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RRF Foundation for Aging Announces Important Update to Application Process

A Letter of Inquiry (LOI) is now Required as a First Step to our grant application process. RRF Foundation for Aging (formerly The Retirement Research Foundation) is accepting Letter of Inquiry applications for its next grant cycle via our [online grant portal](#) prior to submitting a full proposal; in the past this step was optional. This new process will save the substantial time and effort organizations might invest in developing full proposals that ultimately are not closely aligned with RRF's guidelines, funding priorities, and/or strategic approach. **The next LOI deadline is June 15, 2021.**

During the last 43 years, RRF has awarded over 5,000 grants worth more than \$255 million—all dedicated to improving the quality of life of older people. RRF's strategic plan demonstrates this commitment and [focuses the Foundation's grantmaking on four priority areas](#):

- Caregiving
- Economic Security in Later Life
- Housing
- Social and Intergenerational Connectedness

While the priority areas reflect RRF's primary funding interests, the Foundation will remain open to considering compelling applications on other topics (on a selective basis.)

RRF was one of the first private foundations to focus exclusively on aging issues, and it has always had a very integrated approach to its grantmaking. The Foundation supports advocacy, direct service, professional education and training, research, and organizational capacity building efforts.

Proposals for direct service projects are considered from organizations based in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Wisconsin, or Florida. Advocacy, training, and research projects, all with national relevance, are considered from organizations in any state. Organizational capacity building requests are accepted from nonprofits located in Illinois.

All organizations submitting LOIs will receive feedback by mid-July. Invited organizations will be eligible to submit full proposals beginning in August 2021. Please visit our [website](#) for more information or email info@rrf.org.

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