

## 2022 AARP Livable Communities Workshop on Housing for People of All Ages

Transcripts and video recordings of the 2022 AARP Livable Communities Housing Workshop will be posted on or before October 12, 2022 at <https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/housing/info-2022/housing-workshop.html>

**The AARP Grant Challenge** funds projects that build momentum for local change. The 2023 program will be announced on October 12, 2022, Reviewing the winners of last year's grant awardees can provide valuable ideas for each south bay city to consider. [AARP Community Challenge 2022 Grantees](#)

The six hours of workshops explored how communities nationwide can provide safe, affordable housing options for individuals and families of all backgrounds, incomes, and abilities. Through four core themes — Housing Choice, Design, Stability, and Equity — the workshop shared best practices, insights, and inspiring next steps for meeting the housing needs of a changing nation for older adults.

There were several discussions regarding ADUs (Affordable Dwelling Units) as viable housing solutions. In addition, programs were presented that offered home retrofitting options to make homes older adult accessible such as wider doorways for wheelchairs, electrical outlets placed higher on the wall, walk in showers, etc. [These types of programs could be viable projects for the Community Grant programs.](#)

Here are links to some topics covered:

[MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING](#): In too many places, walkable, small- to mid-sized housing that's affordable for middle income households can't be found because it no longer exists

[A Handbook for Improved Neighborhoods](#): Small-scale land use and zoning changes can help communities revitalize and thrive. Learn how in this free publication for local leaders and community advocates.

[AARP Livable Communities Library](#): Publications have been created to help community leaders and residents make where they live more livable for people of all ages. Includes publications on:  
Disaster Resilience \* Improving Walkability \* Parks and Public Spaces \* Community Investment \* Land Use and Zoning

The workshops included videos highlighting programs implemented by cities throughout the United States.

**Lifelong Housing Certification** project was developed to help us think differently about home design. The certification criteria include simple and cost-effective features that homeowners and builders can do to make a home comfortable, safer, and livable. A home can be built or remodeled to support your needs and lifestyle at any age by using simple Universal Design principles. [Life Long Housing](#)

**Mary's House for Older Adults** – A LGBTQ-SGL Friendly Residence providing safe and affordable communal environments to adults over 60. [Marys House for Older Adults](#)

**Philadelphia Eviction Diversion** program enables landlords and tenants to arrive at an agreement that works for both parties, without having to go to Court. Benefits of diversion and mediation include helping tenants avoid an eviction, while also helping landlords avoid vacancies and unit turnover costs. The Eviction Diversion Program is free for both landlords and tenants. This program cut evictions by 66% in Philadelphia. [Eviction Diversion](#)