

Request for Proposal: Age-Friendly Grant Programs

Q	Bidder Question	DHS Answer	Section	Pg
1	<p>The RFP refers to successful bidders providing services beginning December 31, 2024. What constitutes providing services? For example, under the Age-Friendly Community Grant, must the needs assessment survey be developed and administered by December 31, 2024?</p>	<p><i>Bidders are expected to begin providing the services described in the RFP and their resulting proposal beginning December 31, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2026. Grant activities performed prior to the grant start date will not be allowable expenses.</i></p>	I. Purpose and Intent	3
2	<p>Can an organization be a collaborating partner in an Age-Friendly Communities grant and an applicant for the project grant or would that result in a rejection of both applications?</p> <p>To be clear, the project application would be for an entirely separate initiative from the partner role in the Communities grant.</p>	<p><i>A bidder and their associated community may only apply for one Community Grant or one Project Grant. Bidders may not apply for, nor be awarded, more than one grant.</i></p> <p><i>Bidders who apply for both the Community Grant and the Project Grant will have both proposals rejected.</i></p>	I. Purpose and Intent	3-4
3	<p>When will the Division announce grant awards?</p>	<p><i>To be determined.</i></p>	I. Purpose and Intent	4
4	<p>When will the Division post the Q & A document on its website?</p>	<p><i>All questions submitted prior to the deadline of August 15, 2024, at 3:00 pm EDT will be compiled into a single Q&A document which will then posted on the DHS website prior to the deadline to submit proposals.</i></p> <p><i>Bidders are responsible for monitoring the DHS website for updates to the RFP schedule.</i></p> <p>https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/providers/grants/rfprfi/</p>	I. Purpose and Intent	4
5	<p>The RFP emphasizes projects that address the eight age-friendly domains. Can projects that simultaneously benefit intergenerational groups, such as older adults and young children, be considered within the scope of these grants?</p>	<p><i>Yes. "Age-friendly" describes a movement to make communities more welcoming and livable for people of all ages. Age-friendly efforts create places where people can grow up and grow older in a thriving environment together. Aging is a lifelong process, and an age-friendly community is one that is friendly for people of all ages who live, work, study, and participate in activities in their communities.</i></p>	II. Background and Population to be Served	5

6	Can you provide examples or best practices from previous grantees on how they have ensured the sustainability and ongoing impact of their age-friendly projects, particularly in maintaining community engagement post-grant period?	<p><i>There are no previous grantees.</i></p> <p><i>Please refer to the New Jersey Age-Friendly Blueprint, which provides strategies and best practices to improve New Jersey's communities.</i></p> <p>https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/news/reports/AF%20Blueprint_v5.pdf</p>	II. Background and Population to be Served	5
7	<p>I would like to participate in the AFQ Huddle on August 12th to learn more, but when I click on the link to register it takes me to heat.gov?</p> <p>In the NOFA, there are several references to the "bidder". Am I correct in assuming that the "bidder" is the governmental entity who is applying for the funding?</p>	<p><i>New Jersey Advocates for Aging Well (NJAAW) hosted the event, and DoAS was not involved.</i></p> <p><i>Yes. The bidder is the primary entity applying for the grant.</i></p>	III. Who Can Apply?	5
8	We have been researching your Age-Friendly Grants Program and are interested in finding out if state agencies would be eligible to apply for the Age-Friendly Projects Grant?	<i>For the Age-Friendly Projects Grant, the bidder must be a nonprofit or governmental entity.</i>	III. Who Can Apply?	5
9	Can you please confirm if state universities are eligible to apply for either the Age-Friendly Communities Grant or the Age-Friendly Projects Grant?	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>For the Age-Friendly Projects Grant, the bidder must be a nonprofit or governmental entity.</i></p>	III. Who Can Apply?	5
10	Can two applications from one County-level office and the County Cooperative Extension be submitted for the Age-Friendly Communities Grant program? One will propose the development of a master age-friendly plan at the County level, and the other will propose the development of a master age-friendly plan at the Municipal level.	<i>A county and a municipality within that county may each apply for separate and distinct Community grants so long as the bidders are completely separate entities. A bidder cannot apply for, nor be awarded, more than one grant.</i>	III. Who Can Apply?	5

