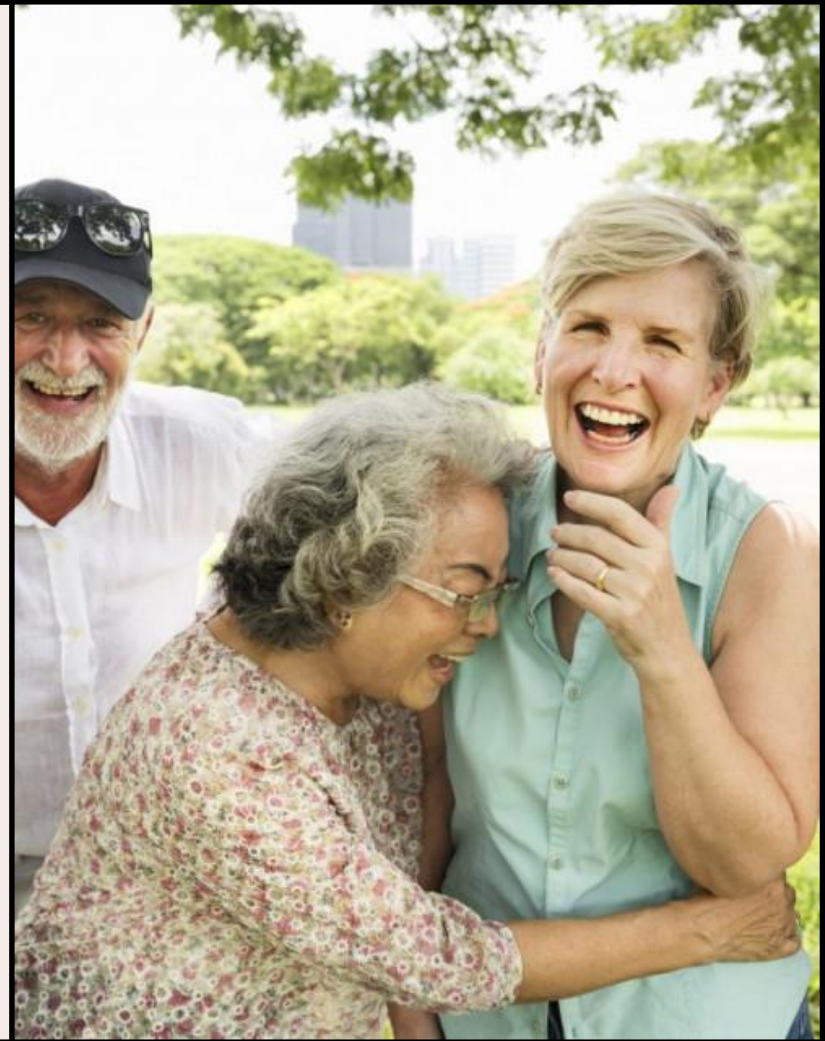


Dane County Area Agency on Aging

Community Grants

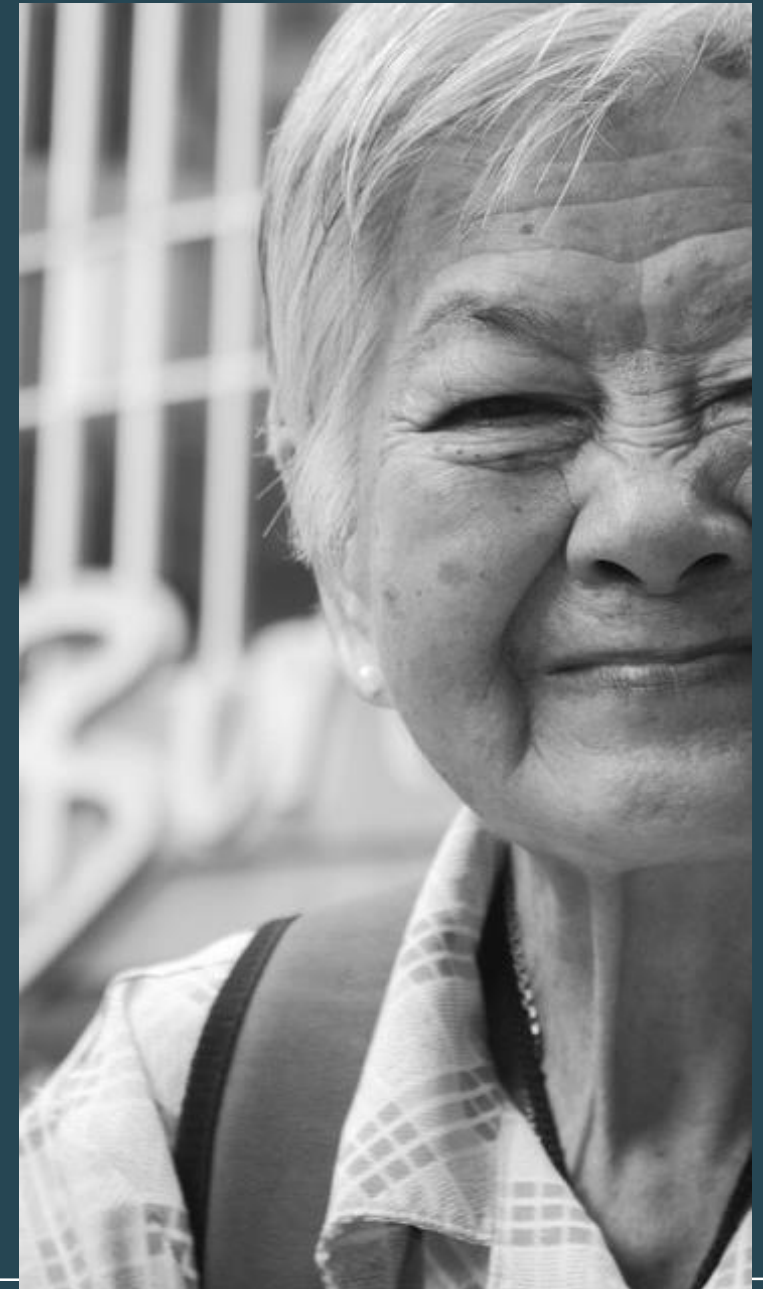
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Introduction

Every spring, the Dane County Area Agency on Aging solicits applications for three community grants, with the goal of enhancing the lives of older adults through providing funds to community agencies serving them, including the 12 Senior Focal Points and other community partners who work with older adults.



