

Ideas for Funding Age-Friendly Community Projects

Inspiring News! This year's state budget includes \$7 million for two new grant programs (still in the creation stage) to fund age-friendly community and caregiver hub projects.

Age-Friendly Community Priorities Overlap with Many Funders' Priorities

Start by looking for funds locally – check out the charitable foundations of banks and businesses located in your community or search for locally based family funds. Then propose a project that matches one of your community's goals and one of the funder's goals.

Here are some goal-aligned grant programs to consider

AARP Challenge Grant

Funds quick-action projects that improve public places and community livability

<https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/community-challenge/>

Bergen County Division of Senior Services

3-year grant cycle awarding Older Americans Act funds to community-based programs for seniors, caregivers, and individuals with disabilities

<https://www.co.bergen.nj.us/division-of-senior-services>

Community Development Block Grants

Community development projects including infrastructure, community centers, housing rehab, homeowner assistance, and more

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbq/>

Creative Aging Initiative Grant

Provides funds to arts organizations, libraries, veterans' homes, senior and community centers for arts learning experiences for older adults

https://nj.gov/state/njsca/dos_njsca_grants.html

Inclusive Healthy Communities

Funds projects promoting health and well-being of individuals with disabilities in the communities where they live

<https://inclusivehealthycommunities.org>

Partners for Places

Funds sustainability and green infrastructure projects in places impacted by injustice, economic disadvantage, and environmental harm

<https://www.fundersnetwork.org/partners-for-places/#opportunities>

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Funds research and initiatives to achieve health equity and build a culture of health

<https://www.rwjf.org/en/grants/active-funding-opportunities.html?o=1&us=1>

Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity

Funds for hiring of health department outreach coordinators (subject to annual renewal)

<https://healthapps.state.nj.us/noticeofgrant/noticegrants.aspx>

Sustainable Jersey

Offers multiple competitive grant and technical assistance opportunities each year.

<https://www.sustainablejersey.com/grants/>

Vibrant Places Program

Funds community planning assistance for projects to strengthen ties between people and places

<https://togethernorthjersey.com/technical-assistance/>

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