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Grants to make communities livable for people of all ages
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ATTACHMENT C: EXAMPLES OF 2017 & 2018 FUNDED PROJECTS BY CATEGORY

Demonstrate the tangible value of “Smart Cities.”

<p>Seattle, WA City of Seattle</p>	<p>The city used the grant to help host a hackathon called “A City for All” in September 2017 to coincide with the National Day for Civic Hacking. Participants broke into teams to develop ideas for using data to improve Seattle’s outdoor spaces, address the social isolation that can come with age and increase transportation accessibility. One prize winner focused on improving the pedestrian experience by creating an app that maps the city’s sounds, smells, tree canopy, points of interest and other street-level information. With the hackathon, the city was able to promote both intergenerational and interdepartmental engagement.</p>
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Deliver a range of transportation and mobility options in the community through permanent or temporary solutions to increase connectivity, walkability, bikeability, and access to public and private transit.

<p>Kansas City BetterBlockKC</p>	<p>As part of the city’s broader Complete Streets efforts, this grant funded the installation of an enhanced crosswalk, parking, protected bike lanes and floating bus stops to promote safety and more pedestrian activity along Oak Street.</p>
<p>Honolulu Bikeshare Hawaii</p>	<p>The grant funded a workshop, social rides and free bikeshare access in order to build confidence and familiarity among older adults with a mobility option that promotes healthy lifestyles.</p>
<p>Saco, ME Age Friendly Saco</p>	<p>The grant was used to purchase and install 3 ADA compliant beach mats. Two mats were placed together running 150 ft. along the beach extending from the parking lot to the high tide mark. An additional 50 ft. mat ran from the end of the 150 ft. mats and parallel to the beach. This accessible path served as a public access point for anyone with limited physical abilities to access the beach.</p>
<p>Hamlin, WV Lincoln County Friends of the Arts</p>	<p>The grant helped improve transportation mobility by funding the creation of artistic crosswalks in areas served by the regional bus service.</p>
<p>Chino Valley, AZ Yavapai Regional Transit Inc.</p>	<p>The grant was used to install a much-needed ADA-compliant pad and walkway at a transit station.</p>
<p>West Sacramento, CA City of West Sacramento</p>	<p>The grant was used to improve pedestrian safety by adjusting signal timing and installing crossing buttons near senior-citizen affordable housing.</p>

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Dover, DE City of Dover	By placing signage along walking paths to promote the reopening of a long-blocked trail, former users learned they could return and new users discovered an available walking destination.
St. Paul, MN Department of Public Works	The city made crosswalks more visible to roadway users by adding art and creative features to them and installed, for demonstration purposes, temporary pedestrian safety measures to improve walkability.
Newburgh, NY City of Newburgh	A demonstration project was held on Lake and Washington streets as part of the city and Orange County's Complete Streets program for Lake Street.
Orange County, NC Orange County Department on Aging	Working in cooperation with the county's public transportation department, the grant improved bus ridership in the more rural parts of northern Orange County where few stops have adequate shelters, benches or even flat areas for waiting passengers.

Support the availability of a range of housing in the community through permanent or temporary solutions that increase accessible and affordable housing options.

Chicago Metropolitan Mayors Caucus	Grant funds were used for a demonstration of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and for the development of model code language throughout the metropolitan area to increase awareness about and the production of this housing type.
Lexington, KY Division of Aging and Disability Services	Funds helped create a manual for homeowners and builders about planning for and constructing Accessory Dwelling Units.
Atlanta MicroLife Institute	This grant helped demonstrate the viability of micro (200- to 500-square-foot) accessory dwelling units through the construction of two backyard bungalows, which are now legal as a result of a recent city code adoption supporting detached ADUs.
Santa Cruz, CA Habitat for Humanity Monterey Bay	The grant helped older, low-income homeowners build ADA-compliant accessory dwelling units (ADUs) so they can age in place while earning rental income with the addition of an affordable rental unit.
Eugene, OR SquareOne Villages	The funds were used for construction materials to complete an ADA-compliant tiny home in Emerald Village Eugene, an affordable housing community of 22 tiny houses
Bethel, ME Bethel Area Age-Friendly	The grant was used to construct a display and tool kit featuring accessories that make homes safer and help prevent falls.

