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People of All Ages**
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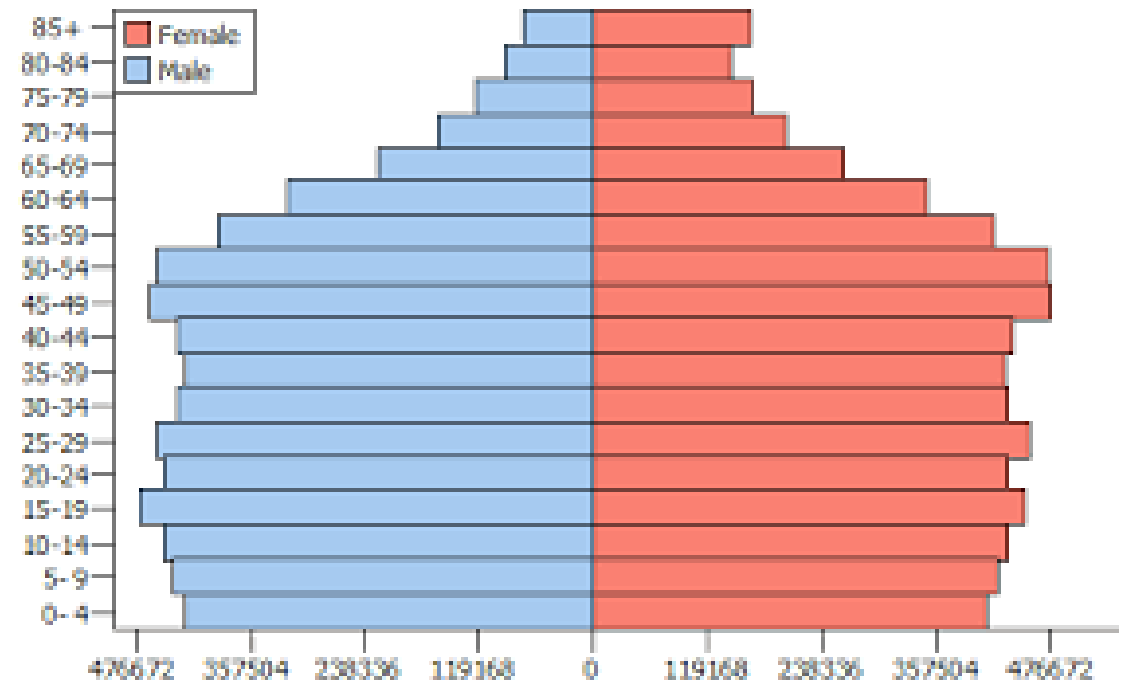
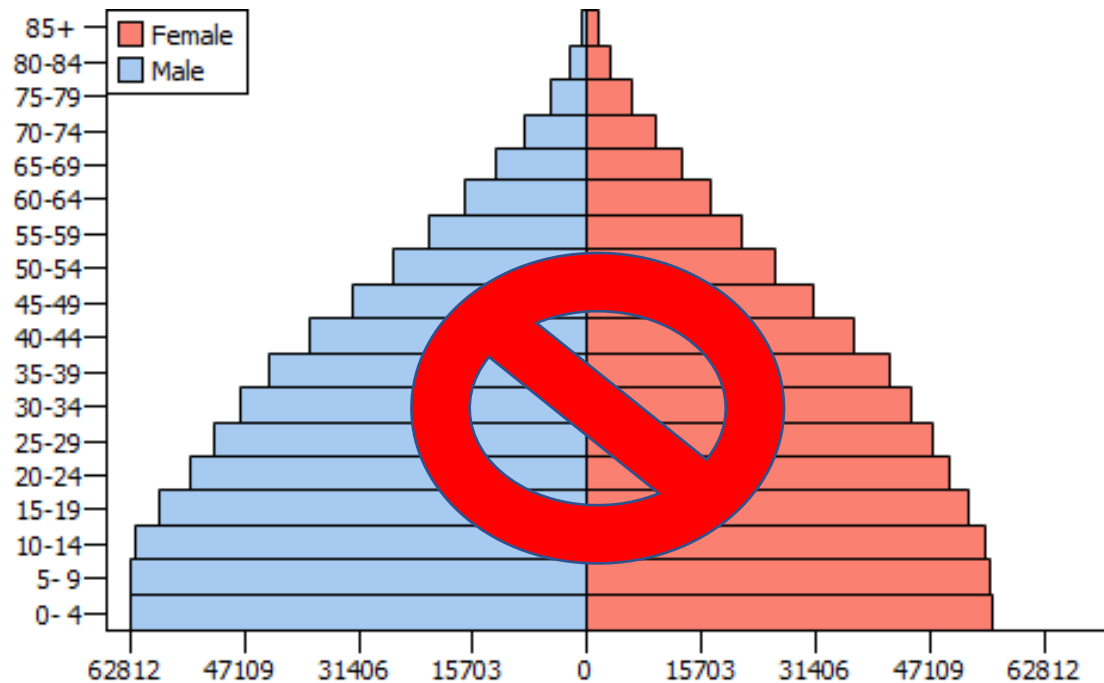
AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities

