

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF AGING SERVICES

Age-Friendly Grants Programs

TAKE NOTICE that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, 34.5 and 34.6, the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services hereby announces the availability of the grant program funds described herein.

Program Name: Age-Friendly Grants Program.

Purpose: This Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Aging Services (DoAS) to strengthen the capacity of New Jersey communities by providing funding opportunities to local government and nonprofit organizations to assess, plan, and develop local age-friendly initiatives that support the health and wellbeing of older adults. The program is designed to advance efforts that result in tangible and sustainable transformation of policies, systems, and environmental conditions.

This RFP seeks bidders to provide the services described in this RFP beginning December 31, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2026. Contingent upon available appropriations, and with funding and oversight provided by DoAS and its contracted partners, grantees will undertake initiatives through one of two possible grant options: Age-Friendly Communities or Age-Friendly Projects.

Both grant options will promote public, private and cross-sector partnerships, as well as public policies that improve the health, wellbeing, satisfaction, and quality of life for all residents by addressing the eight age-friendly domains of livability:

- Outdoor spaces and buildings
- Transportation
- Housing
- Social participation
- Respect and social inclusion
- Civic participation and employment
- Communication and information
- Community support and health services

Available Funding Amount: Total funding for this program is four million, nine hundred and ninety thousand dollars (\$4,990,000) for 18 months effective December 31, 2024 to June 30, 2026.

DoAS will provide up to fifty-seven (57) Age-Friendly Community Grants in the amount of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) for a total of three million, nine hundred and ninety

thousand dollars (\$3,990,000) and up to ten (10) Age-Friendly Project Grants in the amount of up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for a total of one million dollars (\$1,000,000). All grants are contingent upon funding availability.

The fifty-seven (57) Age-Friendly Community Grants will be distributed based on regions as follows:

Northern- Sussex, Passaic, Bergen, Warren, Morris, Essex, Hudson (19 grants)

Central- Monmouth, Mercer, Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset, Union, Ocean (19 grants)

Southern- Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland, Atlantic, Cape May (19 grants)

Who Can Apply/Bidder Qualifications: To be eligible for consideration for this RFP, the bidder must satisfy the following requirements:

- For the Age-Friendly Communities Grant, the bidder must be a municipal or county governmental entity or a nonprofit that is partnering with a municipality or county;
- For the Age-Friendly Projects Grant, the bidder may be a nonprofit or governmental entity;
- The bidder must be in good standing with DHS if it has an existing grant or contract in place. If applicable, the bidder must have all outstanding Plans of Correction (PoC) for deficiencies submitted to DHS for approval prior to submission.
- The bidder must be fiscally viable based upon an assessment of the bidder's audited financial statements. If a bidder is determined, in DHS' sole discretion, to be insolvent or to present insolvency within the twelve (12) months after bid submission, DHS will deem the proposal ineligible for grant award.
- The bidder must not appear on the State of New Jersey Consolidated Debarment Report at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/debarment/debarsearch.shtml> or be suspended or debarred by any other State or Federal entity from receiving funds; and
- The bidder shall not employ a member of its Board of Directors in a consultant capacity.

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- For the Age-Friendly Communities Grant, the bidder must be a municipal or county governmental entity or a nonprofit that is partnering with a municipality or county.
 - If the primary bidder is a nonprofit entity, a Letter of Commitment or a Resolution or Proclamation from the elected official(s) of the community they will be working with is required.
 - If the primary bidder is a governmental entity, a Letter of Commitment or a Resolution or Proclamation from the community's elected official(s) is required
- For the Age-Friendly Projects Grant, the bidder must be a nonprofit or governmental entity;
- Funds may be used to support collaborations or consortia between multiple organizations. Each proposal should identify the primary bidder and any partners

that will be funded by this grant, if awarded;

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- Pursuant to DHS Contract Policy and Information Manual Policy Circular 8.05, the bidder shall not have a conflict, or the appearance of a conflict, between the private interests and the official responsibilities of a person in a position of trust. Persons in a position of trust include Provider Agency staff members, officers and Governing Board Members. A bidder must have written Conflict of Interest policies and procedures that satisfy the requirements of P8.05, thereby ensuring that paid Board members do not participate in transactions except as expressly provided in the P8.05 circular.

Proposal Procedure: Effective August 1, 2024, the RFP is available at <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/providers/grants/>. A proposal must be submitted that comports with the RFP requirements and instructions.

Prospective Bidder Questions to the State:

Deadline to submit questions:

August 15, 2024 by 3:00 P.M. ET

Submit questions to:

Doas.AgeFriendlyNJ@dhs.nj.gov

Submission Deadlines: Proposals must be received via email at: Doas.AgeFriendlyNJ@dhs.nj.gov no later than 3:00 P.M. ET on September 12, 2024.

Notification Date: Bidders are responsible for monitoring the DHS website for updates to the RFP schedule. <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/providers/grants/rfprfi/>.

July 29, 2024

Sarah Adelman, Commissioner

Date