Create vibrant public places in the community through permanent or temporary solutions that improve open spaces, parks and access to other amenities.

<p>Chicago Chicago Department of Transportation</p>	<p>This grant supported the installation of temporary parklets in parking lanes along a commercial corridor and sidewalk enhancements to improve pedestrian safety, community engagement and economic development.</p>
<p>Gary City of Gary Redevelopment Commission</p>	<p>The grant helped provide for a new park on a formerly blighted vacant lot and offer free or low-cost events, programming and amenities to the general public.</p>
<p>Hettinger Hettinger Area Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>The grant supported a more vibrant Main Street and attractive outdoor space through the installation of outdoor board games and other outdoor activities in the community plaza.</p>
<p>San Diego, CA City Heights Community Development Corporation</p>	<p>This grant helped to make the Little East Africa neighborhood of San Diego a healthier and more connected community by installing permanent seating and greenery at the 50th Street Gathering Space.</p>
<p>Omaha, NE City of Omaha</p>	<p>The AARP grant was used for a low-income neighborhood that is home to a high-rise housing structure for older adults and a Salvation Army Community Center. The city purchased benches for heavily used bus stop and cedar planters that were suitable for gardening from a standing or sitting position.</p>
<p>Charlotte, NC City of Charlotte</p>	<p>The grant funded two porch swings at bus stops along Belmont Avenue, the community's primary bus route, where many older adults rely heavily on public transit.</p>
<p>Columbia, SC City of Columbia</p>	<p>The grant funded seating along Main Street, which attracts a highly active pedestrian population and hosts events that draw people from the surrounding region.</p>
<p>Macon, GA South Macon Arts Revitalization Technology, Inc.</p>	<p>Chess tables and other board games were added next to an area that will be the site of a community center as a way for older and younger residents to spend time together.</p>
<p>Detroit Eden Gardens Block Club</p>	<p>This grant helped to create a multigenerational community-built playground in an area currently without any safe, nearby play resources.</p>
<p>Gulfport, MS City of Gulfport</p>	<p>The grant was used to create a "Bark Park" on an acre of property at the new Brickyard Bayou Park, located in a part of the city that was devastated during Hurricane Katrina and is being redeveloped as a multi-use park.</p>
<p>Boise, ID Idaho Smart Growth</p>	<p>A pop-up plaza was constructed to demonstrate the benefits of public gathering places.</p>

<p>Lexington, KY Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government</p>	<p>ADA-accessible benches were placed along a city trail and positioned in a U-shaped conversational style to foster greater social interaction and better enable visitors to talk to and hear one another.</p>
<p>Danville, KY Heart of Danville</p>	<p>The grant supported the installation of the first community mural in downtown Danville and engage 1,000 residents in the design and painting of the mural.</p>
<p>Wayne, MI Wayne Ripple Effect</p>	<p>An underutilized alleyway owned by the city was transformed into a community gathering and events space.</p>
<p>Oconomowoc, WI City of Oconomowoc</p>	<p>The funds were used to turn an alleyway into a corridor to connect the Main Street with a nearby lake.</p>
<p>Washington, D.C. Van Ness Main Street</p>	<p>A plaza in the Van Ness area was transformed and made more usable through landscaping, public art and seating.</p>

Other Community Improvements

<p>Truth or Consequences, NM Main Street Truth or Consequences</p>	<p>The grant was used to encourage people to walk by improving the walkability of the downtown and creating a “Walk Downtown” outreach program.</p>
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In order to be eligible for the 2019 grant, the activity defined in the proposal must be completed by November 4, 2019.