11	Community Grant: Does a grantee need to do a resolution to apply or support?	<p><i>For the Age-Friendly Community Grant-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• 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.</i> <i>• 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.</i> 	III. Who Can Apply	5
12	If one County-level office decides to apply for an Age-Friendly Projects Grant vs. the Age-Friendly Communities Grant for the County, may the County Cooperative Extension still apply for the Age-Friendly Communities Grant to develop a master age-friendly plan at the Municipal vs. County level?	<p><i>For the Age-Friendly Community Grant, the bidder must be a municipal or county governmental entity or a nonprofit that is partnering with a municipality or county.</i></p> <p><i>A county and a municipality within that county may each apply for separate and distinct grants so long as the bidder is not the same entity.</i></p> <p><i>Bidders may not apply for, nor be awarded, more than one grant.</i></p>	III. Who Can Apply? I. Purpose and Intent	5, 3
13	<p>1. Would nursing homes be eligible to receive funding through the Age-Friendly Projects grant program?</p> <p>2. The potential bidder operates three modern long-term care nursing homes that we are hoping to consider for this grant program. Would you be able to advise if we should submit one application per home, not to exceed \$100,000 per application? Or, should we submit one combined application for all three homes, not to exceed \$100,000, or possibly \$300,000?</p>	<p><i>For the Age-Friendly Project Grant, the bidder must be a nonprofit or governmental entity.</i></p> <p><i>Bidders may not apply for, nor be awarded, more than one grant.</i></p>	III. Who Can Apply? I. Purpose and Intent	5, 3
14	Is there a maximum number of grants per municipality, if separate organizations are applying through separate proposals?	<i>A bidder and their associated community may only apply for one Community Grant or one Project Grant.</i>	IV. Contract Scope of Work	6
15	While the RFP outlines eligibility for governmental and nonprofit entities, could you provide further clarification on whether projects that involve religious or educational facilities, which also serve the broader community, align with the goals of the Age-Friendly Projects Grant?	<i>Project Grants are available for governmental or nonprofit entities to implement a project that addresses one or more recommendations from the New Jersey Age-Friendly Blueprint in an innovative way.</i>	IV. Contract Scope of Work	6

16	Beyond the required deliverables and quarterly reporting, are there specific metrics or evaluation frameworks that you recommend grantees use to measure the long-term impact and sustainability of their age-friendly projects?	<i>Bidders shall describe how they will achieve the Work Plan goals and the measurements that will be used to ensure goals are being accomplished and milestones are being met.</i>	IV. Contract Scope of Work	6
17	Community Grant: For "Allowable Costs," would gift cards for participants be an incentive?	<i>The following costs are considered allowable under the Community Grants Program: Services, supplies, and survey incentives (including compensation).</i>	IV. Contract Scope of Work	6-7
18	Community Grant: For "Allowable Costs," can you clarify "services" – does this apply to direct services such as ramps for a client in need?	<i>For Project Grants capital improvements that are in direct service to the proposed program or activity are permitted. Allowable capital improvements include those that are permanent installations on property that increase the capital value or useful life of the property.</i> <i>Capital improvements are not an allowable expense for Community Grants.</i>	IV. Contract Scope of Work	6-7
19	Which program is more aligned with the age-friendly goals? 1. New accessible bus for our Senior Center, so the Seniors can get to all free events, trips, public health nurse visits. We feel that this project satisfies four of the eight pillars. 2. New walking path and some accessible park equipment for older adults at a park that currently has no path, seating, or equipment.	<i>These grants are intended to enhance efforts that result in tangible and sustainable transformation of policies, systems, and environmental conditions related to the age-friendly domains of livability as outlined in the blueprint</i> <i>It is the bidder's responsibility to demonstrate their proposal stems from specific recommendation and/or model program found in the New Jersey Age-Friendly Blueprint while also demonstrating innovation and ingenuity and addresses a clearly defined need(s) or challenge(s) within the bidder's geographical area.</i>	IV. Contract Scope of Work VIII. Review Criteria	6 15

