

**Area Agency on Aging of Dane County
Paul H. Kusuda, Mally Education Fund, and Leck Grants
Grant Sub-Committee Report and Recommendation to the AAA Board May 13, 2026**

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For AAA Board Consideration:

Diane Farsetta, AAA Board Chair, and Amy Wurf, AAA Board Member, volunteered to work with Claire Purkis, AAA Aging Program Specialist to review, score, and make funding recommendations to the full AAA Board regarding the distribution and awarding of the **Paul H. Kusuda, Mally Education Fund, and Leck Grant**. Having evaluated the proposals submitted for 2026, the sub-committee recommends that the AAA Board award funding to the following projects in the amounts listed below:

Paul H. Kusuda Special Projects Fund Grant – total fund is \$14,800

- Fitchburg Senior Center, **\$3,300** for the PERKS Database for the Case Management Program.
- NewBridge Madison, **\$8,000** for Older Adult Client-Centered Case Management Services, to fill the gap remaining from a cut in funding to case management services.
- Sugar River Senior Center, **\$3,500** to restore and expand Case Management Services for older adults in the Sugar River Service Area.

Mally Education Fund Grant- total fund is \$599.58

- The Rainbow Project, \$599.58 for Education for Aging Network Providers Supporting Grandparent and other relative Caregivers.

The Leck Grant total fund is \$ \$8,166.19

- Northwest Dane Senior Services \$4,400 for their Scam and Fraud Prevention Program.
- Vera Court \$2,250 for expansion of Nutrition Classes for Older Adults in the Bridge-Lake Point Waunona (BLW) community

Financial/Budget/Other Resource Implications (if any)

None

Recommendation

Approval of grant funding is recommended to allow awards to be made and grantees to begin work on their projects as soon as possible. Grants must be spent by December 31st, 2026, and reports of completed work are due by January 31, 2027.

Attachments

None