AARP Community Challenge 2020

AARP is now accepting applications for quick-action projects that can help your community become more livable. **Applications are due by April 1, 2020**; all projects must be completed by November 9, 2020. Applications must be submitted through [this link](https://www.vlct.org).

AARP will prioritize projects that aim to achieve the following outcomes:

- Increasing civic engagement with innovative and tangible projects to bring residents and local leaders together to address challenges and facilitate greater sense of community inclusion and diversity.
- 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, wayfinding, access to transportation options and roadway improvements.
- Supporting the availability of a range of housing that increases accessible and affordable housing options.
- Demonstrating the tangible value of “smart cities” with programs that engage residents in accessing, understanding and using data, and participating in decision-making to improve the quality of life for everyone.
- Other community improvements. In addition to the five areas of focus, AARP wants to hear about local needs and new, innovative ideas for addressing them.

While the new civic engagement category targets local governments, nonprofits can still apply for and receive a grant, but they must demonstrate that they are working with local governments to solicit residents’ insights on the project or to help solve a pressing challenge.

Community Challenge grants can be used to support the following types of projects:

1. Permanent physical improvements in the community
2. Temporary demonstrations that lead to long-term change
3. New, innovative programming or services

Note: The project types described above will be prioritized over those that support ongoing programming or events.
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