AARP Community Challenge 2020
(Due April 1/ Start July 15 and end Nov 9)
“QUICK ACTION” GRANTS TO MAKE COMMUNITIES MORE LIVEABLE FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES

Project Category. Please select the category below that best describes your project, along with the primary corresponding sub-category.

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

- Public space activation (e.g., public plaza improvements, parklets, street trees, alleyway activation, seating and games in public spaces, seating along Main Street corridors, signage in neighborhoods)
- Public art installations that make a space more inviting (e.g. murals and sculptures that are connected to a broader plan for the public space)
- Park enhancements (e.g., park equipment improvements, new structures, dog parks)
- Playgrounds (e.g., intergenerational play spaces)
- Community gardens (e.g., building accessible community garden beds)
- Activities to engage people in vibrant public places (e.g., open streets events)
- Accessibility of amenities (e.g., increasing accessibility features of park equipment)
- Public safety interventions (e.g., proper lighting, landscaping, block revitalization/maintenance)
- Other (please only select if your project does not fit into one of the above categories and please describe in detail)

**Deliver a range of transportation and mobility options** through permanent or temporary solutions that increase connectivity, walkability, bikeability and access to public and private transit and safety.

- Roadway/sidewalks/crosswalk improvement and beautification (e.g., markings for crosswalks, traffic calming pop-ups at intersections)
- Micro-mobility enhancements/management (e.g., parking and training on scooters, e-bikes, etc.)
- Bikeability (e.g., bike sharing options, temporary bike lanes)
- Expansion and enhancement of existing transportation options (e.g., adding volunteer-led transportation programs, enhanced coordination of existing transportation resources)
- Public or private transit access and safety (e.g., transit shelters, activating and improving transit stops)
- Improved wayfinding (e.g., signage and markings)
- Trails (e.g., completing and connecting trails, signage)
- Accessibility of transportation amenities (e.g., increasing accessibility features of transportation options for people of all abilities, including ADA compliance, etc.)
- Other (please only select if your project does not fit into one of the above categories and please describe in detail)

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

- Accessory dwelling units and tiny homes
- Co-housing programming and resources
- Resources about housing options and available services
- Innovative or new home maintenance, repair and support services
- Lifelong housing and accessibility
- Other (please only select if your project does not fit into one of the above categories and please describe in detail)

*Increase civic engagement with innovative and tangible projects* that bring residents and local leaders together to address challenges and facilitate a greater sense of community inclusion and diversity.

- Developing projects based on residents’ priorities (e.g., participatory budgeting efforts)
- Bringing resident insight and volunteer power into local government (e.g., citizen academies, local volunteers supporting City Hall efforts)
- Engaging residents alongside thought leaders in problem solving (e.g., hackathons)
- Other ideas that improve civic engagement in the community (please only select if your project does not fit into one of the above categories and please describe in detail)

**Note**

*Demonstrate the tangible value of “Smart Cities”* by developing and implementing innovative programs that involve residents in accessing, understanding and using data to engage in decision-making that increases quality of life for all.

- Tools and programming to capture data and resident feedback
- Activities that highlight the use of data to improve decision-making in local government
- Other (please only select if your project does not fit into one of the above categories and please describe in detail)

**Other**

- Connectivity improvements, including broadband access.
- Activities that increase access to healthcare services
- Activities that support family caregivers
- Activities to support entrepreneurship and economic development
- Other (please only select if your project does not fit into one of the above categories and please describe in detail)