Public Announcement

City of Biwabik Awarded Two AARP Community Challenge Grants

Biwabik, MN – The City of Biwabik is proud to announce that we have been selected to receive **two grants** from the 2026 AARP Community Challenge program. This national initiative supports projects that make communities more livable for people of all ages, with a strong focus on residents age 50 and older.

The City received:

- A **$15,000** AARP Community Challenge Grant to enhance accessibility and usability in our city parks.
- A **$2,500** AARP Community Challenge Microgrant to conduct walk audits focused on improving safety and walkability.

These efforts have been strongly driven by Biwabik's **Age Friendly Group —** a dedicated group of citizens working to make our community more welcoming for older adults.

Park Accessibility Project The $15,000 grant will fund the installation of 5–6 ADA-compliant benches and 5–6 accessible picnic tables in city parks. Additional improvements will include new garbage receptacles and directional/informational signs (in large font) to highlight age-friendly park features. These upgrades will create more comfortable and inclusive outdoor spaces for older adults and all residents.

Walk Audits Project The $2,500 microgrant will support the hosting of six Walk Audits using the AARP Walk Audit Tool Kit. These community walks will help identify practical ways to improve street and sidewalk safety and walkability, particularly for people age 50 and older.

The City of Biwabik thanks AARP for this support and recognizes the Age Friendly Group for their vision and leadership in bringing these important projects forward. Updates on project timelines and ways for residents to get involved will be shared as planning moves ahead.

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