

AARP Community Challenge 2017 Grantees

These 88 "quick action" projects will help make communities in all 50 states and D.C. more livable for people of all ages — by this November!

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AARP is investing nearly \$780,000 to create change and improve the quality of life for people of all ages in communities across the nation. We received almost 1,200 applications for our first-ever **AARP Community Challenge, resulting in a highly competitive selection process. All projects are set to be completed by November 1, 2017. Scroll down to see this year's 88 winning grantees. Each project will deliver on one or all of the following:**

- Improve social connections through the built environment for people of all ages and abilities
- Expand work, volunteer, educational and/or training opportunities for all residents
- Drive inclusive community engagement and interaction across a diverse population

"Great communities require careful planning and time. These quick action projects will give community leaders the motivation and momentum to create greater change."

— Nancy LeaMond, AARP Executive Vice President and Chief Advocacy and Engagement Officer

The list of 2017 grantees is organized by state and then city, followed by the name of the grantee organization and the project category being pursued.

Three additional projects not listed below but located in **Fort Worth, Texas; Buffalo, New York; and Fort Wayne, Indiana**, will be receiving support from AARP and the urban planners of **Team Better Block**.

Details about all 88 winning projects will be featured in future articles about the **2017 AARP Community Challenge**.

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Texas

- **Houston: Avenue CDC | *Placemaking and Beautification***
The grant will be used to create public art, murals and an event to bring the community together.
 - **Houston: Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston | *Home Repair and Safety***
Funding will be used for supplies to help make the homes of older adults safe and livable.
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