20	Is food an eligible expense under the Project Grants Program?	<p><i>These grants are intended to enhance efforts that result in tangible and sustainable transformation of policies, systems, and environmental conditions related to the age-friendly domains of livability as outlined in the blueprint</i></p> <p><i>It is the bidder's responsibility to demonstrate their proposal stems from specific recommendation and/or model program found in the New Jersey Age-Friendly Blueprint while also demonstrating innovation and ingenuity and addresses a clearly defined need(s) or challenge(s) within the bidder's geographical area.</i></p>	<p>IV. Contract Scope of Work</p> <p>VIII. Review Criteria</p>	<p>6</p> <p>15</p>
21	Would utilizing funds relating to housing, such as paying for back rent, be allowable under the Project Grants Program?	<p><i>These grants are intended to enhance efforts that result in tangible and sustainable transformation of policies, systems, and environmental conditions related to the age-friendly domains of livability as outlined in the blueprint</i></p> <p><i>It is the bidder's responsibility to demonstrate their proposal stems from specific recommendation and/or model program found in the New Jersey Age-Friendly Blueprint while also demonstrating innovation and ingenuity and addresses a clearly defined need(s) or challenge(s) within the bidder's geographical area.</i></p>	<p>IV. Contract Scope of Work</p> <p>VIII. Review Criteria</p>	<p>6</p> <p>15</p>

22	<p>Can grant funds be used for the following items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Group day trips (by bus) for seniors to such popular destinations as dinner theatres, restaurants, theatres, historic sites, etc. (cost of bus transportation? other?) 2. Lunch 'n Learn programs for seniors at Senior Center (cost of light lunch? speakers' fees? other?) 3. TV service for Senior Center to enlighten/entertain seniors who frequent the Center for lunch, etc. (moderate, reasonably priced package– just enough to get news, weather, some sports activities, other) (?) 4. New signboard (electronic or other) for Senior Center to publicize frequently changing schedule of events, classes, activities for seniors. (?) 5. Fitness, arts and crafts, educational/other types of classes for seniors (instructors' fees? cost of materials?) 6. Seasonal celebrations at Senior Center (entertainers'/presenters' fees? cost of food? cost of decorations?) 	<p><i>These grants are intended to enhance efforts that result in tangible and sustainable transformation of policies, systems, and environmental conditions related to the age-friendly domains of livability as outlined in the blueprint</i></p> <p><i>It is the bidder's responsibility to demonstrate their proposal stems from specific recommendation and/or model program found in the New Jersey Age-Friendly Blueprint while also demonstrating innovation and ingenuity and addresses a clearly defined need(s) or challenge(s) within the bidder's geographical area.</i></p>	<p>IV. Contract Scope of Work</p> <p>VIII. Review Criteria</p>	<p>6,</p> <p>15</p>
23	<p>Can grant funds be used for translating materials?</p>	<p><i>These grants are intended to enhance efforts that result in tangible and sustainable transformation of policies, systems, and environmental conditions related to the age-friendly domains of livability as outlined in the blueprint</i></p> <p><i>It is the bidder's responsibility to demonstrate their proposal stems from specific recommendation and/or model program found in the New Jersey Age-Friendly Blueprint while also demonstrating innovation and ingenuity and addresses a clearly defined need(s) or challenge(s) within the bidder's geographical area.</i></p>	<p>IV. Contract Scope of Work</p> <p>VIII. Review Criteria</p>	<p>6</p> <p>15</p>