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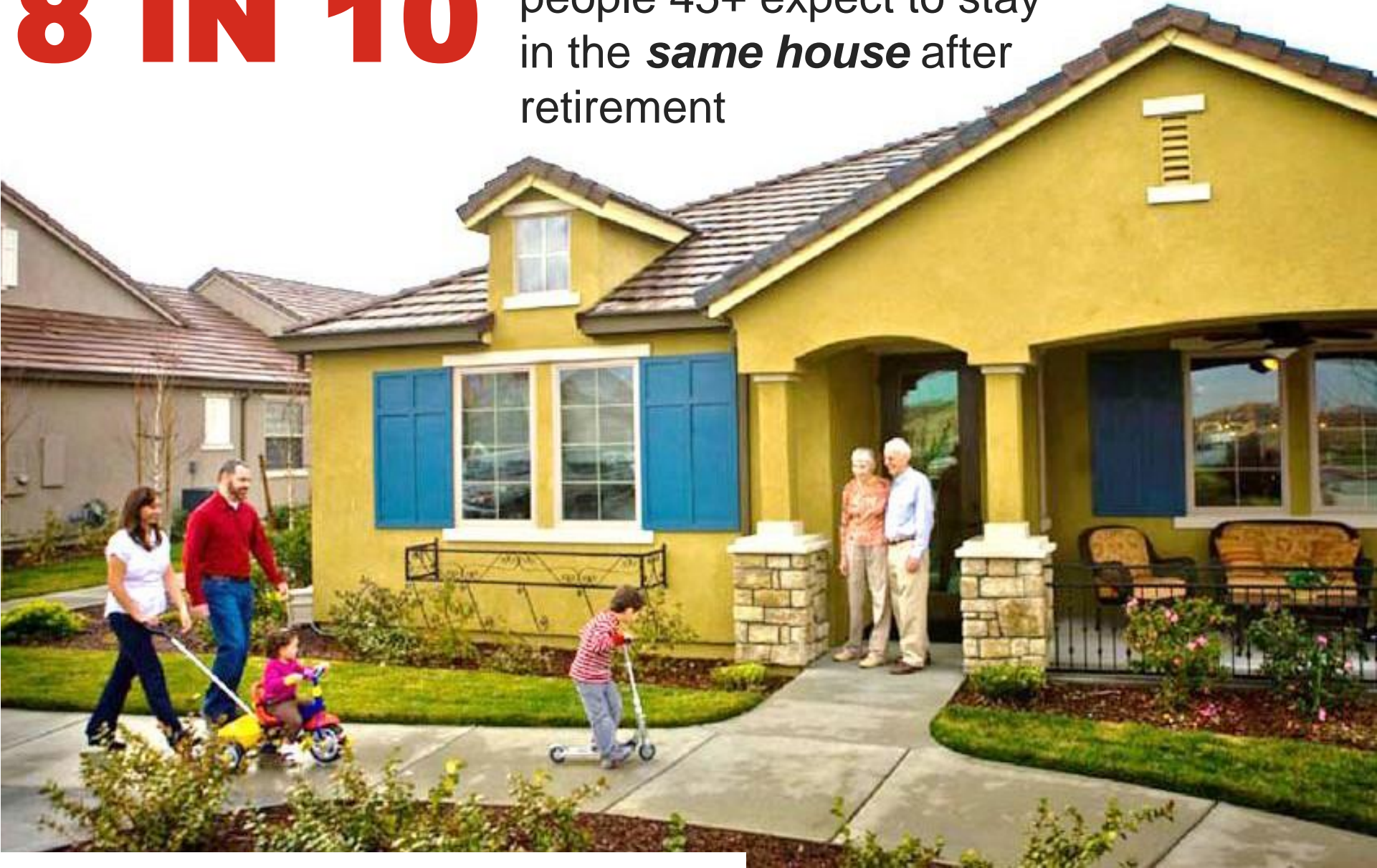
Population Pyramid: Illinois



