Enterprise's Thome Aging Well Program

2026 Call for Applications

Meeting Older Adults' Needs through a Changing Landscape

Important Dates

Request for Proposal Release	January 7, 2026
Informational Webinar	January 14, 2026, 2-3 pm ET
Virtual Office Hour	January 23, 2026, 10:30 – 11:30 am ET
Submission Deadline for Proposals	February 18, 2026
Notice of Awards	Spring 2026

Overview of Opportunity

Enterprise Community Partners invites eligible organizations to apply for funding to meet the urgent needs of older adults with lower incomes in Michigan and Maryland. As communities navigate rapid shifts in resources, rising housing and living costs, and other emerging challenges, this final round of Thome Aging Well funding aims to assist organizations that are supporting older adults through these uncertain times. These flexible, one-year grants are designed to bolster housing-based programs, services, and supports that safeguard the health, stability, and well-being of older adults during this moment of change.

Purpose

Organizations serving older adults with lower incomes are navigating unprecedented change. Shifts in critical safety-net programs and funding sources, rising costs of care, and increasing impacts of extreme weather all make it more difficult for older adults to maintain access to stable housing, nutritious food, energy, healthcare, and essential services.

This funding opportunity aims to provide flexible support to affordable housing organizations and past Enterprise Thome Aging Well grantees to respond to the urgent or emerging needs of their residents or clients with effective solutions. Eligible organizations must serve older adults (aged 55 and older) with lower incomes living in Michigan and Maryland.

Grants will have a one-year period of performance and be up to $200,000.

Example requests may include:

a) **Food access and nutrition programs** that provide consistent nourishing meals or food for older adults – especially in ways that build social connection, maintain dignity, and foster mutual care.

b) **Community resilience and care network initiatives** that establish or reestablish care networks – such as intergenerational supports, traditional care practices, or communal caregiving systems that can strengthen trust, social networks and delivery of care during these uncertain times.

c) **Program or property improvements** that help residents lower their energy costs or prepare for weather emergencies or extreme temperatures.

d) **Continuity of housing-based services** that have unexpectedly lost funding, ensuring older adults maintain access to care coordination, wellness programs, and other housing-based supports.

e) **Housing stability programs** such as senior cohousing, shared housing, or community led structures that enable older adults to age in their community with independence, connection, and mutual support.

f) **Housing stability and homelessness prevention efforts** that support older adults at risk of losing their housing or experiencing homelessness—such as coordination with local Continuums of Care or short-term stabilization supports.

This grant opportunity is administered by Enterprise Community Partners through our Thome Aging Well Program, supported by the Edward N. & Della L. Thome Memorial Foundation, Bank of America trustee.

Core Values

At the heart of Enterprise's Thome Aging Well Program is a belief that older adults are essential contributors to community life. Consistent with previous funding rounds, Enterprise seeks proposals that include:

- Older adult voice, leadership, or co-design
- Cultural responsiveness and healing-centered approaches to honor cultural, racial, linguistic, and ability-based differences
- Community partnerships and collaboration
- A commitment to continuous learning and adaptation

Eligibility

Eligible applicants include:

- Nonprofit affordable housing providers or community development corporations
- Tribal Housing Authorities, Tribal Designated Housing Entities, or community-based organization serving Tribal communities through housing-based programs
- Previous Enterprise Thome Aging Well grantees

The grant funds must be used to serve older adults, aged 55 and over, living in Maryland or Michigan with household incomes at or below 80% area median income.

We strongly encourage organizations serving individuals or communities that have experienced or continue to experience health inequities to apply.

Given the nature of this opportunity and the one-year period of performance, the grantee must be prepared to begin serving the proposed population within one month of the start of the grant's period of performance.

Application Process

Applications must be submitted via SlideRoom by 11:59 PM Eastern on February 18, 2026.

- Apply Here: SlideRoom Link
- If you do not have a SlideRoom account, register here under your organization's name.

Technical issues with SlideRoom can be sent to support@slideroom.com or by accessing the online help desk: https://support.slideroom.com/. SlideRoom support can take up to 24 hours; for this reason, we encourage applicants to apply and submit their applications early.

Webinar and Office Hours

Enterprise will host a webinar on the date shown below. During this session, Enterprise staff will review the requirements of the grant opportunity and answer questions from potential applicants.

Webinar date and time: January 14, 2026, from 2 - 3 pm ET [registration link]

This webinar will be recorded for those who cannot attend. To request a copy of the webinar recording, please email, AgingWell@enterprisecommunity.org.

Enterprise will also host a one-hour office hour session for potential applicants. During this session, Enterprise representatives will be available to answer clarifying questions around the grant opportunity. Enterprise will not provide personalized support to applicants in completing their applications.

Office hour date and time: January 23, 2026, 10:30 – 11:30 am ET ([Link to join](#))

Grant Details

Grants will have a one-year period of performance and be up to $200,000.

Grantees will receive half of the grant amount at the start of the period of performance and the second half at the midpoint of the period of performance. As part of their grant agreement, they will be expected to:

- Execute their proposed activities.
- Provide a semi-annual report to Enterprise detailing progress, successes and challenges; basic output and outcome reporting, including the type of services delivered and the number of older adults served; and accounting of use of funds. Additional guidance on the content of this report will be developed with Enterprise's Thome Aging Well Program team.
- Provide a final report to Enterprise highlighting key accomplishments and challenges encountered; basic output and outcome reporting, including the type of services delivered and the number of older adults served; and a final accounting of the use of funds. Additional guidance on the content of this report will be developed with Enterprise's Thome Aging Well Program team.
- Participate in quarterly check-ins with Enterprise's State Program Managers for the period of performance for the grant.
- Contribute to Enterprise's efforts to assess the impact of this program on older adults. This may include participating in surveys or a focus group to further reflect on aspects of your program and its impact.

