



Grants to make communities livable for people of all ages
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AARP Nebraska Awards Grant to Phelps County Community Foundation as Part of Nationwide Program to Make Communities More Livable

LINCOLN, NEB. — AARP Nebraska is pleased to announce Phelps County Community Foundation in Holdrege, Nebraska, will be awarded \$15,000 through their 2024 Community Challenge grant—part of AARP’s largest investment in communities to date with \$3.8 million awarded among 343 organizations nationwide. Grantees will implement quick-action projects that help communities become more livable by improving public places, transportation, housing, digital connections and more, with an emphasis on the needs of adults ages 50 and older.

“AARP Nebraska is committed to working with local leaders, advocates and policymakers to make our communities better places to live for Nebraskans of all ages, especially those 50 and older,” said Todd Stubbendieck, State Director for AARP Nebraska. “We’re proud to collaborate with this year’s grantees as they make immediate improvements to address long-standing and emerging challenges across our communities.”

This year, AARP awarded three different grant opportunities, including **flagship grants**, **capacity-building microgrants** for improving walkability, bikeability and accessible home modifications, and **demonstration grants** that focus on equitable engagement to reconnect communities, housing choice design competitions and improving digital connections to endure disasters.

Phelps County was awarded under the category of “Flagship Grant – Public Places.” Their Midtown Sculpture Garden in Holdrege will be an accessible, inclusive space where community members of all ages can gather and enjoy art, the beauty of the outdoors, music and friends.

The grant program is part of AARP’s nationwide Livable Communities initiative, which supports the efforts of cities, towns, neighborhoods and rural areas to become great places to live for people of all ages, with an emphasis on people ages 50 and older. Since 2017, AARP Nebraska has awarded 29 grants and \$366,086 through the program to nonprofit organizations and government entities across the state.

With funding support from Toyota Motor North America, the AARP Community Challenge Grant program is increasing its investment in pedestrian safety projects that will improve streets and sidewalks, create vibrant pedestrian infrastructure, engage community members and much more. AARP is also bolstering its investment in community resilience, rural communities, and addressing disparities.

AARP Community Challenge grant projects will be funded in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. True to the program’s quick-action nature, projects must be completed by December 15, 2024. View the full list of grantees and their project descriptions at aarp.org/communitychallenge and learn more about AARP’s livable communities work at aarp.org/livable.

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