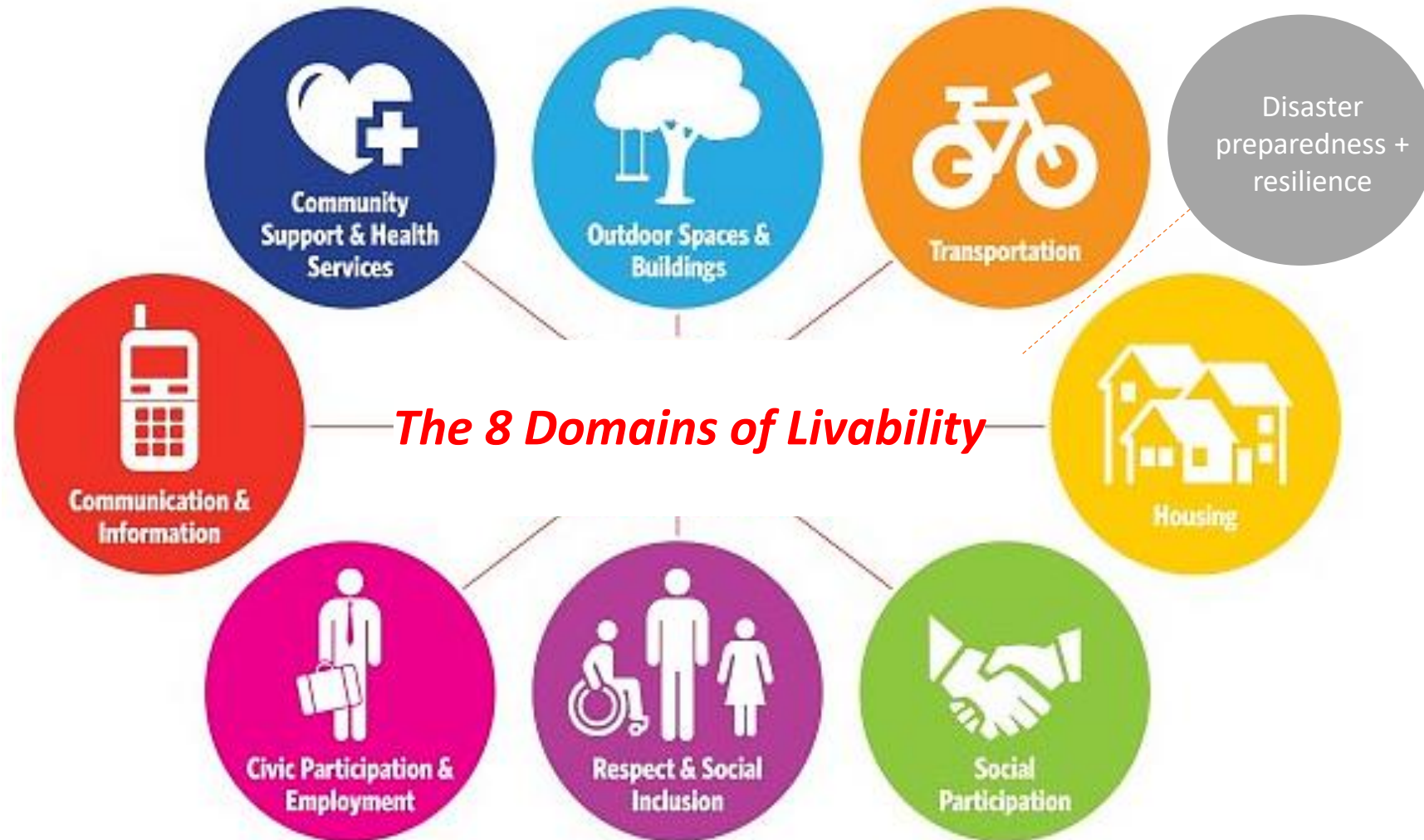
Not This Anymore

WE WANT TO STAY WHERE WE ARE

8 IN 10 people 45+ expect to stay in the *same house* after retirement



Developing an age-friendly community: the foundation



Developing an Age-friendly State: Overview

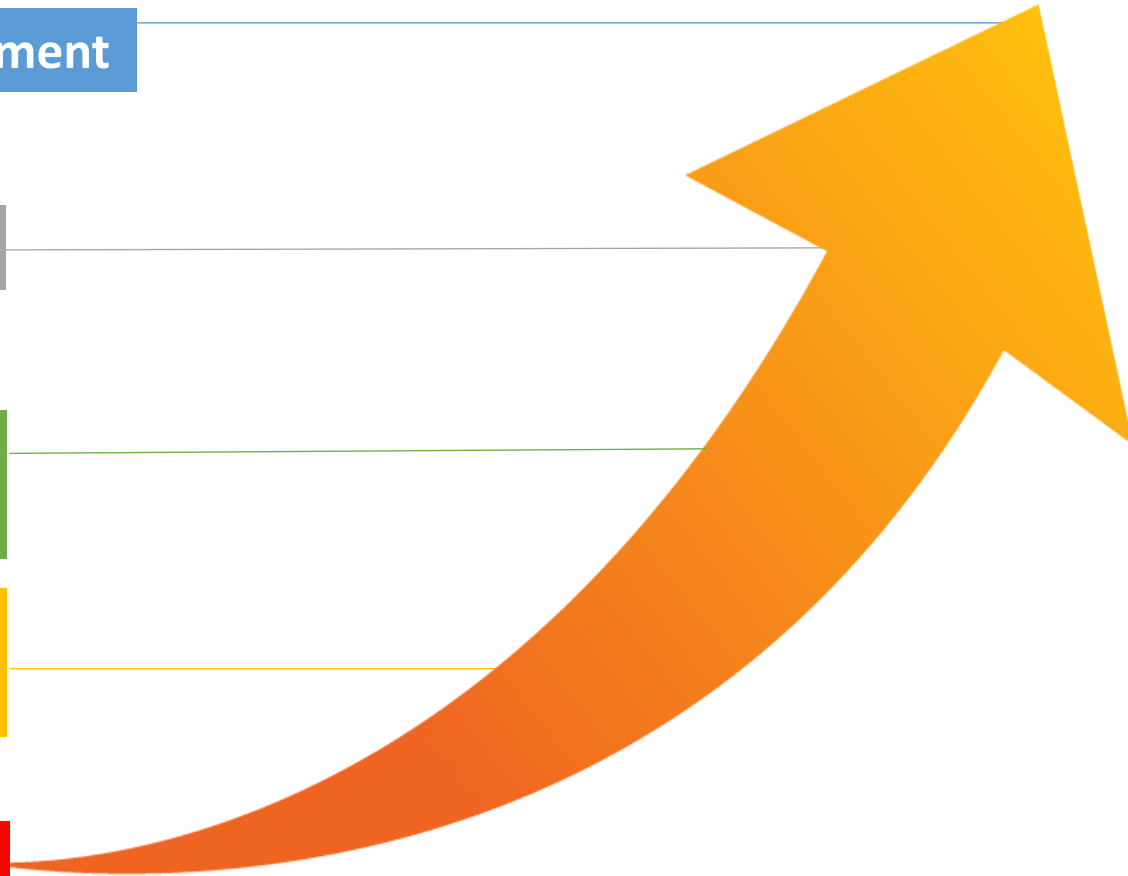
Year 5+: Continuous Improvement

Years 5: Full Evaluation

Year 2-4: Implementation
and Annual Update

Year 1: Assessment and
Planning

Enrollment



Age-Friendly Enrollments (12) in Illinois

Community / State Name	State	Date Enrolled in NAFSC	Population
IL Alton	IL	2/7/2018	25,097
IL Arlington Heights	IL	5/14/2018	74,013
IL Calumet	IL	3/5/2021	35,300
IL Champaign (regional approach)	IL	3/14/2017	85,637
IL Danville	IL	3/30/2018	30,588
IL Evanston	IL	6/18/2015	74,306
IL Grayslake	IL	2/28/2022	20,957
IL Mount Prospect	IL	3/2/2021	54,604
IL Peoria	IL	8/5/2019	110,834
IL River Forest	IL	10/15/2019	10,653
IL Urbana (regional approach)	IL	3/14/2017	42,375
IL Woodstock	IL	4/23/2019	24,842

2021 NAFSC Member Survey

Who has committed funding and resources to your AFCI?