24	Can grant funding be used for minor clinical equipment that support age related screenings, such as a Balance System?	<p><i>These grants are intended to enhance efforts that result in tangible and sustainable transformation of policies, systems, and environmental conditions related to the age-friendly domains of livability as outlined in the blueprint</i></p> <p><i>It is the bidder's responsibility to demonstrate their proposal stems from specific recommendation and/or model program found in the New Jersey Age-Friendly Blueprint while also demonstrating innovation and ingenuity and addresses a clearly defined need(s) or challenge(s) within the bidder's geographical area.</i></p>	<p>IV. Contract Scope of Work</p> <p>VIII. Review Criteria</p>	<p>6</p> <p>15</p>
25	The RFP allows for a broad range of allowable costs. Is it advisable to focus on a single, high-impact project, or is there merit in proposing a comprehensive plan that addresses multiple age-friendly domains within the available budget?	<p><i>These grants are intended to enhance efforts that result in tangible and sustainable transformation of policies, systems, and environmental conditions related to the age-friendly domains of livability as outlined in the blueprint.</i></p> <p><i>It is the bidder's responsibility to demonstrate their proposal stems from specific recommendation and/or model program found in the New Jersey Age-Friendly Blueprint while also demonstrating innovation and ingenuity and addresses a clearly defined need(s) or challenge(s) within the bidder's geographical area.</i></p>	<p>IV. Contract Scope of Work</p> <p>VIII. Review Criteria</p>	<p>6</p> <p>15</p>
26	Does a project submitted for the Age-Friendly Communities category have to address all eight age-friendly domains of livability? Or can the project focus in on creating plans for one specific domain to become more age-friendly, such as transportation?	<p><i>The Age-Friendly Community Grants are intended to enhance and catalyze initial efforts of the bidder to build community partnerships, enroll in the AARP network, execute a community needs assessment survey, and create an action and evaluation plan to address any gaps or deficits identified in the survey.</i></p> <p><i>The Age-Friendly Project Grants do not need to address all eight domains; however, it should stem from specific recommendations and/or model programs found in the New Jersey Age-Friendly Blueprint while also demonstrating innovation and ingenuity.</i></p>	<p>IV. Contract Scope of Work</p> <p>VIII. Review Criteria</p>	<p>6</p> <p>15</p>

27	<p>Must proposals for the Age-Friendly Community Grant address all eight age-friendly domains of livability? If not, which of the eight age-friendly domains of livability does the DAS consider a high priority for New Jersey?</p>	<p><i>The Age-Friendly Community Grants are intended to enhance and catalyze initial efforts of the bidder to build community partnerships, enroll in the AARP network, execute a community needs assessment survey, and create an action and evaluation plan to address any gaps or deficits identified in the survey.</i></p> <p><i>The Age-Friendly Project Grants do not need to address all eight domains; however, it should stem from specific recommendations and/or model programs found in the New Jersey Age-Friendly Blueprint while also demonstrating innovation and ingenuity.</i></p>	<p>IV. Contract Scope of Work</p> <p>VIII. Review Criteria</p>	<p>6</p> <p>15</p>
28	<p>Can grant money be for capital expenses?</p>	<p><i>For Project Grants: Capital improvements that are in direct service to the proposed program or activity. Allowable capital improvements include those that are permanent installations on property that increase the capital value or useful life of the property.</i></p> <p><i>For Community Grants: Capital expenses are not an allowable cost.</i></p>	<p>IV. Contract Scope of Work</p>	<p>7</p>
29	<p>At the time of application, do we have to be enrolled/member of the "AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities" or can that enrollment be completed after the application submission/grant award?</p>	<p><i>Successful bidders for the Community Grants Program shall enroll in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities</i> https://www.aarp.org/livablecommunities/network-age-friendly-communities/.</p> <p><i>If awarded a Community Grant, grantees must apply to the AARP network and work towards acceptance. You do not already have to be accepted to begin. Project grantees can be members of the network but are not required to join.</i></p>	<p>IV. Contract Scope of Work</p>	<p>8</p>

