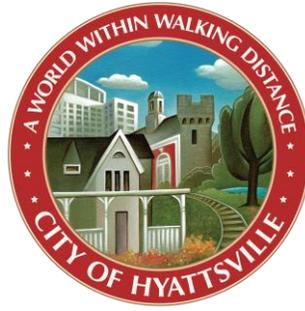


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City of Hyattsville Awarded \$339,543 to Support Age-Friendly Initiatives

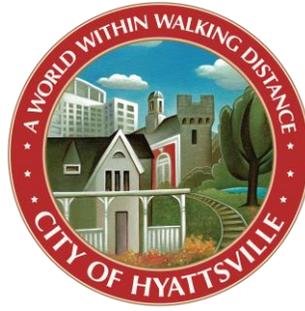
The City of Hyattsville has been awarded \$339,543 in grant funding by the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board for the Enhanced Mobility Grants Program. With the grant, the City plans to expand curb-to-curb and shared-ride transportation by increasing its existing fleet of wheelchair accessible buses and augmenting existing partnerships with Route 1 Corridor Villages for residents of Hyattsville and neighboring communities. The initiative is a part of the City's three-year action plan to make Hyattsville a more livable community for seniors and people with disabilities.

"It is our hope that, by providing increased options and information for travel that are accessible, affordable, and safe, we can enhance the well-being, independence, community participation, and sense of dignity of our aging residents and persons with disabilities, who are invaluable members and contributors to our City," said Mayor Hollingsworth, "I applaud this initiative and the dedication of staff to support our residents."

Frequent Call-A-Bus rider, Mary Young expressed excitement over the grant news. Ms. Young does not drive and relies on the City's Call-A-Bus for grocery shopping, recreational activities, and doctor's appointments. "I don't know what I'd do without Call-A-Bus," said Ms. Young, "I'm just so grateful that they're here, and now will be able to do even more great things."

The Age-Friendly Action Plan was created with the help of resident volunteers and adopted by Hyattsville Council in January 2019. "Reliable, safe access to transportation is a key part of the City's Age-Friendly Initiative," said Hyattsville City Administrator Tracey E. Douglas. "This funding will greatly improve health and wellness opportunities and address important quality of life issues for older adults and persons with disabilities. We

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are also thrilled that the funding will provide opportunities to support and expand our existing community partnerships.”

The grant project and objectives are estimated to begin in Spring 2021.