



**Institute for Livable and Equitable Communities
Steering Committee Meeting**
LOCATION: MVRPC, 6 N. Main, Suite 400, Dayton, OH 45402
DATE/TIME: Friday, October 31, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Agenda

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
I.	Call to Order and Introductions		9:30	Matt Joseph
II.	Approval of July 25, 2025 – Meeting Minutes	1	9:32	Matt Joseph
III.	Public Comment Period on Action Items		9:35	Matt Joseph
IV.	RPC (Regional Planning Commission) Action Items			
	A. <u>Resolution 25-29</u> : Approving the Recommendation to The Dayton Foundation to Fund the 2025 Livable, Age-Friendly Communities Grants	4	9:40	Arnie Biondo
V.	Upcoming Action Items and Next Steps			
	A. Institute Data & Metrics Workgroup <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prioritized Domains & Domain Co-Leads Regional Livability & Equity Goals 	10	9:55	Fabrice Juin
VI.	Information Items			
	A. Regional Equity Initiative Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transitional Funding from The Dayton Foundation Great Lakes Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program 	13	10:10	Fabrice Juin
	B. Age-Friendly Initiative Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Network Member(s) Ohio Designated as 13th AARP Age-Friendly State 	15	10:20	Arnie Biondo
	C. Native American Heritage Month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4th Annual REACH Fest – November 13-16, 2025 	17	10:30	Stephanie Van Hoose
VII.	Other Updates and Announcements		10:45	
	A. Regional Equity Calendar			
	B. General Updates from the Committee			All
VIII.	Adjournment		11:00	Matt Joseph

Next Meetings

Age-Friendly Network	Wednesday, November 19 at 10:00 a.m.	Zoom
Regional Equity Initiative	Tuesday, November 25 at 2:30 p.m.	MVRPC 6 N. Main Street, Suite 447
Institute Steering Committee	Friday, January 30 at 9:30 a.m.	MVRPC 6 N. Main Street, Suite 400

**MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
INSTITUTE FOR LIVABLE AND EQUITABLE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

MVRPC
6 N. Main Street, Suite 400, Dayton, OH 45402

July 25, 2025
9:30 AM

Voting Members/ Alternates

Nancy Byrge, City of Huber Heights
Judy Dodge, Montgomery County
Rap Hankins, Drive Electric Dayton
Brian Housh, Village of Yellow Springs
Matt Joseph, City of Dayton
Kristen Marks, Centerville-Washington Park District
Nikol Miller, Miami Valley Urban League
Tiffany Rubin, United Way
Carrie Scarff, Five Rivers MetroParks
Barbra Stonerock, The Dayton Foundation

Staff

Arnie Biondo
Savannah Diamond
Fabrice Juin
Leslie King
Brian Martin

The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission's Institute Steering Committee met on Friday, July 25, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. MVRPC, 6 N. Main, Suite 400, Dayton, OH 45402. All members and news media were notified of the meeting pursuant to the Sunshine Law.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson Joseph called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. Self-introductions were made.

II. APPROVAL OF APRIL 25, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Hankins made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2025 Institute Steering Committee meeting. Mr. Housh seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ACTION ITEMS

No public comments were received.

IV. RPC (REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION) ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution 25-21: Approving the Recommendation to the Dayton Foundation to Fund the 2025 Livable, Age-Friendly Communities Grant

Mr. Biondo presented the grant recommendations for the 2025 Livable, Age-Friendly Communities initiative. Each project supports one or more of the following Age-Friendly Domains: Transportation, Respect & Social Inclusion, Civic Participation & Employment, and Social Participation.

Staff have made the following recommendations:

- City of Brookville – \$15,000 to purchase a used vehicle for volunteers to shop and deliver groceries to housebound residents.

- Village of Yellow Springs – \$10,500 to wrap a 12-passenger van (previously purchased with Greene County support) with artwork from a community-wide competition. The van will provide group transportation for Village residents.
- City of Kettering – \$16,000 to establish an Adaptive Tricycle Therapeutic Ride Program, providing free biking experiences for individuals unable to use traditional bicycles.
- City of Huber Heights – \$20,000 to install RTA bus shelters and trash receptacles at high-traffic bus stop locations.
- Washington Township – \$10,000 to purchase a multi-passenger mobility cart for use at large public events.

