique design or engagement elements which will contribute to its impact on residents (especially those age 50 and older).

In addition to the criteria provided, AARP will also evaluate each project based on its consistency with the AARP mission to serve the needs of people age 50-plus.

30. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY “ADDRESS DISPARITIES”?

The AARP Community Challenge Grant is an opportunity for applicants to thoughtfully include how their project will address barriers to participation for certain populations, while acknowledging and celebrating differences within the community. Over 80% of recent grantees (across rural, suburban and urban locations) focused on disparities in their projects, while 75% directed their efforts to multi-cultural audiences. We encourage projects to address disparities by filling unmet needs and engage populations of different ages (especially those age 50-plus), abilities, incomes, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities and other backgrounds in community change efforts.

31. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY “LIVABLE COMMUNITIES”?

A livable community is one that is safe and secure. It offers choices in where to live and how to get around. And it equitably serves residents of all ages, ability levels, incomes, races, ethnicities and other backgrounds. Learn more at [What is a Livable Community?](#)

In the application, you will be asked to explain how your organization makes the community more livable for all.

32. THE APPLICATION MENTIONS MATCHING FUNDS. ARE THEY REQUIRED?

Matching funds are not required. If your project will be using volunteers, you can account for the monetary value of their donated time as an in-kind donation or matching funding. Various websites can provide the estimated monetary value of volunteer hours.

33. THE APPLICATION MENTIONS AN ATTACHMENT. WHAT CAN IT BE? IS IT REQUIRED?

One document can be uploaded to the Flagship and Demonstration Grant applications, but it is not required. Some applicants may wish to explain their project visually or more in-depth than the application permits. Multiple files should be combined into one document. The format of the document (e.g., JPEG, PDF, DOCX) does not matter.

34. HOW WILL I BE REQUIRED TO ACKNOWLEDGE AARP IN MY PROJECT?

If your application is funded, you will receive detailed guidance about branding, including a package with AARP logo files and pre-approved acknowledgment language. If you'll be putting out press releases or social media posts, those include a statement indicating that support was received from AARP and Community Challenge supporters as required by AARP. You will also be invited to coordinate publicity with your AARP State Office.

If your project is funded, you will design and secure your own signage or banners to acknowledge the Community Challenge Grant. AARP will provide plenty of examples and guidance at that time. You may include funding to pay for signage in your grant request and project budget.

35. THE ANNOUNCEMENT AND APPLICATION MENTION LIABILITY INSURANCE. IS IT REQUIRED?

If your application is funded under the *Flagship* or the *Demonstration Grant*, your organization will need to carry and maintain comprehensive general liability (and professional liability, if applicable) in an amount not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) and workers' compensation insurance in an amount as required by applicable law covering all personnel engaged in the execution of the grant.

Worker's compensation insurance requirements vary state-by-state for volunteers. Please reference local applicable requirements.

If your application is funded under the *Capacity-Building Microgrant*, your organizations will need to carry and maintain comprehensive general liability insurance in an amount that's appropriate to cover the potential liability of the project as determined by the organization.

You may include funding to pay for liability insurance in your grant request and project budget.

36. WHAT DOCUMENTATION MUST BE MAINTAINED DURING AND AFTER THE GRANT PERIOD?

Organizations will need to retain financial documentation and expenses in accordance with their own policies. AARP retains the right to review financial documents, but they do not need to be submitted with the After-Action Report.

Copies of general releases obtained during the project execution for photos, videos, and stories will be retained by the organization. AARP retains the right to review general releases, but they do not need to be submitted with the After-Action Report.

37. IS THE GRANT REIMBURSEABLE? WHAT IS THE TIMELINE FOR PAYMENT? WHEN CAN PROJECT WORK BEGIN? WHEN CAN I PURCHASE MATERIALS?

If selected, organizations will need to submit financial forms and a return a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Financial forms are due on June 11, 2025. The MOU is due within two weeks of receipt. Upon receipt of all required documents, AARP will issue payment to grantees. Payment may take up to three to four weeks from submission of documents.

AARP may authorize work to begin once the financial forms and the Memorandum of Understanding are returned. However, the grant cannot be announced publicly until June 25, 2025.

Purchases made or grant activities completed prior to the submission of the required financial documents and Memorandum of Understanding are not eligible for grant reimbursement.

38. IS THE GRANT APPLICATION AVAILABLE IN OTHER LANGUAGES?

The application is only available in English. The application may be submitted in other languages and will be reviewed.

39. IS THE GRANT APPLICATION ACCESSIBLE FOR THOSE WITH LIMITED SIGHT OR VISION IMPAIRMENTS?

Yes, the online application meets accessibility requirements.

