

# AAA Grants

## Henry Norman Leck Endowment Fund (Leck Grant)

Early in 1995, Dane County elders and the Area Agency on Aging Board were privileged to receive a bequest from the estate of Mr. Henry Norman Leck. Killed in a car accident in 1992, Mr. Leck left over \$150,000 to service Dane County elders. Realizing how quickly these funds could be spent, the Area Agency on Aging Board chose to create the Henry Norman Leck Endowment Fund at the Madison Community Foundation. Each spring, approximately 5% of the assets of the fund are distributed, on a competitive basis, to Dane County non-profit organizations, community groups, and public agencies serving senior adults (age 60+). The grants are meant to provide seed money to develop peer-to-peer prevention programs in the areas of AODA, elder abuse, housing, and nutrition. Leck Grants may not be used to supplant existing county funding. No project will be funded more than twice. The Leck Endowment Fund has made grants totaling \$162,979. See <https://aaa.dcdhs.com/pdf/Leck%20Grants%20History.pdf> for a history of Leck Grant funded projects.

## Mally Fund for Aging Education (Mally Grant)

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. Upon his death and because of his passion for lifelong learning, the fund was established with an initial investment of \$10,000. These funds are invested with and held by the Madison Community Foundation. Each spring, approximately 5% of the assets of the fund are distributed, on a competitive basis, to Dane County non-profit organizations, community groups, and public agencies serving senior adults (age 60+). The grant is distributed annually by the Area Agency on Aging and 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 grant may not be used to supplant existing county funding. No project will be funded more than twice. Agency/agencies are encouraged to plan in collaboration, whenever possible, to maximize the number of people benefiting from the educational experience. The Mally Fund for Aging Education Endowment has made grants totaling \$7,409.08. See <https://aaa.dcdhs.com/pdf/Mally%20Grants%20History.pdf> for a history of Mally Grant funded projects.

## Paul H. Kusuda Special Projects Fund (Kusuda Grant)

The Paul H. Kusuda Special Projects Fund Grant augments Dane-County-funded budgets for Senior Focal Point provided client-centered case management and related services provided by the 12 Senior Focal Points. It covers all or part of one-time costs (e.g., unanticipated equipment needs, start-up costs for special projects, continuing education opportunities, limited staff time to meet emergency situations, unanticipated costs for specialized equipment or services, or increased costs for supplies, postage, equipment repairs, and services.) The focus of the grant is to address unmet needs of Client-Centered Case Management senior adult clients. Created in 2015 as a result of strong advocacy by AAA Board member Paul Kusuda, the Special Projects Fund was renamed the Paul H. Kusuda Special Projects Fund upon his death in late 2017. Funding for this grant is provided through Dane County GPR and annual donations from Mr. Kusuda's daughter (Missy). Grant recipients have included: Mental Health Consultant for Case Managers (2015), Culturally Inclusive Case Management Services for African American Senior Adults and iPads/Tablets for Case Management Programs (2016), Case Management Data Base (2017), and Medical Patient Advocate for Case Management Clients (2018). The Paul H. Kusuda Special Projects Fund has made grants totaling \$46,072.