

NEWTOWN COMMISSION ON AGING
Special Meeting
Senior Center, 8 Simpson Street Newtown, CT
MONDAY, May 22, 2023, **4:00 pm**

1. Call to Order
2. Salute to Flag
3. Roll call
4. Public Comments.
5. Approval of minutes of the April 2023 Meeting
6. Chair Report – Ms. Anne Rothstein
 - a Regional Senior Centers/COA meeting
 - b Grant Opportunities
 - i AARP (2024)
 - ii Dreyfus
 - c Group to Goodspeed (Gypsy, Summer Stock, Dreamgirls)
7. Director of Human Services - Ms. Natalie Jackson
8. Treasurer’s Report - LeReine Frampton
 - a. Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report
9. Old Business
10. New Business - Discussion and Possible Action
 - Regional COA Meeting
 - Dates: June 3, 10 or 17
 - Possible Agenda (Attached)
 - Attending
11. Member comments
12. Adjournment



Senior Centers/Commission on Aging Regional Meeting
Tentative Agenda
June 17, 2023



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

Newtown Senior Center

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1. Welcome
 2. Introductions by town
 - a. Membership information
 - i. Number
 - ii. M/F distribution
 - iii. Dues
 - iv. Attendance
 - b. How funded – Town, State, Grants, Donations
 - c. Relationships with non-profits and town
 - d. Services provided to members
 - e. Calendar/types of activities
 - f. Special Events
 3. Review of agenda and additions
 4. Data from AgingCT Survey – Handout
 5. Topics to be discussed (Suggested by Attendees)
 - a. Attracting younger seniors to our centers
 - b. Activities
 - i. Popular
 - ii. Educational
 - iii. Physically challenging
 - iv. Trips
 - v. Speakers
 - vi. Health Related
 - c. Encouraging attendance.
 6. Meals/Food
 7. Relationship between senior center and COA
 8. Relationship between town social services, COA and Senior Center

AARP

2023 AARP Community Challenge

*A grant program to make communities **more livable** for people **of all ages** with*

***tangible improvements** that jump-start long-term change*

AARP invites you to submit applications for quick-action projects that can help your community become more livable for all residents, especially those age 50 and over.

Applications must be submitted through aarp.org/communitychallenge and are due by March 15, 2023, 5:00 p.m. ET. All projects must be completed by November 30, 2023.

AARP LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

AARP Livable Communities supports the efforts of neighborhoods, towns, cities and counties nationwide to become more livable for all. We believe that communities should provide safe, walkable streets; affordable and accessible housing and transportation options; access to needed services; and opportunities for residents, especially those age 50 and older, to participate in civic and community life.

AARP has offices in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and is working with local leaders in the more than 700 communities that are part of the [AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities](#). Our vision is for a future in which all communities—urban, suburban and rural—are great for people of all ages.

AARP COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

It takes time to build great communities, but quick actions and tangible improvements can help spark long-term progress. To support this, in 2017 AARP launched the AARP Community Challenge to fund projects that build momentum for change.

Since then, the AARP Community Challenge has awarded \$12.7 million through more than 1,060 grants that have demonstrated the ability to:

- Improve communities with **tangible changes**
- Leverage **additional funds** and support from public, private and philanthropic funders

- Advance change and **overcome policy barriers**
- Lead to new relationships and greater **awareness and engagement** with the effort

AARP is currently soliciting applications for 2023 funding. Applications are due by March 15, 2023, 5:00 p.m. ET, and all projects must be completed by November 30, 2023.

Applications must be submitted through aarp.org/communitychallenge. See Attachment A for the sample application.

GRANT OPPORTUNITY AREAS

In 2023, the AARP Community Challenge is accepting applications across three different grant opportunities, two of which are new this year:

➤ ***Flagship Grants***

AARP's flagship Community Challenge grant program where 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 ranging from \$500 to \$50,000 with an average grant amount of \$11,900 (83% of grants have been under \$20,000.) AARP also reserves the right to award compelling projects of any dollar amount. We are accepting 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;
- Ensuring a focus on **diversity, equity and inclusion** while improving the built and social environment of a community;
- Increasing **digital connections** by expanding high-speed internet and enhancing digital literacy skills of residents;
- Supporting **community resilience** through investments that improve disaster management, preparedness and mitigation for residents;
- Increasing **civic engagement** with innovative and tangible projects that bring residents and local leaders together to address challenges and facilitate a greater sense of inclusion; and
- Improving **community health and economic empowerment** to support residents' financial well-being and improve health outcomes.

➤ ***NEW in 2023! Capacity-Building Microgrants***

Combining \$2,500 grants with additional resources, *such as webinars, cohort learning opportunities, up to two hours of one-on-one coaching with leading national organizations and AARP publications*, this new grant opportunity will accept applications for projects that benefit residents (especially those age 50 and older) in the following categories:

- **Walkability** – Implement walk audit assessments to enhance safety and walkability with support from [America Walks](#), using the [AARP Walk Audit Tool it](#).
- **Community Gardens** – Start or grow a community garden with support from [880 Cities](#), using the AARP publication [Creating Community Gardens for All Ages](#).

➤ **NEW in 2023! Demonstration Grants**

Supporting demonstration efforts that encourage replication of promising local efforts, this new grant opportunity will accept applications for projects that benefit residents (especially those age 50 and older) in the following categories:

- Advancing solutions that build capacity towards **transportation systems changes** (approximately \$30,000 – \$50,000 each). This grant category is sponsored by Toyota Motor North America.
- Implementing **accessory dwelling unit (ADU) design competitions** that increase community understanding of the benefits of accessory dwelling units and encourage implementation of ADU policies (approximately \$10,000 – \$15,000 each).

See **Attachment C** for examples from previous AARP Community Challenge funded projects.

