

Massachusetts – COMMUNITY HEALTH AND HEALTHY AGING FUNDS

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Healthy Aging Office Hours

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Introductions



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Objectives

- Understand the Funds' Healthy Aging Funding Stream
- Answer Funding Opportunity Questions

The Approach

Funds' Purpose

We envision a Massachusetts where communities are transformed so that all residents have an equitable opportunity to have the highest quality of life possible.

The Massachusetts Community Health and Healthy Aging Funds (the Funds) are committed to disrupting and removing barriers to health – structural and institutional racism, poverty, and deep power imbalances – through community-centered policy, systems, and environmental change approaches.

8 Domains of Livability framework

8 Domains of Livability framework is used by many of the towns, cities, counties and states enrolled in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities to organize and prioritize their work to become more livable for both older residents and people of all ages.

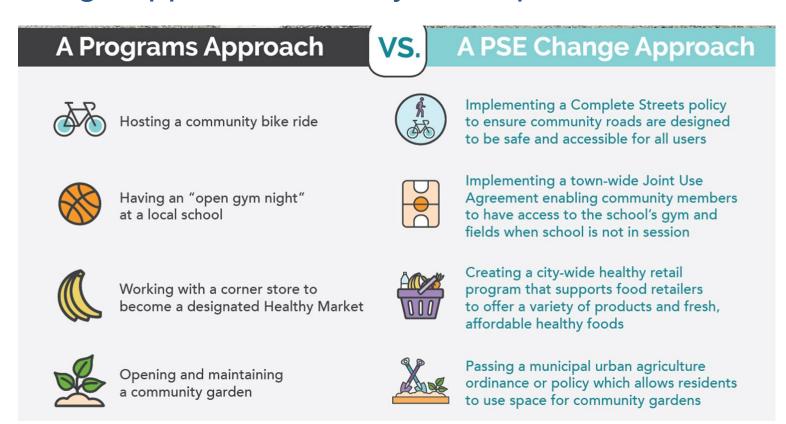
At this funding stream, we will prioritize **Transportation** and **Housing**

Priority Geography are **Gateway cities** and **rural areas** that have not routinely benefitted from previous local DoN funding



PSE Change Approach and Healthy Aging

PSE change approach is a key concept across the Funds



Healthy Aging Awardee Examples

Conducting a health impact assessment (HIA) on policy and practice proposals that affect the ability of people with a criminal record (as shown through a Criminal Offender Record Information [CORI] check) to secure housing (Policy Change)

Creating and disseminating a guide that promotes inclusive age- and dementia-friendly practices with an overarching goal to encourage culture change that leads to communities more thoroughly considering the preferences, needs, and experiences of all people (Systems Change)

Addressing barriers to safe walkability in the region through policy advocacy, education, and environmental changes identified in walk audits. (Environmental change)

Healthy Aging Awardee Example – Community Teamwork

Issue

Stable, healthy, affordable housing is a key social determinant of health. Numerous studies have shown that where we live matters greatly to our health. The financial burden of trying to maintain an unaffordable roof over one's head often prevents individuals and families from paying for other necessities, such as adequate nourishment, heat, clothing and health care. Housing instability can result in emotional, behavioral and mental health deficiencies. Those who are at-risk of and/or homeless see these health outcomes exacerbated.

Solutions

- 1. Capacity building and training Multi-sectoral and representative collaboration and action (Add capacity to reinforce important collaborative efforts, bringing together expertise to develop a joint advocacy agenda that is by and targeted toward organizations and municipal entities.)
- 2. Inclusive and representative leadership and participation Creation of local affordable housing coalitions; Increased participation of people at risk of housing instability; Increased participation by non-traditional stakeholders in each local housing coalition; and myth/stigma-busting and public education through affordable housing 101 sessions in English and Spanish; and Convening of all local housing coalitions.
- 3. Fundraising for implementation of priority recommendations and actions
- 4. System of shared metrics and process for tracking progress

Root Causes of Health Outcomes

Systemic racism; poverty

Grant Award Length and Amount

 The Healthy Aging Fund expects to provide multiple awards up to \$100,000 3-5 years

Planning grant: up to \$50K, 1-2 years.

Planning Grants for Healthy Aging

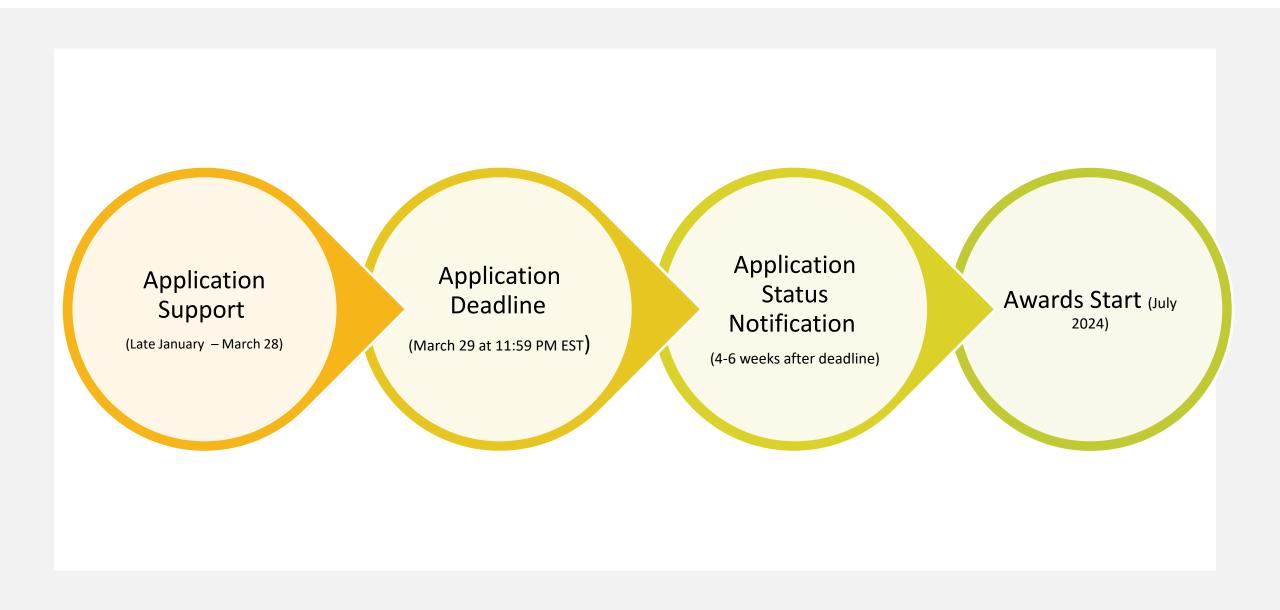
Additionally, the Funds will take applications from organizations that seek to move from **short-term**, **time-limited efforts to long-term**, **sustainable approaches**.

Planning Grants will support planning, technical assistance, capacity building and learning for emerging Healthy Aging approaches.

Recipients of planning grants are welcome to apply for a full grant in the next funding cycle, however, funding is not automatically guaranteed for planning grant grantees.

The Grantmaking Process

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Next Steps

Applicant Support Calendar







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Questions & Answers