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AARP invests in communities across Florida!

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Community Challenge



24 Florida organizations selected for AARP Community Challenge grant program

AARP has announced another landmark year for its Community Challenge grant program, with 24 grants awarded in Florida! Now marking its 10-year anniversary, the program has doubled in size for 2026, investing \$8.3 million across 750 grantees nationwide to accelerate quick-action projects that make communities more livable for people of all ages.

This year's grants support innovative ideas that deliver immediate improvements, spark local creativity, and lay the foundation for long-term change. Funding is being awarded in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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We are proud to highlight just a few of the 24 inspiring projects funded in Florida this year:

- + Florida Housing Coalition, Tallahassee, FL**
A statewide housing design gallery will showcase adaptable, small-scale housing models suited for older adults. One community will receive technical support to apply a design on a real site.
- + Timucuan Parks Foundation Inc., Jacksonville, FL**
Jacksonville's Castaway Island Preserve – a local nature preserve – will be upgraded with accessibility improvements including entry kiosks, benches, and improved wayfinding to support older adults' use of nature for walking, rest, and wellness.
- + Helping Seniors of Brevard, Melbourne, FL**
A technology library and classroom will be fully equipped in an existing facility used by older adults. Ongoing classes will help participants use digital tools to manage daily tasks and services.
- + Florida Home Partnership, Inc., Ruskin, FL**
Targeted safety upgrades will be completed in 30 older adult homes, including the addition of grab bars, railings and improved lighting fixtures. These changes will reduce fall risks and help residents remain safely in their homes.
- + City of South Miami, Miami, FL**
Three walk audits will evaluate major corridors to ensure that they better serve older residents. Community meetings will review findings that will inform future transportation planning in South Miami.



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The AARP Community Challenge is a key component of AARP's nationwide [livable communities](#) work, which supports neighborhoods, towns, and cities in becoming great places for people of all ages.

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