PRIVATE SECTOR, n=181

34%

Median, n=33

Funding: \$91,098

In-Kind: \$25,767

PUBLIC SECTOR, n=181

57%

Median, n=37

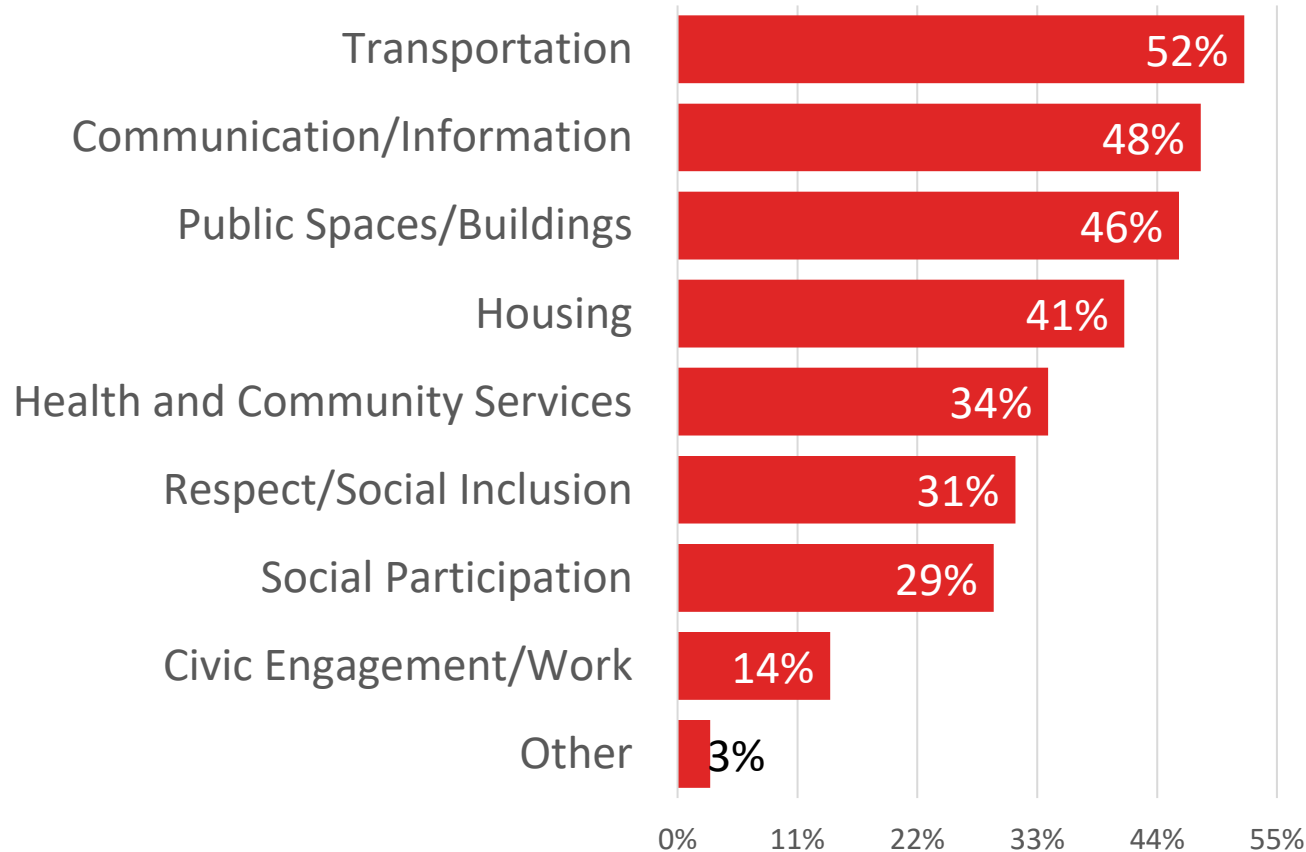
Funding: \$106,939

In-Kind: \$41,477

2021 NAFSC Member Survey

Policies

Domains Where Local Policy Has been Enacted, n=109



Examples:

We advocated for a senior property tax assistance program that was overwhelmingly supported by the town.

City adopted complete streets ordinance as 1st project when we began to work on Age Friendly process

Provided \$2.1 million dollars of Housing Trust Fund to help create LA LGBT Center's affordable housing campus and secure 13 units for older residents.

