

Falls Free Wisconsin Localizing Efforts to Address Falls (LEAF)

2026 Mini-Grant Request for Proposals (RFP)



Release of RFP	July 15, 2026	Project Period
Q&A Session	View it Here	
Proposals Due	September 16, 2026 by 11:59PM	

Oct 1, 2026 to Apr 30, 2027

Overview:

As part of a statewide strategy to increase falls resiliency among older adults, the Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging (WIHA), convener of the Falls Free Wisconsin Coalition, is thrilled to announce another mini-grant funding opportunity to support local fall prevention efforts across Wisconsin.

Through the LEAF initiative, WIHA will provide funding to empower communities in developing or enhancing impactful fall prevention programs or projects. This initiative prioritizes reaching underserved populations and supports the creation, revitalization, or sustainment of local falls prevention coalitions –because strong local partnerships are key to keeping our communities safe, active, and thriving.

Whether you're looking to launch a new initiative or strengthen an existing one, this is your chance to make a lasting difference in the lives of older adults in your community.

Who Can Apply:

Funding is available to **non-profit**, community-based organizations including aging and disability resource centers, public safety agencies, public health departments, and other public or community-based organizations or coalitions in Wisconsin.

Funding Amounts & WIHA Support:

WIHA will fund a maximum of 4 projects in the amount of up to \$5,000 each. **Funded projects must be completed by April 30, 2027.** Grantees are expected to participate in a kick-off meeting and final check-in meeting over the course of the grant period. A final narrative and budget report will be due on June 30, 2027.

Allowable Expenses:

Funds may be used for personnel (not to exceed 25% of award), materials, promotion, supplies, and incentives (not to exceed 10% of award amount - not direct cash). Funds **may not** be used to supplant existing funding, for food, capital expenditures, or lobbying.

Background

Falls are not a normal part of aging—and most can be prevented. With the right strategies and investment in proven prevention efforts, we can reduce risk, support independence, and improve quality of life for older adults across the state.

Falls are a leading cause of injury and death among older adults—and a major contributor to emergency room visits, hospital stays, and nursing home admissions. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than 1 in 4 adults aged 65 and older falls each year, putting our health and independence at risk as we age.

Falls impact older adults, families, caregivers, EMS providers, healthcare systems, and entire communities. That's why preventing falls and building resilience matters. When we help people stay strong, steady, and independent, the benefits extend far beyond the individual—strengthening families, reducing strain on healthcare and emergency services, and creating healthier, more connected communities for everyone.

This RFP is supported by the Trillium Foundation.

Target Population

Projects must support fall prevention in older adults which may also include their families and caregivers. Preference will be given to projects that address the needs of underserved populations and include sustainability measures or lead to next steps for preventing falls in your community.

Proposal Requirements

- Applicant organization and project lead contact information.
- Project description to include 1) overview; 2) goals; 3) activities; 4) evaluation and; 5) sustainability measures.
- Project budget (see template provided).

Examples of Eligible Projects

- Develop or revitalize a local falls and/or injury prevention coalition (pro tip: use the Falls Free Wisconsin's [Coalition Quick Guide](#)). Consider a focus on populations of the greatest social and economic need (ex: a local falls coalition focusing on tribal elders).
- Launch a falls prevention event or initiative - find ideas [here](#).
- Implement or expand evidence-based falls prevention programs - such as WIHA's [Stepping On](#) or [Pisando Fuerte](#) programs - or physical activity programs. Find examples [here](#).
- Develop in-home falls prevention initiatives to address home hazards such as clutter and hoarding and home safety modifications.
- Develop an initiative to engage pharmacies for medication reviews.
- Develop a falls referral program with public safety or healthcare to connect people who fall with interventions. Find strategies [here](#).
- Develop a local mobility or accessibility project to understand and address community needs (e.g. walkability survey with recommendations).
- And more - be creative!

To Apply

Submit your application (online only) - no later than 11:59PM on Wednesday, September 16, 2026. Submit [here](#).

A pre-recorded Q&A session will be released by early August and available at FallsFreeWI.org.

Questions can be directed to suzanne.morley@wihealthyaging.org or 608-852-0813.

LEAF Budget

List and briefly describe your expected expenses in as much detail as you can in the table below. **Complete and attach the project budget section when submitting your proposal via the online form.** Funds **may not** be used to supplant existing funding, for food, capital expenses, or lobbying. Maximum budget of \$5,000. *Add rows as needed.*

Category	Item/Description	Amount
Personnel - not to exceed 25% of project award. Please list individual(s), title, and agency.		
Travel - not to exceed 10% of project award.		
Materials and supplies		
Promotion		
Incentives - cannot be direct cash		
Total		