Mr. Biondo recommended forwarding the proposals to the MVRPC Board of Directors for approval. Mr. Martin noted that all projects address transportation needs and expressed appreciation to The Dayton Foundation and Mr. Ambrose for supporting expanded transportation services in member communities.

Ms. Dodge made a motion to forward the recommended list of Age-Friendly Communities Responsive grant proposals to the Board of Directors. Mr. Housh seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. UPCOMING ACTION ITEMS & NEXT STEPS

A. FY26 Work Program and Plan

Mr. Martin provided an overview of the Institute’s scope of work within MVRPC’s FY2026 Budget & Work Program. He noted that activities will continue as it is still outlined in the agency’s bylaws, but projects this fiscal year will focus more closely on MVRPC’s core mission.

B. Institute Data & Metrics Workgroup

Mr. Juin reported on the newly formed Data & Metrics Workgroup. He explained that the group was created at the request of the REI Subcommittee to review data in an equitable way. He then stated the workgroup aims to develop a vision and goals over the next few months and will report back at the next ISC meeting. Committee members discussed potential data sources including United Way’s 2-1-1 program, Welcome Dayton, and the Miami Valley Urban League’s State of Black Dayton report.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. BroadbandOhio and Broadband Equity, Access, & Deployment (BEAD) Program

Mr. Juin provided an overview of BroadbandOhio’s Broadband Equity, Access & Deployment (BEAD) Program. He noted that MVRPC hosted an informational session on July 8, during which representatives from the state office responsible for expanding high-speed internet access in Ohio presented details about the BEAD Program, the largest federal investment in broadband infrastructure to date. Ohio has been allocated \$793 million to expand broadband access to approximately 117,000 locations statewide. The application period for internet service providers opened in July, with subgrantee selections expected to be submitted to the National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA) by the end of summer. Mr. Juin emphasized that the Regional Equity Initiative will continue working with local partners to ensure the Miami Valley benefits from this opportunity. Lastly, he stated that a [recording of the session and the presentation slides](#) will be made available.

B. Triennial Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal for FFY26-28

Mr. Juin presented information on the Triennial Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal for FFY26-28. He stated that DBE participation includes anytime a DBE wins a prime contract through customary competitive procurement procedures or is awarded a subcontract on a prime contract that does not carry a DBE goal. He encouraged discussion on which local contractors may be underutilized. The committee also discussed internal procurement procedures and methodology.

C. REI Subcommittee Updates

Mr. Juin provided an update on the REI Subcommittee. He stated that the last meeting was in May and there has been more interest in people joining the committee. He explained that the work is still going on and they are currently working on resource acquisition pursuits. Lastly, he shared that the next meeting is August 26th.

D. Age-Friendly Community Cohort Updates

Mr. Biondo provided an update, noting five potential new members are interested in joining the cohort. He reported that the existing cohort meets monthly to share resources and recently discussed economic impact. Lastly, the floor was opened for questions and the group discussed creating one-page handouts to share information with residents more easily.

VII. OTHER UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Regional Equity Calendar](#)
- General Updates from the body
 - Drive Electric Dayton becomes a statewide organization

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Joseph adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Institute Steering Committee
FROM: Brian O. Martin, AICP, Executive Director
DATE: October 31, 2025
SUBJECT: October 2025 Livable, Age-Friendly Communities Grant-Award Recommendation

Age-Friendly Communities have responded to the encouragement from MVRPC and The Dayton Foundation (TDF) to apply for funding to develop or implement their Age-Friendly action plans. In 2025, the cohort communities had the option of any of three grant proposal deadlines that align with the ISC meetings for review before board adoption. This memorandum addresses the proposals for the third deadline of October 1.

The proposals received, which are summarized below, address multiple Age-Friendly Domains—Transportation, Respect & Social Inclusion, Civic Participation & Employment, and, Social Participation.

The recommendation at this date is to award six (6) grants with this final cycle of 2025. One is for a new, start-up Age-Friendly Community—Jefferson Township. The others are Phase 2 grants to help communities to develop and implement Age-Friendly action plans.

Please be aware that not all grant applications received can be honored. Also, some recommendations are for less than requested. This results from a combination of limited, remaining grant funds from the Del Mar Health Fund, and, items requested that are not a clear fit for Age-Friendly.