30	What status do you have to be in for AARP, as it takes a while to be accepted into their network?	<p>Successful bidders for the Community Grants Program shall enroll in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities https://www.aarp.org/livablecommunities/network-age-friendly-communities/.</p> <p>If awarded a Community Grant, grantees must apply to the network and work towards acceptance. You do not already have to be accepted to begin. Project grantees can be members of the network but are not required to join.</p>	IV. Contract Scope of Work	8
31	To apply under the “Age-Friendly Project Grants: Project Grants” category, do you already need to be a member of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities?	<p>Applicants for the Project Grant do not need to be a member of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities.</p> <p>Successful bidders for the Community Grants Program shall enroll in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities https://www.aarp.org/livablecommunities/network-age-friendly-communities/.</p> <p>If awarded a Community Grant, grantees must apply to the network and work towards acceptance. You do not already have to be accepted to begin.</p>	IV. Contract Scope of Work	8
32	Can existing age-friendly programs and communities that have already applied to AARP Network of Livable Communities apply?	<p>Communities currently enrolled in the AARP Network of Livable Communities may apply for Project Grants. They may not apply for Community Grants.</p> <p>If you have received an AARP Community Challenge grant at any point, you may apply for a Project or Community Grant.</p>	IV. Contract Scope of Work	8
33	What, if any, ongoing support will Rutgers provide to successful bidders beyond training sessions and progress meetings?	<p>Rutgers' support will include meetings, trainings and monitoring of progress; additional duties will include efforts to facilitate knowledge sharing, networking and capacity building during the grant period.</p>	IV. Contract Scope of Work	8

34	<p>The RFP says, "Grant awards may not be used to fund activities, items or expenses funded by another grant program". Does this include new activities that are not currently funded and are in addition to what the existing program is doing? Meaning the new funds would specifically support the proposed age friendly grants mission to expand age friendly capacity and be beyond the scope of funding already in place?</p>	<p><i>As part of their proposal for funding, bidders may request funding only for expenses not currently funded or supported by any federal or State grants. Grant awards may not be used to fund activities, items or expenses funded by another grant program. Additionally, awards made under this grant program may not supplant any existing funding. For bidders with existing federal or State funding, the activities proposed for this grant program must be a separate project from any existing projects funded.</i></p>	IV. Contract Scope of Work	8
35	<p>Community Grant: Under "Proposal Expectations: 'Plans to establish a leadership team for your community,'" can you clarify "leadership" team – would this be different then our Advisory Council?</p>	<p><i>A bidder's proposal should include a plan to establish a leadership team for your community. This team should include a cross-section of community members, including, but not limited to, older residents. This may be by developing an advisory committee that oversees the age-friendly planning and reports to the local government.</i></p>	IV. Contract Scope of Work	8
36	<p>Do grantees have access to Rutgers for consultant support, or do they need to have their own consultant?</p>	<p><i>Rutgers will be engaging with grantees for purposes of knowledge sharing, networking and capacity building. This will include meetings, trainings and monitoring of progress.</i></p> <p><i>Strategic planning consultation services are permitted costs for both Community and Project grants.</i></p>	IV. Contract Scope of Work	8
37	<p>Does the community needs assessment need to utilize the AARP Age-Friendly Community Survey Sample when conducting its needs assessment? Or can this serve as a template to guide a grantee when developing its own assessment?</p>	<p><i>Bidders shall plan, coordinate, and conduct an accessible, culturally responsive, and linguistically appropriate community needs assessment survey. Sample assessment surveys include the AARP Community Survey and the SCAN Foundation local master plans for aging.</i></p>	IV. Contract Scope of Work	9
38	<p>While the RFP stresses the importance of local government involvement, could you elaborate on the role and impact of private sector partnerships in enhancing the sustainability and success of an age-friendly project?</p>	<p><i>When applying for either the Community or Project Grant, applicants must involve a variety of stakeholders within the community. This includes private sector entities such as local businesses who may be affected by or have an effect upon the livability in the community and have an interest in making the community a better place for all.</i></p>	IV. Contract Scope of Work	9