Developing a guaranteed income pilot as homelessness prevention and poverty intervention for LGBTQIA older adults

There are explicit references to age-friendly work in the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Resources: Community Assessment

- Every Community/Region may access a pre-populated AARP Age-Friendly Survey upon request (available in English & Spanish)
- There is no Fee
- Summary report of results and survey data will be provided

Resources: Age-Friendly Portal

AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities (NAFSC)

Members-only portal for states and communities enrolled in the network



Open Forum

Engage with peers and other innovators from across the nation.

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Network

Create connections with other members in the network.

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Browse and share resources that can inspire the work in your community.

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Biden's infrastructure bill boosts livability by funding broadband, transit and safe streets programs.

As Age-Friendly leaders do you hope to use these new investments to advance age friendly efforts?

- We plan to represent the interest of older adults with local government
- We plan to find opportunities within our Age Friendly Action Plan and advocate
- We don't expect to be involved
- I don't know enough about the IIJA to know

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New Cohort: Federal Funding Opportunities to Create ...

By: [Jessie Chambers](#), yesterday

As local governments compete for grants and seek to implement investments strategically, they must navigate complex funding rules ...



VA Dementia Road Map & Dementia Safety Information ...

By: [Jessie Chambers](#), 12 days ago

Some age-friendly communities incorporate elements of dementia-friendly initiatives into their work. The Virginia Department ...



Age-Friendly VA Meeting Recording

By: [Jessie Chambers](#), 26 days ago

We had a small group, but I really enjoyed our discussion this morning. You can find the recording of today's

Announcements

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Welcome to the Virginia Discussion Group

By: [Jessie Chambers](#), 11 months ago



Welcome to the new [AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities](#) Members-Only Portal! The **Virginia Discussion Group** page is for representatives from member communities in Virginia. It's a place for you to connect, ask each other questions, and share resources with each other.

Please take a few minutes to complete **your profile**. The "**Discussion**" section is a great place to post questions and ideas or introduce yourself to the group. The "**Library**" section contains links and resources that you might find valuable. If there is a statewide or regional event that you think would benefit members of this group, please add it to the



The 2022 AARP Community Challenge Is On!

Learn how to apply for a quick-action grant! Deadline: Tuesday, March 22

AARP Livable Communities

CLICK HERE TO APPLY FOR A CHALLENGE GRANT

The **AARP Community Challenge** provides small grants to fund quick-action projects that can help communities become more livable for people of all ages. This year, applications will be accepted for projects to improve public spaces, housing, transportation and civic engagement; support diversity, equity and inclusion; build engagement for programs under new federal laws; and pursue innovative ideas that support people age 50 or older.

Important Dates in 2022

- **January 25:** Application window opens
- **February 17:** Webinar Q&A about completing the application
- **March 22:** Applications due by 5 p.m. (ET)
- **Mid-May:** All applicants will be notified by email of their status
- **June 29:** Public announcement of the selected grantees — and work on the projects begin!
- **November 30:** All funded projects must be completed
- **December 14:** Deadline for after-action reports

Applicants and others with questions can email CommunityChallenge@AARP.org.

Eligibility

The program is open to the following types of programs:

- 501(C)(3), 501(C)(4) and 501(c)(6) nonprofits
- Government entities



AARP COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

Grants to make communities livable for people of all ages

aarp.org/CommunityChallenge

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The following downloadable materials are recommended reading before starting the application process.

New Cohort! Federal Funding Opportunities to Create More Livable Communities – Apply by March 21

Federal Funding Opportunities to Create More Livable Communities



As local governments compete for grants and seek to implement investments strategically, they must navigate complex funding rules and reporting requirements, and design programs and partnerships that can deliver measurable, equitable outcomes for all residents. This cohort sprint is designed to supercharge efforts by local government practitioners to do just that. It will provide an understanding of what constitutes a livable community for people of all ages, highlight specific factors of livability and their positive impact on economic development and growth, and provide an overview of the federal funding opportunities available.

[Apply Now](#)

The cohort will include government leaders and policymakers from different communities and across the country who will work together to learn from national experts, develop place-based strategies, and identify solutions to the complex challenges that arise in cross-sector work. Cohort participants will work as peer groups to support one another and will be mentored in support of specific solutions and strategies.

