



AGE-FRIENDLY

Franklin County & North Quabbin

What is Age & Dementia Friendly Franklin County & North Quabbin?
We make it easier for older adults to stay connected, active, and supported.
[The Regional Action Plan](#), developed by local partners & residents, offers a roadmap for making our community an even better place to grow older.

ANNOUNCING:

AGE & DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY GRANTS

We are excited to announce the launch of Age & Dementia Friendly Communities Action Grants!

These one-time grants of up to \$3,000 aim to make our communities welcoming and accessible for all ages. Franklin County and North Quabbin-based towns, libraries, Councils on Aging, Senior Centers, Village model organizations, businesses and other for-profit and non-profit organizations are encouraged to apply. This funding will support projects that foster progress in the set of 8 domains detailed in the Regional Action Plan. Support for this opportunity was provided by Point32Health Foundation.

Applications are now welcome and due February 1, 2025. [Click here for details and application instructions.](#)

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Intergenerational Film Festival

The Franklin County Intergenerational Film Festival, hosted by Greenfield Community College, was a fantastic celebration of creativity and connection! Local youth and older adults showcased their collaborative short films, with discussions following the screening about the friendships and bonds formed through the Cyber-Senior program. Special thanks to filmmaker [Julian Lowenthal](#) and all involved for bringing this event to life!



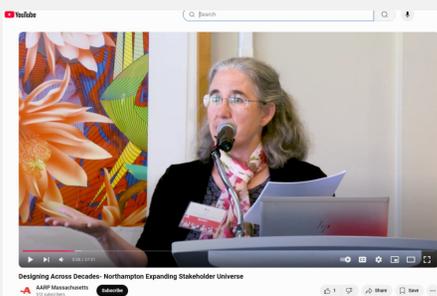
Congratulations to Jennifer Reynolds, Bernardston Senior Center Director, for winning the [MCOA](#) Innovation of the Year Award for the [Northern Franklin County Digital Discovery Project!](#) Thanks to Jennifer and her partners, older adults in the Bernardston area are connected through messaging, video calls, and even attending town meetings and church services online. It's made a difference in reducing isolation and getting people involved in the community.



Presentations not to miss!

[Progress update on Age & Dementia Friendly Communities with Lynne Feldman & Jason Molony](#)
(FRTA Building, 10/10/24)

[AARP MA: Designing Across Decades- Northampton Expanding Stakeholder Universe with Lynne Feldman and Meg Ryan](#) (Smith College, 10/9/24)



Funding and technical assistance opportunities

- Have an idea to make your Franklin County & North Quabbin community more Age & Dementia Friendly? Need help promoting an Age Friendly event? Email [Jason Molony](#), Age & Dementia Friendly Program Director or call 413-829-9198 to schedule a consultation.
- Community Compact IT Grant Program- Up to \$200k to support IT infrastructure at the local level, funded by the state. Applications accepted from 1/6/25 - 2/6/25. [Click here for more information.](#)