

# 2026 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. Does not include 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-unit residential
- Applicant has not already received an Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant in the past three (3) years; or capital funding from the County of Simcoe for the same project.



### **GRANT CATEGORIES**

#### ***Accessible Housing Design for Seniors***

- Universal design
- Vistitable 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 social areas.
- If you are constructing or renovating a multiunit building, we could fund for enhanced aspects of accessibility over and above compliance with AODA and building code standards for residential units.

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***Deadline for 2026 Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant Applications is  
May 31, 2026***

# 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
- Independent living and active lifestyle

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

- Main Entrance
- Modifications (ramp/ accessibility portion only)
- 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:

- Applicants who have already received Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant in the last 3 years
- Modifications completed prior to grant approval
- Construction projects that do not have local municipal building approval, where applicable
- Project receiving capital support from other County of Simcoe grant programs
- Cosmetic renovations and repairs
- Purchase of land
- Landscaping (extended pathways, retaining walls, gardens, hot tubs, etc.)
- Routine maintenance (kitchen repairs, roof, heating system, generator, etc.)
- Medical equipment (wheelchairs, walkers, mechanical lifts other than stair lifts)

## GRANT

Grants will be awarded based on the following:

- The number of eligible applicants, and the ability to meet funding criteria
- Proof of capital expenses and confirmation the Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant criteria has been met
- A landlord must provide the number of tenants, proof of age of tenants, and lease documentation
- **Note:** Work that has been approved for a grant is subject to inspection before funds are allocated

## HOW TO APPLY

Grant applications are available online at [simcoe.ca/age-friendly](http://simcoe.ca/age-friendly) or contact the County of Simcoe Age-Friendly Project Assistant at (705) 726-9300 ext. 1211 to receive a copy or for further assistance.

Mail or hand-deliver a copy of your application with attachments (postmarked by May 31, 2026) to:

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

Alternatively, email your completed application with attachments to [agefriendly@simcoe.ca](mailto:agefriendly@simcoe.ca) by the closing date of May 31, 2026.

**Note: Information in this fact sheet is subject to change at the discretion of the County of Simcoe.**

