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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 14, 2026

DATE: Thursday, July 09, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Pamela Mann, Agency Director, Human Services Agency
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THROUGH: Ryan Gustafson, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a private grant from AARP Community Challenge, in the amount of [\$5,750.00; no County match] retroactive from June 24, 2026 to December 31, 2026 to enhance pedestrian safety and mobility at the 9th Street Senior Center; retroactively authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant award and related documents; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

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Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous action.

BACKGROUND

The AARP Community Challenge is a grant program to make tangible improvements in communities that jump-start long-term change. It is part of AARP's nationwide Livable Communities initiative, which supports the efforts of cities, towns, neighborhoods and rural areas to become great places to live for people of all ages. To learn more, visit AARP.org/Livable.

Since 2017, the AARP Community Challenge has invested \$24.3 million in 2,100 livability projects that support aging in place, mobility and accessibility, and engagement and social participation.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Washoe County Senior Services has been awarded funding from the AARP Community Challenge grant to enhance mobility and pedestrian safety at the 9th Street Senior Center. Limited space for dedicated parking of bicycles, scooters, and carts has caused an increasing concern for accessibility to the center. Providing additional parking and storage space will help to reduce the number of micromobility aids being locked to handrails or left potentially blocking the entrance of the building. This will improve the pedestrian flow, reduce fall risks, and ensure the center maintains a welcoming environment while encouraging and supporting seniors of all mobilities to access services.

The need for additional bike parking has emerged through direct observation and feedback from participants and staff. Senior participants have shared that they value being able to bike to the center for meals, fitness classes, and social activities; however, the current lack of adequate parking creates frustration and safety concerns. This project will not only allow Senior Services to encourage more active forms of transportation but also ensure an inclusive environment for seniors facing limited or impaired mobility.

The Agency received notification of this grant award on May 7, 2026, but AARP did not plan a public announcement until June 24, 2026, with activity approved to begin as of June 24, 2026; therefore, the request to accept this award is retroactive. Additionally, AARP requested signed grant documents returned by June 10, 2026; therefore, the authorization to execute the grant award and related documents is also retroactive.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: AARP Community Challenge Pedestrian Safety

Scope of the Project: This project will fund the site preparation and installation of a concrete pad with a bike rack at the 9th Street Senior Center.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: This project aims to increase pedestrian safety and overall mobility for seniors and other visitors to the 9th Street Senior Center. Creating dedicated parking for bicycles and other mobility devices will work to decrease the congestion on walkways and eliminate obstacles impeding ADA pathways, clear access to handrails, and better support snow removal and ice mitigation efforts, providing a safer path into the Senior Center and ensuring seniors of all mobilities can access services.

On-Going Program Support: N/A

Award Amount: \$5,750.00 (\$5,750.00 direct/\$0 indirect)

Grant Period: June 24, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Funding Source: AARP Community Challenge

Pass Through Entity: N/A

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: N/A

Grant ID Number: N/A

Match Amount and Type: N/A

Sub-Awards and Contracts: The Agency follows County and federal grant procurement guidelines for subawards and contracts.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY27 Senior Services Fund 225, adopted budget will be increased by \$5,750.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 29090	- 484195	Non-Governmental Grants	\$ 5,750.00
		Total Revenue	\$ 5,750.00
IO 29090	- 710100	Professional Services	\$ 5,300.00
	- 711504	Equipment Non-capital	\$ 450.00
		Total Expenditures	\$ 5,750.00

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a private grant from AARP Community Challenge, in the amount of [\$5,750.00; no County match] retroactive from June 24, 2026 to December 31, 2026 to enhance pedestrian safety and mobility at the 9th street Senior Center; retroactively authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant award and related documents; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *"move to accept a private grant from AARP Community Challenge, in the amount of [\$5,750.00; no County match] retroactive from June 24, 2026 to December 31, 2026 to enhance pedestrian safety and mobility at the 9th street Senior Center; retroactively authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant award and related documents; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments."*