39	For Age Friendly Communities Grants, can grant funding be used for additional focus groups/research/analytics as part of a needs assessment that was recently completed?	<i>Yes, if the focus groups / research / analytics reflect the diversity of the community and input and feedback from key population groups and organizations and the findings are made publicly available.</i>	IV. Contract Scope of Work	9
40	For Age Friendly Project Grants, can the letter of commitment from an elected community official outline their support for a project and not necessarily require that they actively participate in the project's deliverables?	<i>While commitment and involvement of local government officials is critical to ensuring the project will be sustainable and has the potential to influence future local plans, Letters of Commitment are not required for Project Grants. They are required for Community Grants.</i>	V. Contract Scope of Work	10
41	What is required for this attachment: "Outline of staff that will be dedicated for this program if already on staff"?	<i>Provide list of any current staff members that will be working on this grant and what their duties will be as they relate to the grant including the % of time they will be working on the grant.</i>	VI. Required Proposal Content	11
42	Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension & Statement of Ownership Disclosure: These forms are standard federal documents often tailored to non-governmental entities. Could you confirm if they are required for municipalities, or if there are specific versions for governmental applicants that we should use?	<i>The Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion Lower Tier Covered Transactions (RFP Attachment F) is a required attachment. Please note that if this attachment is not submitted, the proposal will not be considered.</i>	VI. Required Proposal Content	11
43	One requirement is, "three (3) references from other agencies or organizations who have worked with you or know firsthand about your work. DHS will notify bidder prior to contacting references." For this, should just the contact information of the references be submitted, or is something else required?	<i>Bidders must provide the contact information for three (3) references.</i>	VI. Required Proposal Content	12
44	Is Item 11, the "State of New Jersey Business Registration" required for local government applicants?	<i>A current Business Registration Certificate is a required document to apply.</i>	VI. Required Proposal Content	12

45	<p>New Jersey Business Registration Certificate (BRC): Some municipalities have encountered difficulties retrieving a copy of their BRC from the official state website. Could you confirm whether a previously submitted BRC from another grant application would be acceptable, or if there is an alternative method for obtaining this document?</p>	<p><i>A current Business Registration Certificate is a required document to apply.</i></p>	<p>VI. Required Proposal Content</p>	<p>12</p>
46	<p>Pending and In-Process Audits: The guidelines request details of all pending and in-process audits, including the requestor, firm's name, phone number, and scope of the audit. Could you clarify if this requirement pertains solely to annual financial audits, or if other types of audits should also be included?</p>	<p><i>All audits should be submitted as described in the RFP and the type and scope of audit should be stated by the bidder.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A description of all pending and in process audits identifying the requestor, the firm's name and telephone number, and the type and scope of the audit, if applicable.</i> • <i>Most recent single audit report (A133) or certified statements (submit two [2] copies).</i> • <i>Any other audits performed in the last two (2) years (submit two [2] copies).</i> 	<p>VI. Required Proposal Content</p>	<p>12</p>
47	<p>Is equity and representation of marginalized communities included in the scoring?</p>	<p><i>Scoring criteria for both Age-Friendly Project Grants as well as Age-Friendly Community Grants is provided in section VIII. Review Criteria.</i></p>	<p>VIII. Review Criteria</p>	<p>13</p>
48	<p>How does the committee evaluate projects that have a multi-generational focus, and are there any recommended best practices for effectively integrating the needs of different age groups into a cohesive age-friendly initiative?</p>	<p><i>Please refer to section VIII. Review Criteria.</i></p> <p><i>Please refer to the New Jersey Age-Friendly Blueprint, which provides strategies and best practices to improve New Jersey's communities.</i> https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/news/reports/AF%20Blueprint_v5.pdf</p>	<p>VIII. Review Criteria.</p> <p>II. Background and Population to be Served</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5</p>