Finally, as MVRPC and TDF prepare for 2026, the grant process will be reviewed and improved for the benefit of all Age-Friendly Communities.

Recommendations for approval in this cycle are as follows:

City of Kettering

Age-Friendly Domains: *Outdoor Spaces & Buildings; Health Services; Social Participation; Respect & Social Inclusion*

This proposal (is for) a fully subsidized, cross-community, Age-Friendly softball league for 65 and older. The program encourages seniors to stay active, enjoy outdoor recreation and build social connections in a friendly, supportive environment. The Kettering PRCA Department will collaborate with neighboring MVAFN communities. Games will take place at Delco Park, providing a central, accessible location for participants and spectators.

*MVRPC/TDF: The City of Kettering Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts accepted a challenge to organize and administer a softball pilot program **for all of the MVAFN communities**. Participation in the program will be at no charge to the participants. It is hoped that each of the Age-Friendly Communities in the Miami Valley will field a team, or will direct individuals, to the program.*

Total Amount Requested: \$13,385.05

Total Project Budget: \$13,385.05

Amount Awarded: \$13,385.05

City of Brookville

Age-Friendly Domains: *Health Services; Respect and Social Inclusion; Social Participation*

(Brookville is) seeking grant support to enhance its age-friendly programs at the Senior Center. The funds requested will provide an engineer to evaluate an intersection for safer crossings for older residents to cross for easier, safer access to local businesses, a dedicated cell phone to coordinate grocery assistance and Lunch and Learn communications, as well as supplemental funds to support Lunch and Learn sessions and transportation (gas) for the grocery delivery program. ...*(A)*Also requesting funding for a secure cabinet to store board and card games, puzzles, as well as books for a book swap program, a weatherproof storage building for donated mobility equipment (wheelchairs, walkers, etc.) and a qualified instructor to lead senior-friendly exercise classes such as chair yoga.

MVRPC/TDF: The City of Brookville has enthusiastically added services and amenities in 2025 to become Age-Friendly. The city was awarded two grants earlier this year totaling \$25,000.

The recommendation is to award grant funds for "...Lunch and Learn...secure cabinet...and qualified instructor..." that will directly support the expansion and improvement of the City's lunch and learn program, and wellness/fitness programs for older adults.

Total Amount Requested: \$20,000

Total Project Budget: \$20,000

Amount Awarded: \$3,200

Village of Yellow Springs/Yellow Springs Senior Citizens, Inc.

Age-Friendly Domains: *Transportation; Social Participation; Outdoor Spaces; Respect & Social Inclusion*

The Village of Yellow Springs recognizes a great opportunity to action the Livable & Age-Friendly Communities goals by obtaining a "trishaw" to facilitate Cycling Without Age in our region. The YS Senior Center and Friends Care Retirement Center are proximate to the Little Miami Scenic Trail, making this an ideal initiative to pilot in Yellow Springs and Miami Township. This project is a good fit given Yellow Springs proximity to the bike trail.

Notably, the Senior Center has an excellent "sign-up" system that can be utilized to schedule the rides for individuals residing locally and regionally. This project will encourage efforts to coordinate and collaborate on these activities across the Miami Valley.

MVRPC/TDF: The Village of Yellow Springs/Y.S.Senior Citizens collaborative is the oldest Age-Friendly Community in the Miami Valley Network. Yellow Springs Age-Friendly was awarded a grant earlier this year totaling \$10,500. The TriShaw is akin to the "OPair" cycle funded by the Del Mar Health Fund—Age-Friendly grant in July 2025 for the City of Kettering.

Total Amount Requested: \$13,100

Total Project Budget: \$15,600

Amount Awarded: \$13,100

City of Bellbrook

Age-Friendly Domains: *Social Participation; Health Services; Respect & Inclusion; Outdoor Spaces & buildings.*

The City of Bellbrook plans a Senior Health Fair & Senior Walk Series. The City will collaborate with Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Park District, Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Senior Center, the Senior Resource Connection, Greene County Council on Aging and others. The concept was born from hearing the success stories from other Coalition of Age-Friendly Communities—Ohio (CAFCO) in August.

MVRPC/TDF: This is the initial step for Bellbrook after completing their Action Plan earlier this year. Of note is the involvement with several other service providers, making this a truly collaborative, community event.