If you require additional assistance or accommodations, please contact AARP at communitychallenge@aarp.org.

40. ARE THERE OTHER AARP GRANT OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE?

By submitting a proposal for the AARP Community Challenge initiative, you and your organization give AARP permission to reach out to you and others at your organization about other possible AARP funding opportunities that your proposal may be eligible for based on the AARP Community Challenge criteria. However, please note that AARP is not obligated in any way to consider your proposal for any additional AARP funding.

AARP might be contacted by other potential funders that could be interested in funding projects that were not funded through the AARP Community Challenge. The potential funders may have additional process steps and funding requirements than those of the AARP Community Challenge. If requested, AARP would like to send your contact information, organization name and a short description of the proposal, including the community where the project would take place ("Project Information"). Please note that these projects will be subject to any potential funder's own terms, conditions and review. Please indicate in your application whether you give permission to AARP to share your contact information and a description of your proposal. If you select "yes," you agree on behalf of yourself and your organization to release AARP and its affiliates and their respective officers, directors, employees, contractors, agents and representatives from all liability associated with sharing the Project Information with potential funders.

41. WHAT ARE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE AARP COMMUNITY CHALLENGE?

If you submit this application, you agree on behalf of yourself and your organization to release AARP and its affiliates and their respective officers, directors, employees, contractors, agents and representatives from all liability associated with submission and evaluation of your organization's application.

By submitting an application to AARP, the applicant agrees that:

- The decisions of AARP regarding the eligibility of applicants and the validity of entries shall be final and binding.
- All submissions will be judged by AARP, whose decisions and determinations as to the administration of the award and selection of award recipients are final.
- AARP has the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel, or suspend the award.

- All projects and applications shall not violate any third-party rights.
- Except where prohibited by law, participation in the AARP Community Challenge constitutes the Applicant's consent to AARP's use of the organization's name and corporate logo, street address, city, state, zip code, county, and names, likenesses, photographs, videos, images, and statements made or provided by the Applicant's representatives regarding the award for promotional purposes in any media without further permission, consent, payment or other consideration in perpetuity.
- All promotional materials (such as newsletters, press releases), events and signage related to the funded project will include a statement indicating that support was received from AARP and Community Challenge supporters as required by AARP.
- The organization is required to capture photos, videos and/or stories from the project. As the organization captures photos, videos and/or stories from the project, if an identifiable individual appears in the photos, videos and/or stories, the organization is responsible for having him/her sign the AARP General Release. (This document is provided to grantees with the Memorandum of Understanding and other required paperwork). In addition, the organization should not include any element in photos or videos provided to AARP that may violate third party rights, such as artwork and trademarks in text and logo other than those owned by the organization and AARP. The organization may be asked to send work-in-progress photos to AARP upon request. Following the grant period, grantees are required to respond to periodic requests for updates from AARP.
- The submission of the After-Action Report at the conclusion of the project is required by the deadline. Failure to submit the required report will result in the removal from the AARP website until the time of submission, and non-completion will disqualify an applicant from future AARP Community Challenge grant programs.
- AARP and its affiliated organizations, subsidiaries, agents and employees are not responsible for late, lost, illegible, incomplete, stolen, misdirected, illegitimate, or impermissible submissions or any other error whether human, mechanical or electronic.

42. HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR THE JANUARY 29, 2025 APPLICANT Q&A WEBINAR? WILL THERE BE A RECORDING IF I CANNOT ATTEND?

You can register for the [Applicant Q&A Webinar HERE](#). A recording of the webinar will be posted to the [AARP Community Challenge website](#) shortly thereafter.

43. I DON'T KNOW MY AARP STATE OFFICE CONTACT. WHERE CAN I FIND IT?

You can go to states.aarp.org/ find contact information for your AARP State Office. Click on your state and then you will find it on the next page.

44. WHEN AND HOW DO I LEARN ABOUT NEXT YEAR'S COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANT CYCLE?

The AARP Community Challenge is an annual grant program. To learn about future Community

Challenge grant opportunities and learn more about AARP Livable Communities, you can subscribe to the free, award-winning [Livable Communities E-Newsletter](#).

45. ARE THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS AVAILABLE IN A DOCUMENT OR ONLY ON YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED?

Yes, there is a PDF version of these Frequently Asked Questions available [HERE](#).

46. I DON'T SEE THE ANSWER TO MY QUESTION HERE. WHO CAN I CONTACT?

If AARP has not answered your question here, please submit a question via the "[Your Questions Answered](#)" website (you must have a free AARP account to do so) or email us at CommunityChallenge@AARP.org.