Paul Kusuda Special Projects Fund Grant Application

This Grant augments Dane County-funded Client-Centered Case Management provided by the 12 Senior Focal Points.

Paul was a Japanese American social worker, visionary and a lifelong advocate for those less fortunate than himself. Among many civic activities, Paul went on to become an advocate for the elderly by involving himself with the City of Madison Commission on Aging and the Area Agency on Aging, as well as numerous other organizations.

He and his wife, Atsuko made monetary donations to numerous charitable organizations every year, and after he died, the Legislative Advocacy Committee requested that this fund was established and administered by Dane County and is given out annually.

Mally Fund for Aging Education

The Mally Fund for Aging Education was created in 2001 by longtime Area Agency on Aging Board Chair, Nell Mally, who wanted to honor the memory of her husband, Timothy G. Mally, a vice-president of Engineering at Oscar Mayer.

The fund was established with an initial investment of \$10,000 and in subsequent years additional monies were added. These funds are invested with and held by the Madison Community Foundation.

The grant is intended to provide annual funding for educational programs (training, retraining, educating, or retreating) to benefit senior adults, staff, and/or volunteers in Dane County's aging network.

The Mally Fund for Aging Education Endowment has made grants totaling \$8,910.85.

Henry Norman Leck Endowment Fund (Leck Grant)

Early in 1995, Dane County senior adults and the Commission on Aging (later to be named the Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors) were privileged to receive a bequest from the estate of Mr. Henry Norman Leck.

Mr. Leck was killed in a car accident in 1992, and he left over \$150,000 to serve Dane County elders.

Realizing how quickly these funds could be spent, the Commission on Aging chose to create the Henry Norman Leck Endowment Fund (also referred as the Leck Grant) at the Madison Community Foundation.

Since 1996, the Leck Endowment Fund has made grants totaling \$176,976.75

2024 Awards

Mally

Leck

Kusuda

The Rainbow Project
\$500
Courageous Conversations

Bayview Foundation
\$5,000
Healthy Aging Project

Cornerstone Community Center
\$1,870
Senior Transportation Assistance
(taxi vouchers)

Jewish Social Services
\$2,120
Building Intergenerational Bridges
with the Dane County Russian
Speaking Community

Stoughton Area Senior Center
\$1,699
Senior Transportation Assistance
(taxi vouchers)

Outreach
\$530.24
Increasing Opportunities for
Intergenerational Connections

NewBridge Madison
\$12,238
CaseLoad Acuity Tool

2025 Grant Amounts

Kusuda

\$13,807

Mally

\$575.81

Leck

\$7,843.62

2025 Grants Timeline

March 3

Recruit 3
volunteers for
grant review
committee to
score applications

March 14

Grant
announcements
emailed to POS
agencies and
community
partners

April 11

**Applications
Deadline** POS and
community
partners email
applications to
[AAA@DaneCounty.
Gov](mailto:AAA@DaneCounty.Gov)

Week of April

21-25

Grant
Committee
Scoring
Meeting

May 5th

Grant Committee
presents results
to AAA Board for
approval

2024 Grant Reports

Jewish Social Services



Events
put on by
the older
adult
clients of
JSS

- *Russian Folk Music Concert*
- *Math Comes Alive Presentation*
- *Russian Doll Making Master Class*
- *Grandma's Recipe's Cooking class*
- *Grandfather Frost' Lab Master Class*

Building International Bridges

20 seniors and 30 children participated in five programs to promote intergenerational connections and engage seniors and young people in language and culture

Goals of the program

1-To decrease loneliness in Russian speaking older adults

2 - To increase knowledge of children, teens and younger adults about Russian culture and traditions.

“Thank you so much for giving us an opportunity to spend time with the young ones. They bring so much energy!”

“It was so wonderful to see mothers and grandmothers working together with their daughters on a project!”

Bayview Foundation

2024 saw the opening of Bayview's new community center, a stunning 11,500 square foot building that is able to meet the needs of a growing community.

With more programming space and a designated senior lounge, older adults from Bayview as well as across the Triangle and nearby neighborhoods now have full-time access to social, recreational and wellness opportunities.

The Leck funding was perfectly timed to support expanded programming that keeps people connected socially, and fosters positive health outcomes.



The dedication of *Together in Friendship*, a collaborative tapestry created by 12 resident (mostly senior) artists.

Some of the programs offered included Tea and Talk, Senior Bingo, field trips for a social and recreational “escape”, art classes, adaptive yoga, tai chi and gentle massage. These programs brought on average about 250 people to the center each week. Resident chefs cook lunches every day and on average about 25 seniors share a meal each day.

In all, 2,100 hours of adult and senior programming for 71 senior participants – compared to 1,020 hours for 39 seniors last year – have been hosted in the new center since it opened.



Potential
Volunteers,
please
contact Claire

Thank
You!

