

### **Who We Are**

The Area Agency on Aging of Pasco – Pinellas (AAAPP) is a non-profit organization that has served seniors and individuals with disabilities in our community since 1974. The AAAPP is the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) for Pasco and Pinellas counties, providing an initial entry point for all aging and disability social services and coordinating a network of partners and providers to better meet the needs of our aging community.

### **AAA Mission**

The Federal Older Americans Act legislation mandates all Area Agency on Aging (AAAs) will provide a system of support and services to assist older adults so that they can remain in their homes and communities as they age. The AAAPP's mission is to be a trusted resource to advocate, educate and empower seniors, adults with disabilities and caregivers which promotes independence, in partnership with the community.

### **Emergent Affordable Senior Housing Crisis**

However, like many AAAs throughout the United States, the AAAPP has ascertained that housing and homelessness are growing areas of concern among seniors in our community. The AAAPP's ADRC has experienced a dramatic increase in helpline calls from seniors and caregivers experiencing an affordable housing crisis.

### **A Universal Human Need**

"The desire to stay in community as we age is universal. The World Health Organization believes housing's importance as a social determinant of health is growing. Social determinants of health (SDOH) are the nonmedical factors that influence health outcomes. They are the conditions in which people are born, grow, work, live, and age, and the wider set of forces and systems shaping the conditions of daily life. The desire to remain in our homes and communities as we age is felt around the world. As a result, there is a great need for safe, supportive housing (or housing-related services and arrangements) to promote health, prevent injury, delay the need for institutional care, reduce social isolation, and build intergenerational connection and stronger families and communities." ("Approaches to Successful Aging in Community from 25 Countries", Grantmakers in Aging)

### **We Must Not Only Act. We must lead.**

The AAAPP Board of Directors and agency leadership determined that they must strategically address the lack of affordable senior housing in the counties we serve. The AAAPP demonstrated their commitment to this complex issue in many strategic ways which prioritized affordable senior housing as a goal in the Board of Directors' Strategic Plan 2022-2025. Affordable senior housing was also cited as an area of concern in the AAAPP's Area Plan 2024 – 2027. In November 2023, this commitment was further demonstrated when the AAAPP convened a diverse group of senior housing stakeholders to discuss affordable housing in roundtable meetings held in Pinellas and Pasco counties. The Affordable Housing Roundtable meetings resulted in the *Senior Housing Community Action Plans for Pinellas and Pasco Counties* which includes defined goals and strategies to address these emergent concerns.

In 2024, the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco – Pinellas, Inc. will celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As a part of this significant milestone, we are pleased to announce a new grant opportunity with a total of \$200,000 available for award to expand affordable senior housing options in Pasco and Pinellas Counties.

### **Award Amount**

The AAAPP will provide grants to eligible organizations with requests between \$25,000 and \$50,000. The review committee reserves the right to partially fund requests.

### **Grant Term**

All funded grant activities must begin by July 30, 2024, and be completed by August 30, 2025. Grants awarded in 2024 will apply to programs that assist in expanding affordable, safe, and supportive housing for seniors aged 60 and older.

### **Senior Housing Impact Grants Funding Priority**

Funds may be requested for the following purposes:

1. Expand home **sharing** options for seniors
2. Expand availability for **retrofitting** existing homes for seniors
3. Expand approaches to **building** new structures for seniors
4. Expand policies and practices for **supporting** seniors so they can live at home
5. Expand opportunities for **monitoring** through home technology-based approaches
6. Expand options for **incentivizing** senior affordable housing through zoning, policy, and funding

### **Examples of funding activities included but are not limited to the following:**

- Facilitating safe, accessible home share options
- Housing repair and Aging in Place home modifications (wheelchair ramp, door widening, technology, etc.)
- Eviction prevention education and interventions for seniors, landlords and property managers
- Housing referral assistance and education
- Homelessness diversion
- Financial or Relocation assistance (rent subsidies, required deposits, etc.)
- Other home-related one-time services