Total Amount Requested: \$5000

Total Project Budget: \$5000

Amount Awarded: \$5000

Miami County

Age-Friendly Domains: *Transportation; Social Participation*

Members of the Miami County Age-Friendly Advisory Council wish to specifically focus on enhancing transportation and Social Participation domains of the county's Action Plan. The request for funds, therefore, are to be used to reduce public transportation costs through a subrecipient grant with Miami County Transit; and, to provide membership fee support for older adults wishing to join one of three county senior centers.

The initiative aims to overcome mobility barriers, encourage meaningful social interaction, and preserve the independence and dignity of older adults.

*MVRPC/TDF: Unlike most grant requests, this is a **County-wide program** versus a single township or city. Also, this is the first grant request by Miami County, and their initial step of the action plan.*

Total Amount Requested: \$20,000

Total Project Budget: \$20,000

Amount Awarded: \$20,000

Jefferson Township

Phase One—Needs Assessment

The Township plans to conduct surveys, listening sessions, and asset mapping focused on all eight (8) Age-Friendly Domains. They will pursue special outreach to older adults, low-income households, and underserved residents. Results will inform the long-term Age-Friendly Action Plan. The effort reflects the vision of a township that supports residents at every stage of life.

MVRPC/TDF: Jefferson Township has just enrolled in the AARP Age-Friendly Community program. As such, the Township is eligible for a grant to conduct a needs assessment among their older adults, and those who are planning to age.

Total Amount Requested: \$20,000

Total Project Budget: \$23,000

Amount Awarded: \$10,000

RESOLUTION 25-29
APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE DAYTON FOUNDATION TO FUND THE
2025 LIVABLE, AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES GRANT

WHEREAS, with generous support from the Del Mar Health-Dayton Fund at The Dayton Foundation, the MVRPC Institute for Livable & Equitable Communities announced a third round of funding for MVRPC member communities in 2025 to continue to advance livable and age-friendly communities throughout the Miami Valley; and,

WHEREAS, a livable and age-friendly community is one that is safe and secure, has affordable and appropriate housing and transportation options, and has supportive community features and services; and,

WHEREAS, age-friendly communities ensure that residents have the ability to thrive at all stages of life, are able to age-in-place and age-in-community, and foster engagement in a community's civic, economic, and social wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, grants available to MVRPC member communities range from \$5,000 - \$20,000 to support Livable & Age-Friendly Communities improvements; and,

WHEREAS, through the support of the Del Mar Encore Fellowship, MVRPC provides technical assistance to MVRPC member communities that are interested in pursuing Age Friendly grants; and,

WHEREAS, the MVRPC Institute Steering Committee voted during their meeting on Friday, October 31, 2025 to recommend the third round of 2025 Livable, Age-Friendly Communities Grants be awarded to the MVRPC member communities,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission hereby concurs with the Institute Steering Committee recommendations to award the third round of 2025 Livable, Age-Friendly Communities Grant as shown in the attached.

BY ACTION OF THE Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission's Board of Directors.

Brian O. Martin, AICP
Executive Director

Sara Lommatzsch, Chairperson
Board of Directors of the
Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission

Date

Institute for Livable & Equitable Communities



Steering Committee Meeting
October 31, 2025





Institute Data & Metrics Workgroup

Prioritized Domains & Domain Co-Leads

Primary Domains

- Transportation
 - Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority?
 - Drive Electric Dayton?
- Technology & Connectivity
 - Miami Valley Communications Council?
 - Dayton Metro Libraries?
- Health & Environment
 - Environmental Justice Academy

Remaining Domains

- Education
- Entrepreneurship, Employment & Volunteering
- Engagement
- Housing
- Neighborhood
- Safety & Justice



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Examples:

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 - *Safe Streets for All Program
- *No community member being more than 5 miles away from reliable and accessible internet connection and technology (Technology & Connectivity)*
- *Community-First Energy Plan (Health & Environment)





Regional Equity Initiative Update

Recent Funding Awards

Transition Funding (The Dayton Foundation)

- Since 2019, The Dayton Foundation has helped convene and co-fund the Institute for Livable & Equitable Communities contributing \$750,000 over this time.
- In the final year, TDF contributes \$75,000 to assist with the financial transition of the Institute; directed to fund and support work to better align the Regional Equity Initiative and the Miami Valley Age-Friendly Network.