Organizations are eligible to apply for more than one grant opportunity and may submit multiple applications.

ELIGIBILITY

Each project must satisfy the guidelines as described in the **GRANT OPPORTUNITY** section above **and** the following Organization Type, Mission Focus and Project Type criteria to be eligible:

- **ORGANIZATION TYPE:** The program is open to the following types of organizations:
 - **501(c)(3), 501(c)(4) and 501(c)(6) nonprofits** (*Nonprofit organizations must be recognized by the IRS to receive funds.*)
 - **Government entities**
 - **Other types** of organizations considered on a case-by-case basis. (*Funds will not be provided to any for-profit company, nor individuals. However, AARP does allow for IRS recognized 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4) and 501(c)(6) tax-exempt nonprofit organizations or government entities to serve as fiscal sponsors of grants.*)
- **MISSION FOCUS:** AARP will evaluate each project based on its consistency with the AARP mission to serve the needs of people 50-plus.
- **PROJECT TYPE:** AARP Community Challenge grants may be used to support three project types. Project types described below will be prioritized over those that support ongoing programming or events.
 - **Permanent physical improvements** in the community
 - **Temporary demonstrations** that lead to long-term change
 - **New, innovative programming** pilots or services

PROJECTS THAT ARE INELIGIBLE

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 a vehicle (such as a car or truck)
- 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

SCORING

Eligible projects will be assessed on:

- **IMPACT (60 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), focuses on diversity and inclusion, and addresses disparities.
- **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.
- **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)

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements.
- Applications must be submitted through [AARP.org/CommunityChallenge](https://www.aarp.org/CommunityChallenge) with all pertinent information by March 15, 2023, 5:00 p.m. ET.
- Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

GRANT SELECTION

Grant recipients will be selected by an AARP panel of experts on aging, community development and livable communities. Projects will be judged on the degree to which their goals make an immediate change that leads to longer-term impact and meet all other selection criteria.

GRANT SELECTION NOTIFICATION

Grant recipients and unselected applicants will be notified by email in May 2023. Selected applicants must execute and email a binding Memorandum of Understanding and completed vendor forms to AARP by June 14, 2023. Noncompliance with this deadline may result in disqualification or delayed funding.

2023 TIMELINE

Dates	Key Activity
March 15, 2023 (5:00 pm ET)	Deadline for applications.
May, 2023	Selected and non-selected applicants will be notified of their status via email.
June 14, 2023	Deadline for MOU (memorandum of understanding) and vendor forms to be completed and returned by selected applicants to AARP.
June 28, 2023 (tentative)	Public announcement of selected grantees to public and date upon which projects can begin.
November 30, 2023	Deadline for project completion.
December 31, 2023	Deadline for After-Action Report.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

An Opportunity for Other Possible AARP Funding:

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.

Note Regarding Other Potential Funders:

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 or not you give permission to AARP to share your Project Information with other potential funders. We will alert you before this Project Information is given to potential funders.

SUBMISSION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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.
- The organization agrees to carry and maintain comprehensive general liability and professional liability 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.
- 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.
- The organization is required to capture photos of the project and is encouraged to capture video. As the organization captures photos and video of the project, if an identifiable individual appears in the photos and/or videos, the organization is responsible for having him/her sign the AARP General Release (this document will be provided to grantees with the MOU 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 should be prepared 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.
- 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.

Dreyfus Foundation Grants

Funder Dreyfus Foundation, Max and Victoria

Funder Type Private Foundation or Non-Profit

Country of Funder United States

Upcoming deadlines

Date	What's due	Notes
10 May 2023 - Confirmed / sponsor	Application - required	Fall Award Round
10 Nov 2023 - Anticipated / sponsor	Application - required	Spring Award Round

Deadline Note Applicants may not submit requests for consecutive grant rounds.

Link to Pivot-RP: https://pivot.proquest.com/funding_opps/c9cdb7e4-68f6-4cb3-895e-f2f1552f7976

Research Office Note If you wish to apply for a funding opportunity, please complete a Notice of Intent to Submit e-Form at the link below to notify the **Office of Research and Sponsored Programs!**

[Notice of Intent to Submit e-Form](#)

For questions or assistance with proposal preparation, please contact us at orsp.lehman@lehman.cuny.edu

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Amount **Upper: \$20,000 USD Lower: \$1,000 USD**

Awards typically range from \$1,000 to \$20,000. The Foundation cannot make grants to individuals.

Eligibility	We will consider grants for IRS-qualified non-profit organizations located within the United States.
Applicant/Institution Location	United States
Citizenship	United States
Activity Location	United States
Applicant Type	Non-profit
Abstract	The Foundation will consider requests to support museums, cultural and performing arts programs; schools and hospitals; educational, skills-training and other programs for youth, seniors, and persons with disabilities; environmental and wildlife protection activities; and other community-based organizations and programs.
Website	https://www.mvdreyfusfoundation.org/application-guidelines
Keywords	Arts and Culture Community or Outreach Programs People with Disabilities Performing Arts Training and Development Wildlife
Funding type	Research: Project Grants & Innovation
Pivot-RP ID:	c9cdb7e4-68f6-4cb3-895e-f2f1552f7976

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PERFORMING TIMES

Sat 3pm & 8pm Sun 2pm	\$84	\$82	\$78	\$62	\$38
Fri 8pm Wed/Thur 2pm	\$70	\$66	\$56	\$55	\$29
Lunch Package	\$106	\$102	\$92	\$91	-
Wed 7:30pm	\$60	\$55	\$50	\$45	\$29
Dinner Package	\$100	\$95	\$90	\$85	-
Thurs 7:30pm	\$70	\$66	\$56	\$55	\$29
Dinner Package	\$110	\$106	\$96	\$95	-