### **Application and Eligibility Requirements**

- Must be a 501(c)(3) or government agency for at least two years at the time of application.
- All grant funded project activities must be spent in Pinellas County or Pasco County
- Funds must be used to serve persons aged 60 or older
- The request for funding is specific to the funding priority of Affordable Senior Housing
- A letter of intent and application must be submitted by the defined deadlines
- Current 990 Form must be included with the completed application

**The Grant will not fund the following:**

- Capital campaigns or capital purchases for property
- Debt retirement or operating deficits
- Endowments or reserve funds
- Political organizations or campaigns
- Lobbying legislators or influencing elections
- Sponsorship of fundraising events
- Indirect expenses unrelated to the project being funded
- Utilities payments

<b>Senior Housing Impact Grants - Timeline</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
1/8/2024	AAAPP Board Reviews the Senior Housing Impact Grants - Timeline
1/30/2024	Senior Housing Impact Grant Opportunity Posted on AAAPP Website
2/8/2024	Virtual Grant Q & A Session
2/20/2024	Letter of Intent (LOI) Due to AAAPP
4/5/2024	Application Due to AAAPP by 3 pm
5/9/2024	Application Review by Committee
6/17/2024	Committee’s Grant Recommendations to AAAPP Board
7/30/2024	Contracting completion date for awarded proposals

**Grant Payment**

Grantees will receive the grant funding in the following payments:

- Payment 1 – 50% of the award will be paid after the Grant Agreement and Business Associates Agreement are signed
- Payment 2 – 40% of the award will be issued after the 6-month Impact Report is completed
- Payment 3 – 10% of the award will be paid after the 12-month Impact Report is completed

### **Community Impact Reports**

- Impact Reports are required to be submitted at the following intervals: 6-months and 12-months
- Instructions for completion will be included in each grant award letter.
- Photographs reflecting grant activities are required to be submitted to the AAAPP with photo releases.
- Failure to submit the Impact Reports will affect the consideration of future funding.

### **Additional Requirements**

- The AAAPP logo must be posted on grantee website with a link to <https://agingcarefl.org>
- The AAAPP logo must appear on collateral, letterhead and other external marketing materials and online platforms promoting the grant funded project.
- Provide AAAPP Staff, Board Member and/or Advisory Council a tour of facilities demonstrating grant activities if requested.
- Collaboration and participation in conference(s) to highlight the grant activities with the AAAPP leadership. (Note: The AAAPP will assist with travel costs for the grantee to attend conference(s) when requested by the AAAPP.)
- Exceptions to these requirements must be made in writing with or before the application is submitted or with the application.

### **Letter of Intent (LOI)**

- A Letter of Intent is required.
- The deadline to submit the LOI to the AAAPP is 2/20/2024 by 5 p.m.
- Please submit your LOI signed by your authorizing signatory and send via email to [grants@aaapp.org](mailto:grants@aaapp.org)
- The LOI should include:
  1. Organization's name
  2. Organization's grant administrative staff lead and their contact information
  3. State your intention to apply for the AAAPP Senior Housing Impact Grant
  4. Proposed Project's Name
  5. Application's Project Category
    - Expand home **sharing** options for seniors
    - Expand availability for **retrofitting** existing homes for seniors
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    - Expand options for **incentivizing** senior affordable housing through zoning, policy, and funding
  6. Estimated grant amount to be requested
  7. Approximate project location (include the geographic area of the proposed grant project)

**Senior Housing Impact Grant - Questions and Answers Virtual Session**

- The Q & A session will be held virtually on 2/8/2024 at 1 p.m.
- Please submit your grant application questions to [grants@aaapp.org](mailto:grants@aaapp.org)
- To receive the Virtual Teams meeting link, please email [grants@aaapp.org](mailto:grants@aaapp.org)

**Application Submission**

- Applications are due to the AAAPP on 4/5/2024 by 3 pm
- Applications should be submitted via email to [grants@aaapp.org](mailto:grants@aaapp.org) and three paper copies to the AAAPP offices at the following location:  
Attn: Affordable Senior Housing Grant Team  
9549 Koger Blvd. N  
St. Petersburg, FL 33702