



## Community Grants



The Healthy Parkinson's Communities™ grants program aims to help us more fully realize our mission to help people with Parkinson's live well today by funding programs and initiatives that are unique to the places and people they are designed to support, eliminating barriers, and expanding the possibility for all people to live well with Parkinson's.

*The program is available to fund both grassroots and established initiatives that address one or more of the following priorities:*

- » Health disparities and inequities that affect people living with Parkinson's
- » Creation of or increased access to resources that embrace a holistic approach to living well with Parkinson's
- » Health literacy and awareness of Parkinson's
- » Cross-sector collaboration within the local community to help people live well with Parkinson's

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**Below are examples of projects we are likely and unlikely to fund.** Please note: this list is not exhaustive and is meant only to provide general examples. If you have a project you are not sure about, complete our interest form so we can offer more guidance before you apply.

### Likely to Fund:

#### *Efforts to increase health literacy for hard-to-reach communities*

Example 1: Creating a toolkit to facilitate a partnership between affordable housing units and health care providers to bring health and wellness resources to low-income elderly residents

Example 2: Partnering with cultural leaders and translators to create or adapt Parkinson's health literacy resources to raise awareness about symptoms within vulnerable communities

#### *Efforts focused on creating cultural relevant Parkinson's resources in their area*

Example 1: Working to start an African drumming class for people living with Parkinson's to engage a large immigrant community

Example 2: Bringing Parkinson's education to trusted community centers, like hair salons and eateries, through an organization like the Arthur Ashe Institute

***Efforts to broaden awareness and/or improve care for people with Parkinson's in collaboration with regional health and community professionals***

Example 1: A local group of health care workers working to put on a fair about brain health/healthy aging in collaboration with leaders of local diverse communities

Example 2: A local group training medical students in various therapeutic practices for people with Parkinson's and looking for funding to continue or expand the program

**Efforts to increase mobility and/or connective infrastructure**

Example 1: Setting up a transportation program that can take people with Parkinson's from their homes or assisted living centers to local community centers for weekly exercise and art classes

Example 2: Working to provide tablets and tech literacy training to older adults/people with Parkinson's to enable them to participate in virtual support groups or other wellness resources

***Efforts focused on creating access through financial literacy, policy, etc.***

Example 1: Working to put together subsidized services for elderly and low-income populations to access Parkinson's resources

Example 2: Working to put together and distribute a toolkit on how community members can engage with local representatives about Medicare benefits, prescription costs, etc.

**Unlikely to Fund:**

***Funding to start or continue established exercise initiatives***

Why?: We created the Healthy Parkinson's Communities grant program to address a specific need in our sector, focusing on health disparities, inequities, access, health literacy, and awareness. Due in large part to restrictions in other grant programs, these projects and initiatives often go unfunded. While we believe strongly in the power and community of these exercise classes (and do occasionally support them through grants associated with our Team DPF fundraising program), this grant program is primarily designed to fund these other efforts.

***Building renovations, funding for new equipment, etc.***

Why?: This grant program aims to fund innovative and often complex projects that both have the potential to change the communities they serve AND provide critical learning opportunities for our sector more broadly. While renovating a space or purchasing equipment to help a Parkinson's group could have an immediate impact locally, it offers less opportunity for learning and longer-term systems change.

*Support for on-going/existing event series – virtual or in person*

Why?: We know events are a valuable way to connect the community. That said, our Healthy Parkinson's Communities Grants aim to focus on increased access to resources and health inequities for hard-to-reach populations. See examples under "Will Fund" for ideas of events we will consider.

*Travel costs for advocacy work*

Why?: The Davis Phinney Foundation believes strongly in the role advocacy can play in improving the lives of people living with Parkinson's and their loved ones. What we request is that grant applications looking for support with policy/advocacy, keep a focus on local/regional initiatives.

If you have questions about our Community Grants program,  
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