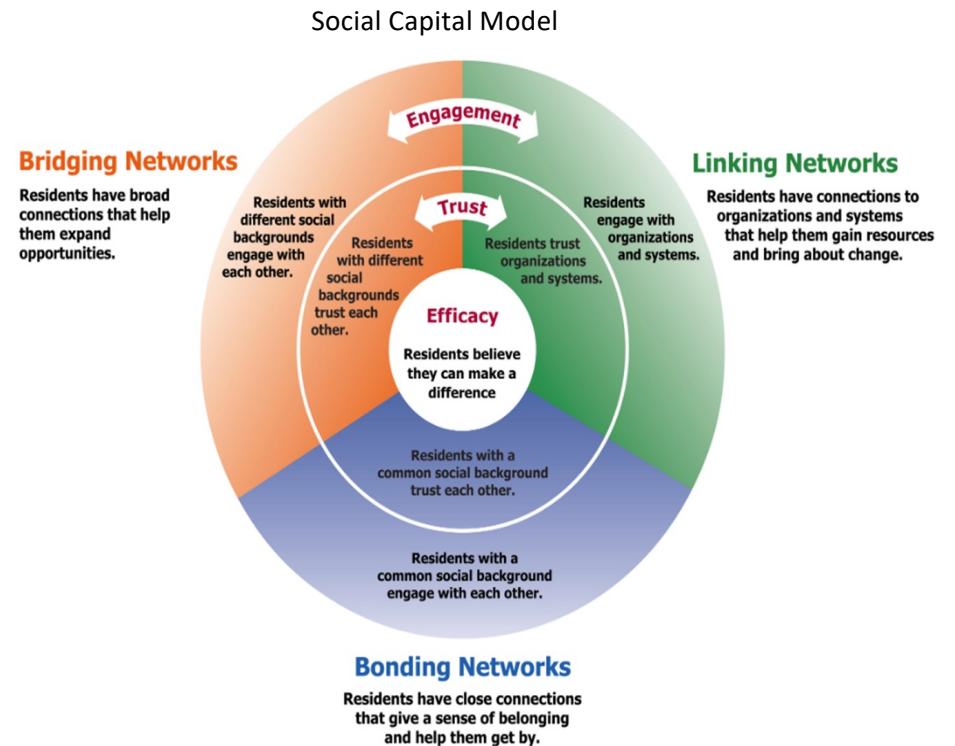# Maryland
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Supportive Communities Initiative

Enhancing and Expanding Community-Driven Supportive Services

Creating Supportive Communities through the Village Model

- Create social capital through bonding, bridging, and linking community networks
- Support older adults to age in the setting of their choosing
- Develop intergenerational relationships that are mutually beneficial
- Increase access to long term services and supports
- Address health-related social needs
- Bolster community initiatives
- Create and maintain safer spaces for everyone
- Operate within shared values around community building

Social Capital Model

Bridging Networks
Residents have broad connections that help them expand opportunities.

Engagement

Trust

Residents with different social backgrounds engage with each other.

Residents with different social backgrounds trust each other.

Residents trust organizations and systems.

Residents engage with organizations and systems.

Efficacy
Residents believe they can make a difference

Linking Networks
Residents have connections to organizations and systems that help them gain resources and bring about change.

Residents with a common social background trust each other.

Residents with a common social background engage with each other.

Bonding Networks
Residents have close connections that give a sense of belonging and help them get by.

FY2024 Funded Projects

Aging-in-Place Grant

- Annual funding opportunity in statute
- $300,000 available for Area Agencies on Aging and nonprofits through competitive process
- 20% of funds must be distributed to "Senior Villages"
- 50% Matching requirement
- Services may include In-home personal care services; Psychological, economic, or functional assistance; Awareness and access to resources; Support services and care coordination; Affordable transportation; Assistance with home modifications or repairs.
- 8 grantees supported in FY2024, including 4 Village models

Healthy Aging, Supportive Communities Grant

- Funding opportunity, released through 2 competitive opportunities:
  - 1). Technical assistance –organizations providing training and consultation to improve organization capacity around fiscal management, volunteer management, outreach and marketing, etc.
  - 2). Service providers-delivering community-based supportive services to older adults and their caregivers.

