

# FREEWATER SQUARE

A NEW  
COMMUNITY  
GATHERING  
SPACE

## LET'S CREATE

- A Public Market with Popup Space for Businesses
- A Space for Live Music and Outdoor Movies
- A Game Space with Board Games, Corn Hole, Foosball, Ping Pong, and More
- A Small business Incubator



## THE VISION

For Milton-Freewater to be known for its friendly family-oriented, neighborhood feel. Together, we will create a gathering place with the right mix of retail, restaurants, wine tasting, and community activities.

## THE MISSION

To create an inviting and family-friendly climate here with improvements in infrastructure and increased promotion.

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### **Milton-Freewater Downtown Alliance receives \$10,000 AARP grant for Freewater Square**

**August 20, Milton-Freewater Oregon**—The Milton-Freewater Downtown Alliance has received a \$10,000 grant from the AARP Community Challenge 2020 Grant program. MFDA was one of only 184 grantees selected from over 2,800 grant applications received from cities across 50 states, Washington D.C, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. This grant will help support the Freewater Square project. This project involves re-purposing an underused parking lot in Old Town Freewater, and turning it into an activity center and business incubator.

The purpose of the Freewater Square project is to be a catalyst for building Milton-Freewater's downtown districts by getting people used to going to downtown Freewater to shop, to eat, and for recreation. It will also provide a platform to promote the Milton-Freewater Downtown Alliance's next major project for N. Main Street—a permanent public market and activity center on another underused larger lot. Freewater Square will be used as a year-round intergenerational activity center and for events such as outdoor family movie nights, music concerts, art projects and game tournaments, once people are able to safely gather again.

The AARP Community Challenge funds innovative projects that inspire change in areas such as transportation, public spaces, housing, smart cities, civic engagement, coronavirus response, and more.

The Community Challenge grant is 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 residents. 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 work being funded by the AARP Community Challenge across the nation – including all 184 granted projects this year, visit [aarp.org/CommunityChallenge](https://aarp.org/CommunityChallenge). There is also an interactive map of all Community Challenge projects and AARP's livable communities work at [aarp.org/livable](https://aarp.org/livable).

For more information about the Milton-Freewater Downtown Alliance, or to support the Freewater Square project, contact MFDA Executive Director Julie Culjak at [mfda.director@gmail.com](mailto:mfda.director@gmail.com).