

## Grant Funding Sought

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One major project I have been involved in this summer was writing the application for AARP's Community Challenge grant. If we receive this grant, funds will be used to install historic signage along the Saco and Biddeford RiverWalk Loop Trail that details the history of the surrounding mills. As part of our Community Challenge Project, we also identified a plan to collaborate with local schools to create RiverWalk map brochures to increase usage of the trail. I worked collaboratively with Biddeford's grant writer and the Age Friendly groups in both Saco and Biddeford to identify the need for these improvements to the RiverWalk and develop a budget, but I had the opportunity to write the project narrative of the grant myself. Experience drafting a grant application will be an extremely valuable skill to put on my resume as I look for jobs in the environmental advocacy field in the future.