- Grantees can be found here: https://aging.maryland.gov/Pages/HealthyAgingGrants.aspx

Supported Legislation

- Support for HB 1103: The Miriam Kelty Aging and Senior Social Connection Hub and Spoke Pilot Program.
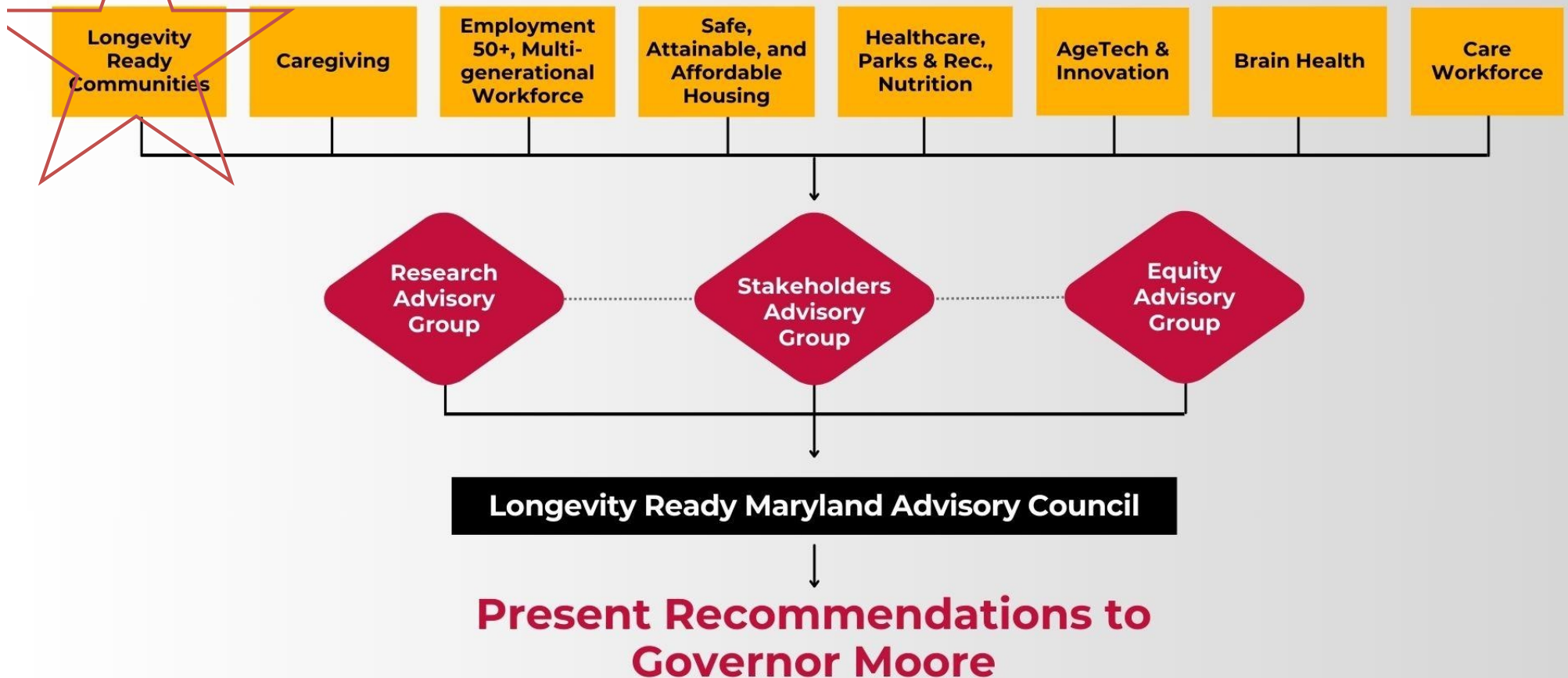
FY2024 Funded Projects

- Washington Area Villages Exchange (WAVE)
  - Village association for Maryland, DC, and Virginia, dedicate to supporting village communities through education and resources.
  - Providing education, coaching, and consultation
  - Assessing current data collection practices across villages to identify challenges and improve efficiency

- Village capacity building internships
  - Two paid interns to enhance and expand the Village network
  - Research and analysis at the state level
  - Outreach and asset mapping in Allegany County and the Baltimore area to build awareness and potential application of the Village model locally

Longevity Ready Maryland Workflow Process

Work Groups Across Priority Issues

Longevity Ready Communities	Caregiving	Employment 50+, Multi-generational Workforce	Safe, Attainable, and Affordable Housing	Healthcare, Parks & Rec., Nutrition	AgeTech & Innovation	Brain Health	Care Workforce

Research Advisory Group ⟷ Stakeholders Advisory Group ⟷ Equity Advisory Group

Longevity Ready Maryland Advisory Council

Present Recommendations to Governor Moore

Longevity Ready Maryland Workgroup Tasks

Identify Partners

Create Agenda

Develop Objectives

Propose Actions

Develop Measurable Outcomes

Inform LRM Plan & Dashboard

Propose Recommendations for Gov.'s Report

We want to hear from you!

1. What are some of the key challenges you've encountered in creating supportive communities for older adults or members in the community?

2. How can we better engage older adults and community stakeholders in the design and implementation of supportive programs?

3. In what ways can we strengthen collaboration between community organizations, local government, and businesses to support aging in place?

4. What innovative approaches can we explore to address emerging needs of older adults and ensure the sustainability of supportive community initiatives?

5. How can we ensure that our programs and services are accessible and inclusive for older adults from diverse backgrounds, including those facing social and economic challenges?

6. What should our priorities moving forward, and how can we leverage available resources to advance the vision of supportive communities for older adults in Maryland?

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