This six-week course will:

- Deepen participants' understanding of what makes a livable community, with particular attention to creating great places for people of all ages, and how it can work to support growth and economic prosperity.
- Learn about how funding in the American Rescue Plan Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act can support these initiatives.
- Provide deep dives on specific topics such as: housing and health, mobility and transportation, and high-speed internet access.
- Provide opportunities for cross-sector collaboration with peers and mentor support from national experts

[Webinar Rewind: Unpacking Federal Funding Opportunities to Create More Livable Communities](#)

Posted on March 2, 2022

[Why Stay Interviews Offer a No-Cost Culture Glow Up for Local Government](#)

Posted on March 2, 2022

[Podcast: Green Building Standards and Recruiting Architects to Local Government with Farah Ahmad](#)

Posted on March 1, 2022

[So...What Do You Do as a Human Resources Manager?](#)

Posted on March 1, 2022

[Building a Tunnel for a Cruise Ship](#)


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Publications

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The ABCs of ADUs

A guide to
Accessory Dwelling Units
and how they expand housing options
for people of all ages



DETACHED ADU
BASEMENT ADU
GARAGE-CONVERSION ADU
ATTACHED ADU
SECOND-STORY ADU


[AARP.org/ADUs](https://www.aarp.org/ADUs)

Updated and Expanded
Released December 2021
[AARP.org/ADUs](https://www.aarp.org/ADUs)

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Walk Audit Tool Kit

A self-service guide for assessing
a community's walkability



Worksheets available at
[AARP.org/WalkAudit](https://www.aarp.org/WalkAudit)

Revamped
Released February 2022
[AARP.org/WalkAudit](https://www.aarp.org/WalkAudit)

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AARP Disaster Resilience Tool Kit

A guide for how local leaders can
better protect, and reduce the risks to,
their community's older adults



By AARP in collaboration with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Coming Soon
April 2022