49	Must 100% of staff time be dedicated to their project, or is staff allowed to work on other projects?	<p><i>Any time or expenses billed to this grant needs to be for activities dedicated to this grant. However not all staff supporting this grant must be exclusively working on this grant. The percentage of any salary allocated to this grant should mirror the percentage of their time spent on this grant.</i></p> <p><i>Staff members time and costs should be reported on the budget template and explained accordingly.</i></p>	Attachment B, Annex A	22
50	Regarding the Age-Friendly Grants Program, would the purchase of a vehicle be an allowable cost under the Project Grants Program?	<p><i>Vehicle purchases may be permitted under the project grant program.</i></p> <p><i>For the purchase to be approved, the bidder must detail the need for the vehicle in their application and it must be essential for the project/proposed program's delivery; the vehicle must be used only for the specified project/program purpose; the vehicle must be owned by the grantee and returned to the state at the end of the grant period if it will no longer be used for the same purpose after the grant period ends; the grantee should detail how the program will be sustained beyond the grant period if they intend to keep the vehicle.</i></p>		
51	<p>1). Is the purchase of a van eligible under this grant program?</p> <p>2). Which grant program would the van purchase fall under? Age Friendly Community Grants or Age Friendly Project Grants?</p>	<p><i>Vehicle purchases may be permitted under the project grant program.</i></p> <p><i>For the purchase to be approved, the bidder must detail the need for the vehicle in their application and it must be essential for the project/proposed program's delivery; the vehicle must be used only for the specified project/program purpose; the vehicle must be owned by the grantee and returned to the state at the end of the grant period if it will no longer be used for the same purpose after the grant period ends; the grantee should detail how the program will be sustained beyond the grant period if they intend to keep the vehicle.</i></p>		

52	Who is the Grants Program Officer/Manager?	<i>To be determined.</i>		
53	What are some examples of the types of training the Division's partner, Rutgers University - Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, will provide to successful bidders, as referenced in the RFP?	<i>To be determined.</i>		
54	Since there are many overlapping partnerships and collaborations, can an organization be listed as partner or participant on more than one RFP without jeopardizing selection? For example – can a local food pantry be listed on an RFP from Town A and a separate RFP from neighboring Town B, both in their service area?	<i>An entity may be a partner on more than one bid; however, the funds for each grant must be kept separate and apart and may not be co-mingled in any capacity.</i>		
55	For Age Friendly Project Grants – can portions of the services for a project occur in the grantee's facilities, for example, could Alzheimer's screenings occur in the grantee's in-patient unit and out-patient clinics (provided outreach activities extend beyond those areas into community settings)?	<i>A portion of the services provided as part of a Project Grant may take place at the grantee's facilities.</i>		
56	Are there any restrictions/maximum percentages allowed on allowable cost categories (i.e. salaries or capital improvements)?	<i>Costs related to State-funded contracts must be reasonable and the proposal should provide details about costs that were determined. DoAS will consider the cost efficiency of the proposed budget as it relates to the scope of work.</i>		
57	Are the page count recommendations single spaced or double spaced (i.e. "PROPOSAL NARRATIVE (up to 5 pages" on pg 21)?	<i>Single or double spaced is acceptable.</i>		
57	Statement of Assurances: As municipalities typically do not use GAAP accounting, municipalities have expressed concern about certifying that they utilize an accounting system in accordance with GAAP. Could you advise if there is flexibility in this requirement or if an alternative statement is acceptable for governmental entities?	<i>Alternatives to GAAP are permissible if the law governing an entity requires a different form of accounting be used. Bidders should provide a certification to that effect in their application, along with any other explanatory information.</i>		

58	Commitment to Defend and Indemnify: Some municipalities plan to defer this document to their respective legal counsel. Could you confirm if there are any special legal considerations for municipalities that should be taken into account when completing this form?	<i>The Division is unable to provide any legal guidance.</i>		
59	Community Grant: For “Bidders are strongly encouraged to reflect costs in their proposed budgets that account for meaningful inclusion of older adults, do we include <i>all</i> ages?	<i>Yes, all ages may be included.</i>		
60	Community Grant: For “Post Award Required Documentation,” what are copies of all applicable licenses?	<i>A copy of any licenses that are applicable to the proposed grant activities.</i>		