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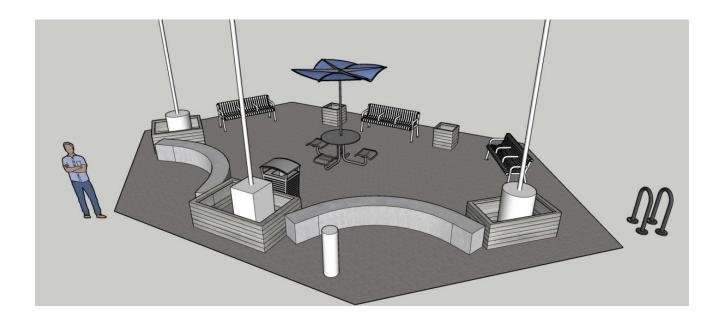
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## City of Chiloquin selected as a 2023 AARP Community Challenge Grantee!

The City of Chiloquin is thrilled to announce that we have been selected to receive a 2023 AARP Community Challenge grant. We are one of only 310 grantees selected (out of 3,600+ applications!) from across all 50 states, Washington D.C, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

With this quick-action grant the city will complete the new Chiloquin Main Street Pocket Park which is being built within the city's public parking lot at the corner of Chocktoot Street and First Avenue. This new pocket park will transform a gravel lot into a vibrant accessible park where residents including older adults may stop to rest, enjoy the farmers market, read, socialize, or enjoy the outdoors promoting the overall well-being of the entire community. The park design features non-slip concrete surfaces, ADA seating areas, a table with shade, and flower box plantings and focuses on creating a welcoming and safe environment for people of all ages and abilities in Chiloquin's downtown area.

The park was initiated with a grant from The Klamath Tribes and an additional grant from Chiloquin Community Builders, a program of Chiloquin Visions in Progress.



## About the City of Chiloquin

The city of Chiloquin, Oregon is located approximately 30 miles north of Klamath Falls in Klamath County. It is one mile east of Highway 97. The City limits boast of a population of 720. There is a small airport that parallels the highway. Chiloquin has an altitude of 4,200 feet. It is nestled in a small valley surrounded by mountains. The Williamson River runs through the center of town and joins with the Sprague River just to the south of the City limits. Fishing and hunting are favorite sports here. There are deer, elk, and ducks in the area. Agency Lake is a favorite fishing place, while the Williamson River is considered one of Oregon's top trophy fly fishing waters.

For more information about the Chiloquin Main Street Pocket Park or other city projects, visit https://www.cityofchiloquin.org/community/page/projects.

## About the Community Challenge

The AARP Community Challenge grant program funds innovative, quick-action projects that inspire change in areas such as public places; housing; transportation; diversity, equity, and inclusion; digital connections; community resilience; and more. With additional funding support from Toyota Motor North America, the program is also increasing its investment in projects that improve mobility innovation and transportation options.

This is all part of AARP's nationwide work on livable communities, which supports the efforts of neighborhoods, towns, cities, and counties across the country to become great places for all. AARP believes that communities should provide safe, walkable streets; affordable and accessible housing and transportation options; access to needed services; and opportunities for residents to participate in community life.

To learn more about the projects being funded by the *AARP Community Challenge* across the nation, including all 310 granted projects this year, visit <a href="mailto:aarp.org/CommunityChallenge">aarp.org/CommunityChallenge</a>. You can also view an interactive map of all *Community Challenge* projects and AARP's Livable Communities work at <a href="mailto:aarp.org/livable">aarp.org/livable</a>.

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