



# Lifelong Communities Mini-Grant Program

**Total grant dollars requested last cycle:** 13 applicants for \$32,032 in requests

**Total grant dollars awarded last cycle:** \$17,789

**Number of grants awarded:** 10

**Average grant size last cycle:** \$1,779

**Maximum grant size:** \$2,500

**Application deadline:** January 15

## Recent grants from the Lifelong Communities Mini-Grant Program

## Background

The Lifelong Communities Mini-Grant Program supports efforts to make communities more supportive of older people's health, well-being, and ability to age in the community. This includes community planning, and the development and implementation of programs that will increase opportunities for people over 60 to stay in their communities as they age.

Any community that considers themselves focused on aging in community may apply, as well as those that are part of: "AARP's Network of Age Friendly Communities," the national Village to Village Network, "Communities for All Ages," and "Livable Communities." Dementia Friendly Community initiatives may also apply (see [www.dfamerica.org](http://www.dfamerica.org) for information and resources).

## Purpose

This mini-grant program is aimed at filling gaps in resources needed to help people stay and engage in their communities as they age. This includes support for:

- Gathering information about related resources and needs in your community
- Engaging community members through focus groups, meetings, and other methods
- Implementing projects that will improve the quality of life for older community members
- Planning and implementing dementia friendly initiatives.

## Criteria

Proposed projects must be:

- Focused on aging in community
- Community-led
- Informed by older people's participation and input
- Responsive to needs the community has identified and prioritized.

## Priorities

This program will give priority to projects that:

- Have municipal leadership and/or support
- Have strong community partners
- Propose creative, low-cost solutions
- Have high potential to positively impact the quality of life of community members over age 60
- Address inequities and engage a diverse range of older residents, including those with low incomes, disabilities, mental health conditions, limited English proficiency; racial or ethnic groups; immigrants and/or refugees; and those who identify as LGBTQ.

## How to Apply

Complete the online grant application by clicking the green Log In button at the top right-hand corner of this page. Online applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on January 15, 2020.

Grant awards will be announced in mid-March 2020. Grant-funded activities must begin after April 1, 2020.

All applicants must meet the Maine Community Foundation's [general grant eligibility requirements](#).

## Questions?

If you have questions about the eligibility and/or fit of your project, please contact Laura Lee by email or phone: [llee@mainecf.org](mailto:llee@mainecf.org), or (207) 412-0838.

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