



Ready to address ageism in your community?

Join the Community Leaders Fellowship

Lived Experience.
Shared Solutions.
Thriving Communities.

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We're living longer, healthier lives. Let's build vibrant communities where everyone can thrive — across the lifespan. Sound challenging? It can be! But we can help.

The Community Leaders Fellowship is a year-long program where older adults and municipal leaders collaborate to make change:

- + Explore how ageism impacts your community.
- + Identify areas where change is most needed.
- + Gain skills to build awareness, take action, and share power.
- + Design and implement a community-wide project for Ageism Awareness Day.



The Community Leaders Fellowship bridges the gap between municipal leaders who envision age-inclusive communities and residents with the lived experience to guide them.

It's your launchpad for creating inclusive spaces where everyone flourishes.



COMMITMENT

Local government decides to bring the Community Leaders Fellowship to their town and applies to participate. The Fellowship is free to municipalities.



RECRUITMENT

Selected municipalities send three staff members to participate as Municipal Fellows and work with the Collaborative to recruit up to 10 older adult residents to participate as Community Fellows.



LEARNING

Municipal and Community Fellows attend workshops to build connection, evaluate community needs, design a project for Ageism Awareness Day, and develop skills needed for the project.



IMPLEMENTATION

Municipal and Community Fellows collaborate on an Ageism Awareness Day project, supported by check-ins and guidance from the Collaborative.



ACHIEVEMENT

By working together, Fellows achieve tangible, co-created progress toward a more age-inclusive community. Changes are grounded in community authority and lived experience.



2025-2026 FELLOWSHIP EVENT SCHEDULE

Municipal Selection

September 3 – 26

Municipal Application Period

September 30 – November 1

Municipal Onboarding

November 18, 10 – 11:30am

Municipal Fellow Orientation

Community Fellow Recruitment

December 1 – February 6

Community Fellow Application Period

February 17, 10 – 11am

or **February 19, 12 – 1pm**

Applicant Meeting

February 24 – March 13

Community Fellow Onboarding

Connection & Learning

March 23 – 24, 8:30am – 4pm

Kick-Off Workshop

May 12, 8:30am – 4pm

Project Design Workshop

June 9, 8:30am – 4pm

Project Implementation Workshop

Project Implementation

July 14, August 11 & September 1

Project Check-In Calls

September 15, 1:30 – 4:30pm

Fellowship Summit

September 15, 5 – 6:30pm

Wellspring Awards

October 7

Project Launch

SELECTING COMMUNITY FELLOWS

Community Fellows receive a \$500 stipend for participation, funded by the Collaborative. They are selected based on a blend of qualities:

+ Lived Experience

Firsthand knowledge of experiencing ageism as an older adult (age 60 or older)

+ Locally Connected

Resident of a participating community

+ Team Players

Collaborative mindset with differing perspectives

+ Lifelong Learners

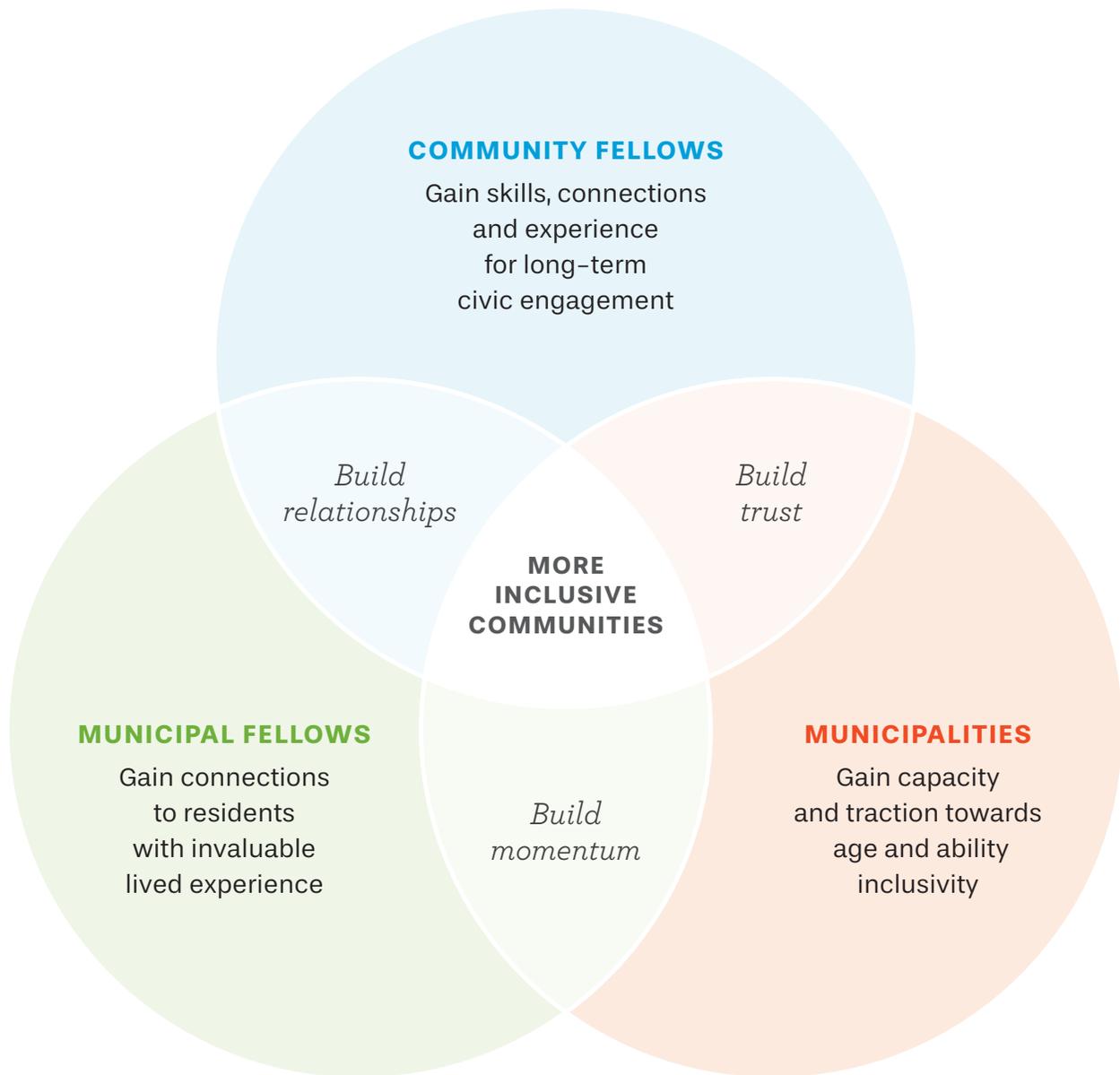
Open to continuous growth and unlearning biases

+ Community-Minded

See system-wide challenges and prioritize community needs

+ Developing Leadership

Limited experience in engaging with local government and ready to bring energy to the table



Ready to Get Started? Apply Today!

MUNICIPALITIES

Attend an Information Session

Sign up for our e-news to stay informed:
ctagewellcollaborative.org

Apply for the 2027 Fellowship

Applications due September 25, 2026

COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Request a Fellowship in your Community

Email ctagewell@ctcommunitycare.org

Apply for the 2026 Fellowship

Applications due February 6, 2026; open to residents of Avon, Manchester, or Wethersfield

QUESTIONS?

Email ctagewell@ctcommunitycare.org