

**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF AGING SERVICES**

Senior Wellness Pilot Program Grant

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4 et seq. (P.L. 1987, c.7), the Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services, hereby announces the availability of the following grant program funds described herein.

Program Name: Senior Wellness Pilot Program Grant

Purpose: The Senior Wellness Pilot Program grant seeks to enhance social connections and support for older adults and people with disabilities at risk for social isolation to their communities. Social participation and inclusion are vital components of an age-friendly New Jersey and can mutually benefit the health and wellbeing of both socially isolated older adults and the people who interact with them. The program is designed to advance efforts that enable sustained social connections among this at-risk population, resulting in measurable improvement in wellbeing.

Available Funding Amount: The Department of Human Services anticipates awarding up to \$250,000 per grantee for a total of \$4,000,000. The project period is March 1, 2026, through February 28, 2027.

Who Can Apply/Bidder Qualifications:

To be eligible for consideration for this RFP, the bidder must satisfy the following requirements:

- The bidder must be a nonprofit or governmental entity;
- The bidder may be a current recipient of DHS grant funding, including the Age Friendly Community Grants, but must demonstrate that their proposed grant activities do not overlap in any way with their existing DHS-funded projects;
- 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;
- 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 <https://www.nj.gov/treasury/revenue/debarment/> or be suspended or debarred by any other State or federal entity from receiving funds; and
- 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 December 2, 2025, the Request for Proposal (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:
December 16, 2025 by 3:00 P.M. ET
Submit questions to:
Doas.Grants@dhs.nj.gov

Submission Deadlines: Proposals must be received via email at: Doas.Grants@dhs.nj.gov no later than 3:00 P.M. ET on January 13, 2026. Late submissions and paper submissions will not be accepted.

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

Sarah Adelman, Commissioner

Date