Questions

General questions may be submitted to AgingWell@enterprisecommunity.org until 3 p.m. ET Monday, February 16, 2026. We will share a list of frequently asked questions through our website periodically before the application deadline. Questions received after this time and date will not be answered. Enterprise highly recommends proposals be submitted in advance of the deadline.

Application

Contact Information

- Primary Contact First & Last Name:
- Primary Contact Title:
- Primary Contact Phone:
- Primary Contact E-mail:
- Secondary Contact First & Last Name:
- Secondary Contact Title:
- Secondary Contact Phone:
- Secondary Contact E-mail:

Partner Information (if applicable)

List the following information **for each** partner organization included in the proposal.

- Name of Partner Organization(s):
- Address of Partner Organization(s):
- Primary Contact(s) First & Last Name:
- Primary Contact(s) Title:
- Primary Contact(s) Phone:
- Primary Contact(s) E-mail:

Overview

- Eligible Organization, select from the following: 1) nonprofit affordable housing providers or community development corporation, 2) Tribal Housing Authorities, 3) Tribal Designated Housing Entities 4) community-based organization serving Tribal communities through housing-based programs 5) previous Enterprise Thome Aging Well grantee
- What state will you be serving? 1) Michigan, 2) Maryland, 3) Both
- Share an elevator pitch for your proposal, including your main goal and how it will be achieved. (1500 characters or less)

Program Details and Need

- Describe the need that your proposed program is intended to address, including how this need is urgent or emerging based on the changing funding and policy landscape. (3000 characters or less)

- Describe your planned activities along with a detailed timeline, demonstrating your ability to comply with the 12-month period of performance. (4000 characters or less)
- Detail your staffing plans. Note: Given the short timeline, please limit new full-time hires. If hiring for the proposed program, share how you will recruit and hire in a way that allows for program delivery to start by the end of the 1st month. (2000 characters or less)
- Submit a video that shares an overview of your proposal and illustrates the need for your proposed activities (5 minutes or less). ("Other Media")

Core Values

- Describe how the program's core values are integrated into your proposed work. (3000 characters or less)

Population Served and Expected Impact

- Please list the counties that will be served by the proposed activities.
- If you serve a smaller geography within a county, please indicate it here (e.g., incorporated townships, villages, cities, or sub-sections thereof.) (500 characters or less)
- Describe the population you will serve, including age, income range, and any other relevant characteristics. (750 characters or less)

Impact

- Describe the expected impact, including estimated numbers served, by the proposed activities. (2000 characters)
- Explain how you will ensure that the proposed activities meet the needs of your target population. (2000 characters or less)

Financial and Organizational Information and Attachments

- Complete and attach the budget template (download template here).
- Attach 501c3 Letter of Determination. Applicants must have 501c3 status at the time the proposal is submitted. A pending application to secure 501c3 nonprofit status will not be accepted as a substitute. For government entities that are not organized as a 501c3 entity, for Tribal Designated Housing Entities, or other eligible organizations that are not 501c3 organizations, please provide documentation related to tax status or authorized formation or designation.

- Attach Audited Financial Statements. Applicants must provide their most recent audited financial statements. If your organization does not have audited financial statements, please submit company certified financial statements.
- Attach IRS W-9. Must be completed and signed.
- Attach signed Memoranda of Understanding or Agreement, if applying with partners. Partnerships should have a formal written partnership agreement in place clearly outlining the roles and responsibilities of all partners involved.
- Attach a State Issued Certificate of Good Standing. Applicants must provide a recent (within 30 days) state certificate of good standing. Organizations that are not in good standing will not be considered.

Eligible Expenses

The grant dollars must be used to directly serve populations with lower incomes (defined as 80% Area Median Income or below), particularly those who are socially or economically disadvantaged, who are aged 55 or older, and who reside in Michigan or Maryland. Specifically, grant funds may be used for activities which include, but are not limited to:

- Staff time associated with delivering proposed activities, including the hiring of necessary staff and contractors/consultants (e.g., resident services coordinator, benefits navigators, exercise instructors, financial counselors, etc.).
- Costs associated with hiring contractors or consultants to deliver the proposed activities.
- Costs associated with the built environment that directly address residents' needs. Large capital improvements for multi-family properties will not be considered for this grant.
- Travel expenses directly related to the delivery of program activities.
- Technology hardware, software, and equipment.
- Professional development and training for staff and/or residents to support proposed goals, activity delivery, or intended outcomes, including costs to attain additional certifications.
- Supplies, materials, or other costs including resident incentives associated with proposed activities.
- Indirect costs should not exceed the approved organization indirect rate for your organization. If your organization does not have an indirect rate, indirect costs should not exceed 10%.

Ineligible Expenses

Grant funds **may not** be used to cover the following costs:

- Ongoing business expenses or organization costs defined as rent, phone bills, insurance, etc.
- Fundraising activities
- Dues for lobbying activities
- Bad debts
- Contributions and donations
- Policy or advocacy costs intended to influence legislation
- Fines, penalties, and judgments
- Interest and other financing costs
- Investment costs
- Capital expenditures for land acquisition, pre-development costs, etc.
- Costs of idle facilities
- Housing & personal living expenses
- Contingency reserves
- Other costs pursuant to program or regulatory requirements
- Direct payments to homeowners or landlords for the purposes of built environment modifications
- Direct payments to homeowners or landlords to offset rent, mortgage, or tax arrears