

AARP Community Challenge 2021 – Grant application

Finance Committee

Greenville County Parks, Recreation and Tourism requests approval to submit an application for AARP's Community Challenge grant in the 2021 cycle. The grant application requires no match. If selected, the funds would be used to make improvements to the outdoor space of the Sterling Community Center. Improvements include benches, grills, sidewalk games, picnic shelter repairs, landscaping, and ADA access routes.

The Sterling Community Center is one of Greenville County's most popular community centers with an active senior program. The Department of Parks, Recreation, & Tourism continuously seeks opportunities to improve park facilities and was successful in receiving this grant in 2020 for the Berea Community Center. Input for this project was received by center staff and senior program participants.

Improvements are not currently budgeted, therefore this grant opportunity would improve the county property without impacting the budget. The submission will request \$20,000 from the AARP grant program with the opportunity to be funded at a lower level if necessary.