

2023

Simcoe County Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant Program

Accessible, Adaptable and Inclusive Designs for Occupants 60+

The County of Simcoe has established an annual fund in the amount of \$500,000 for eligible Seniors Housing Grant Program projects. Grant amounts will be distributed based on the number of applications received and ability to meet funding criteria.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

If you are interested in applying for an Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant, you must meet the following criteria:

- Housing projects must be located within the 16 municipalities of the County of Simcoe; excludes cities of Barrie and Orillia
- Applicants can be homeowners of principal residences or developers
- Housing must be dedicated to occupants 60 years and older
- Individual homes or multi-residential development projects
- Applicant has not already received an Age-Friendly Seniors Housing grant in the past three years; or capital funding from the County of Simcoe for the same project



GRANT CATEGORIES

ACCESSIBLE HOUSING DESIGN FOR SENIORS

- Universal design
- Visitable Home design
- Inclusive design for getting outdoors
- Community design

DESIGN FOR PEOPLE SUFFERING DEMENTIA

- Housing design reflecting the best practices of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Housing Options for People Living with Dementia, Volumes 1, 2, 3 and/or Dementia Services Development Centre, Improving the Design of Housing to Assist People with Dementia Criteria

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Capital projects that facilitate support services for seniors, for example: congregate dining
- If you are constructing or renovating a multiunit building, we could fund for enhanced aspects of accessibility over and above compliance with the Accessibility of Ontarians with Disabilities Act (OADA) and building code standards for residential units

Deadline for 2023 Age-Friendly Housing Grant submissions is May 31

Eligible Projects

Any modifications started or completed on the property prior to approval are not eligible for the Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant

Projects that want to incorporate enhanced accessible, adaptable and inclusive designs and features that would allow seniors to continue to live independently and participate in their community for as long as possible. Examples of housing types include:

- Single detached
- Semi-detached
- Townhouse/row
- Mobile/modular
- Co-housing
- Supportive housing
- Assisted living developments
- Independent living and active lifestyle developments

Permanent modifications to improve accessibility for seniors aged 60+. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Ramps
- Handrails
- Chair and bath lifts
- Grab bars
- Cues for doorbells/fire alarms
- Bathroom modifications

COSTS NOT COVERED

The following expenditures are NOT eligible for the Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant Program:

- Modifications completed prior to grant approval
- Construction projects that do not have local municipal building approval, where applicable
- Applicants who have already received Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant in the past 3 years
- Projects receiving capital support from other County of Simcoe grant programs
- Cosmetic renovations and repairs
- Purchase of land
- Landscaping
- Routine maintenance

GRANT

The awarding of grant dollars will be determined by the cost of work approved by the County of Simcoe.

- Grants will be awarded based on the number of eligible applicants, and the ability to meet funding criteria
- Grants will be paid upon proof of actual capital expenses and confirmation the Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant Program grant criteria has been met
- Priority will be given to low-income seniors
- Work that has been approved for a grant is subject to inspection before funds are allocated

HOW TO APPLY

Grant Applications are available on-line at simcoe.ca/age-friendly or contact the County of Simcoe, Age-Friendly Project Lead at (705) 726-9300 extension 3127 to receive a copy via email.

You may also mail a copy of your application (postmarked by May 31st) to:

Attn: Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant
Health & Emergency Services Division
County of Simcoe
1110 Hwy. 26
Midhurst, ON L9X 1N6

Please email your completed application with attachments to agefriendly@simcoe.ca by the closing date of **May 31, 2023**.

Note: Information in this Fact Sheet is subject to change from time to time at the discretion of the County of Simcoe.

Note: \$500,000 is the maximum amount available to distribute between all projects approved for funding.

Note: \$50,000 is the maximum amount available per eligible applicant