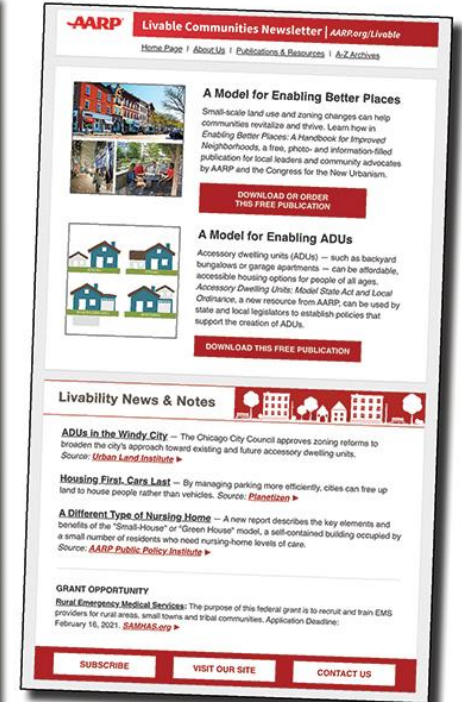
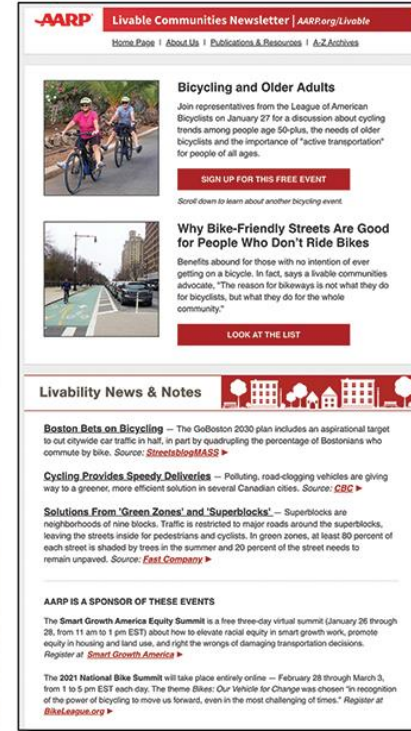
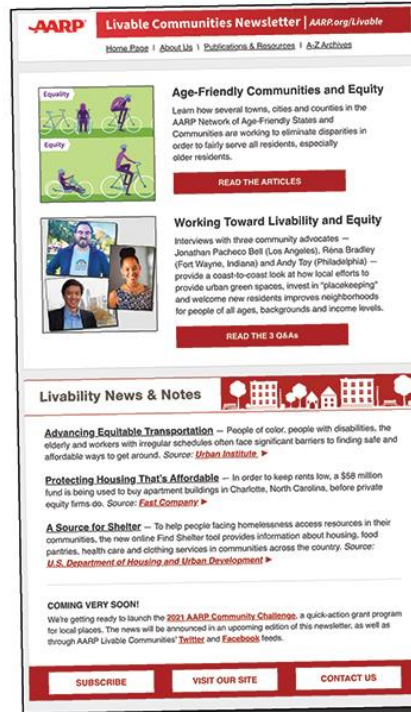
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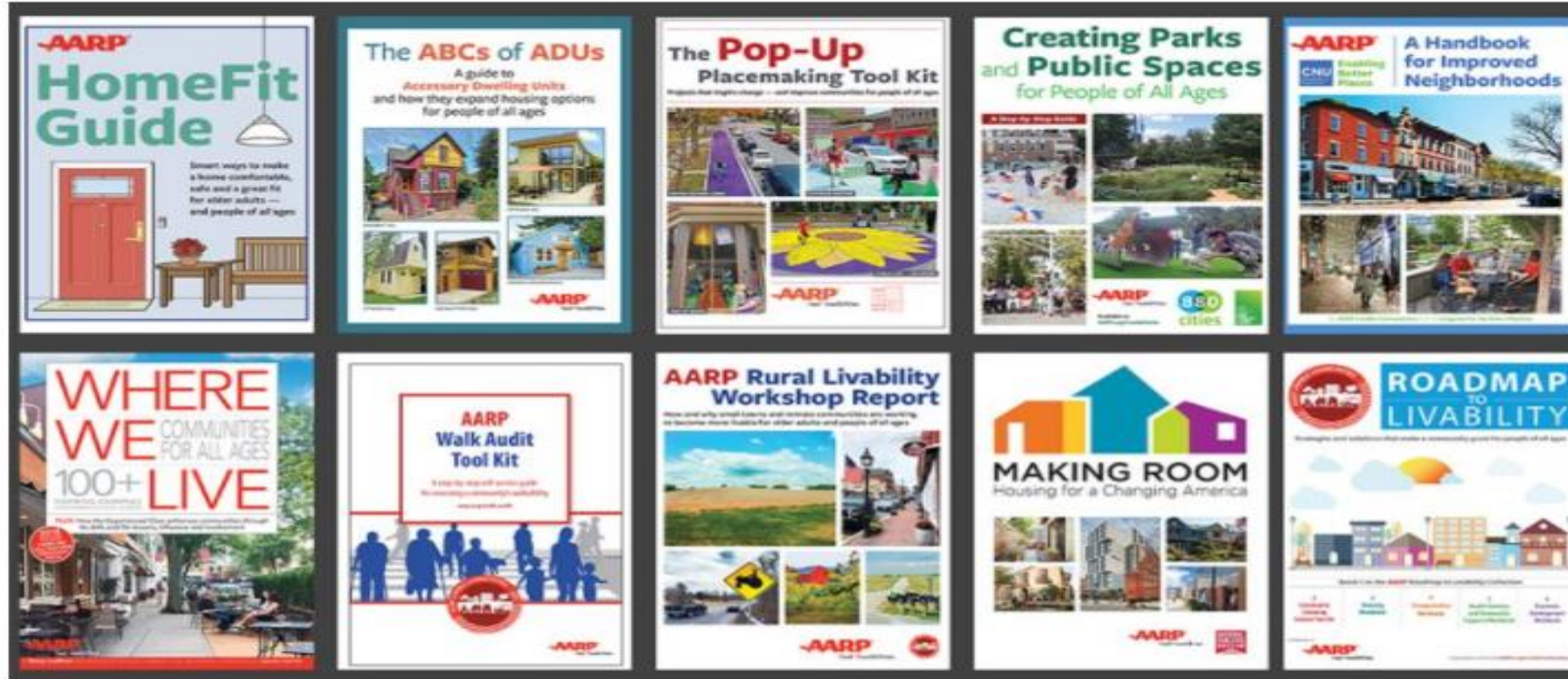
Our newsletter is created for and specifically targeted to local leaders.

- Subscribe at AARP.org/LivableSubscribe
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Free publications to help community leaders and residents make where they live more livable for people of all ages