Great Lakes Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program (Minneapolis Foundation) USEPA Funds

- The program's goal is to lift up community-led innovation and strengthen community-based groups towards environmental and public health efforts in underserved communities.
- \$150,000 via Tier 1: Assessment & Engagement; to increase understanding of local environmental and public health issues.
- In partnership with the Westwood Right Project.



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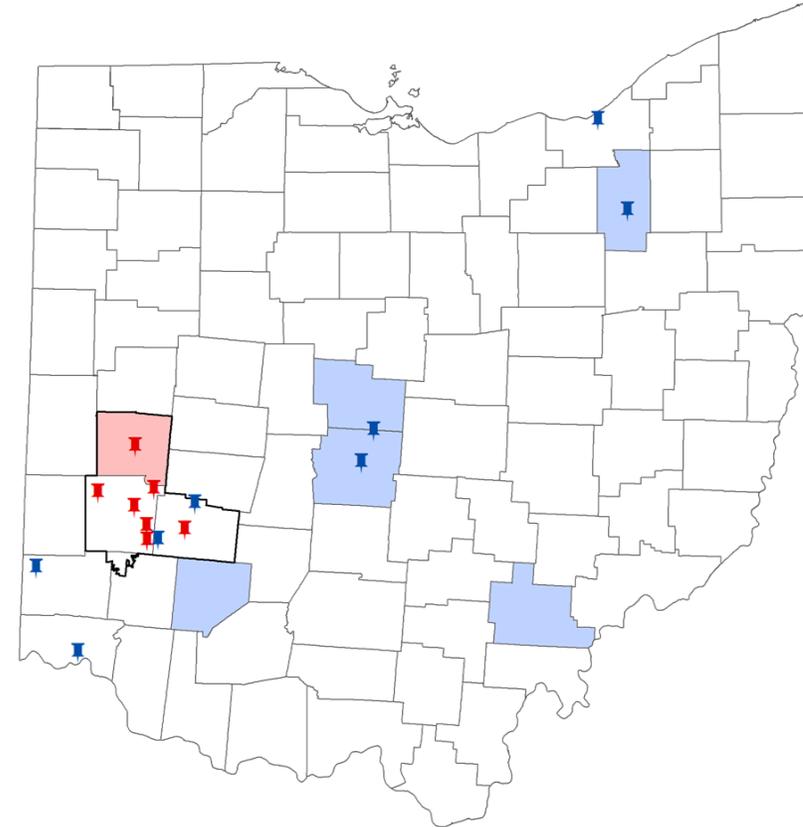
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New Members

1. Miami County
2. Harrison Twp
3. Washington Twp
4. Beavercreek
5. Beavercreek Twp
6. Bellbrook
7. Brookville
8. Centerville
9. Dayton
10. Huber Heights
11. Jefferson Twp
12. Kettering
13. Trotwood
14. Vandalia
15. Xenia
16. Xenia Twp
17. Yellow Springs

Ohio Designated as 13th AARP Age-Friendly State



<https://states.aarp.org/ohio/age-friendly-ohio>





Native American Heritage Month

4th Annual REACH Fest (November 2025)

4th Annual
R.E.A.C.H.
FEST
Native American Heritage Festival
*Opening Night
Awards Reception*
November 14, 2025 6-9pm
ICC Rec Center
10511 Success Lane
Washington Township, OH 45458
Indigenous Advocate & Empowered Ally of the Year
Cultural Diplomacy Art Exhibition
“Culinary Journey across Turtle Island”
(The Americas)
By Indigenous Chef
ReachIndigenousAdvocacy.com
Tickets \$50
Silent Auction
Semi-formal attire
Ribbon shirts/skirts

- REACH Fest is a three-day Native American cultural festival that celebrates our vibrant Native American community in the Miami Valley region. In 2024, the 3rd annual Reach Fest welcomed Natives from over SIXTY different Tribal Nations; many traveling from across the U.S. and Canada to be a part of the event.
- This year has brought changes on a state level, with a new law that prohibits public university support for all student cultural centers. However, REACH IA sees this as an opportunity to build even more community partnerships.
- Success is celebrating together, and we look forward to having you with us, Nov 13th-16th!

