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MEMORANDUM

TO: Institute Steering Committee
FROM: Brian O. Martin, AICP, Executive Director
DATE: October 31, 2025
SUBJECT: October 2025 Livable, Age-Friendly Communities Grant-Award Recommendation

Age-Friendly Communities have responded to the encouragement from MVRPC and The Dayton Foundation (TDF) to apply for funding to develop or implement their Age-Friendly action plans. In 2025, the cohort communities had the option of any of three grant proposal deadlines that align with the ISC meetings for review before board adoption. This memorandum addresses the proposals for the third deadline of October 1.

The proposals received, which are summarized below, address multiple Age-Friendly Domains—Transportation, Respect & Social Inclusion, Civic Participation & Employment, and, Social Participation.

The recommendation at this date is to award six (6) grants with this final cycle of 2025. One is for a new, start-up Age-Friendly Community—Jefferson Township. The others are Phase 2 grants to help communities to develop and implement Age-Friendly action plans.

Please be aware that not all grant applications received can be honored. Also, some recommendations are for less than requested. This results from a combination of limited, remaining grant funds from the Del Mar Health Fund, and, items requested that are not a clear fit for Age-Friendly.

Finally, as MVRPC and TDF prepare for 2026, the grant process will be reviewed and improved for the benefit of all Age-Friendly Communities.

Recommendations for approval in this cycle are as follows:

City of Kettering

Age-Friendly Domains: *Outdoor Spaces & Buildings; Health Services*; *Social Participation; Respect & Social Inclusion*

This proposal (is for) a fully subsidized, cross-community, Age-Friendly softball league for 65 and older. The program encourages seniors to stay active, enjoy outdoor recreation and build social connections in a friendly, supportive environment. The Kettering PRCA Department will collaborate with neighboring MVAFN communities. Games will take place at Delco Park, providing a central, accessible location for participants and spectators.

*MVRPC/TDF: The City of Kettering Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts accepted a challenge to organize and administer a softball pilot program **for all of the MVAFN communities**. Participation in the program will be at no charge to the participants. It is hoped that each of the Age-Friendly Communities in the Miami Valley will field a team, or will direct individuals, to the program.*

Total Amount Requested: $13,385.05

Total Project Budget: $13,385.05

Amount Awarded: $13,385.05

City of Brookville

Age-Friendly Domains: *Health Services; Respect and Social Inclusion*; *Social Participation*

(Brookville is) seeking grant support to enhance its age-friendly programs at the Senior Center. The funds requested will provide an engineer to evaluate an intersection for safer crossings for older residents to cross for easier, safer access to local businesses, a dedicated cell phone to coordinate grocery assistance and Lunch and Learn communications, as well as supplemental funds to support Lunch and Learn sessions and transportation (gas) for the grocery delivery program. …(A)lso requesting funding for a secure cabinet to store board and card games, puzzles, as well as books for a book swap program, a weatherproof storage building for donated mobility equipment (wheelchairs, walkers, etc.) and a qualified instructor to lead senior-friendly exercise classes such as chair yoga.

MVRPC/TDF: The City of Brookville has enthusiastically added services and amenities in 2025 to become Age-Friendly. The city was awarded two grants earlier this year totaling $25,000.

The recommendation is to award grant funds for "…Lunch and Learn…secure cabinet…and qualified instructor…" *that will directly support the expansion and improvement of the City's lunch and learn program, and wellness/fitness programs for older adults.*

Total Amount Requested: $20,000

Total Project Budget: $20,000

Amount Awarded: $3,200

Village of Yellow Springs/Yellow Springs Senior Citizens, Inc.

Age-Friendly Domains: *Transportation; Social Participation; Outdoor Spaces; Respect & Social Inclusion*

The Village of Yellow Springs recognizes a great opportunity to action the Livable & Age-Friendly Communities goals by obtaining a "trishaw" to facilitate Cycling Without Age in our region. The YS Senior Center and Friends Care Retirement Center are proximate to the Little Miami Scenic Trail, making this an ideal initiative to pilot in Yellow Springs and Miami Township. This project is a good fit given Yellow Springs proximity to the bike trail.

Notably, the Senior Center has an excellent "sign-up" system that can be utilized to schedule the rides for individuals residing locally and regionally. This project will encourage efforts to coordinate and collaborate on these activities across the Miami Valley.

MVRPC/TDF: The Village of Yellow Springs/Y.S.Senior Citizens collaborative is the oldest Age-Friendly Community in the Miami Valley Network. Yellow Springs Age-Friendly was awarded a grant earlier this year totaling $10,500. The TriShaw is akin to the "OPair" cylcle funded by the Del Mar Health Fund—Age-Friendly grant in July 2025 for the City of Kettering.

Total Amount Requested: $13,100

Total Project Budget: $15,600

Amount Awarded: $13,100

City of Bellbrook

Age-Friendly Domains: *Social Participation; Health Services; Respect & Inclusion; Outdoor Spaces & buildings.*

The City of Bellbrook plans a Senior Health Fair & Senior Walk Series. The City will collaborate with Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Park District, Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Senior Center, the Senior Resource Connection, Greene County Council on Aging and others. The concept was born from hearing the success stories from other Coalition of Age-Friendly Communities—Ohio (CAFCO) in August.

MVRPC/TDF: This is the initial step for Bellbrook after completing their Action Plan earlier this year. Of note is the involvement with several other service providers, making this a truly collaborative, community event.

Total Amount Requested: $5000

Total Project Budget: $5000

Amount Awarded: $5000

Miami County

Age-Friendly Domains: *Transportation; Social Participation*

Members of the Miami County Age-Friendly Advisory Council wish to specifically focus on enhancing transportation and Social Participation domains of the county's Action Plan. The request for funds, therefore, are to be used to reduce public transportation costs through a subrecipient grant with Miami County Transit; and, to provide membership fee support for older adults wishing to join one of three county senior centers.

The initiative aims to overcome mobility barriers, encourage meaningful social interaction, and preserve the independence and dignity of older adults.

*MVRPC/TDF: Unlike most grant requests, this is a **County-wide program** versus a single township or city. Also, this is the first grant request by Miami County, and their initial step of the action plan.*

Total Amount Requested: $20,000

Total Project Budget: $20,000

Amount Awarded: $20,000

Jefferson Township

Phase One—Needs Assessment

The Township plans to conduct surveys, listening sessions, and asset mapping focused on all eight (8) Age-Friendly Domains. They will pursue special outreach to older adults, low-income households, and underserved residents. Results will inform the long-term Age-Friendly Action Plan. The effort reflects the vision of a township that supports residents at every stage of life.

MVRPC/TDF: Jefferson Township has just enrolled in the AARP Age-Friendly Community program. As such, the Township is eligible for a grant to conduct a needs assessment among their older adults, and those who are planning to age.

Total Amount Requested: $20,000

Total Project Budget: $23,000

Amount Awarded: $10,000