

ACTION ALERT: Ask Your State Senator and Representative to Support Healthy Aging Grants AB 410/SB 410

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AB 410/SB 410 - Healthy Aging Grants

Healthy Aging Grants fund evidence-based community programs like Stepping On, which are proven to reduce falls by 31%. These programs equip older adults with practical tools to reduce fall risk, manage chronic conditions, and maintain physical activity—significantly reducing the need for emergency medical responses and hospitalizations.

Healthy Aging Grants provide training, infrastructure, and program access that community partners need to address the root causes of preventable falls. These grants will:

- Reduce preventable injuries that currently overburden our families and systems,
- Support collaborative local efforts with public health and aging services, public safety, and healthcare organizations, and
- Promote dignity, independence, and health for older adults across Wisconsin.

The number of falls emergency medical services (EMS) responds to are increasing by nearly 10,000 a year statewide and made up over 20% of all 911-related ambulance runs last year.

We need your help to get more state legislators signed on in support [AB 410](#) and [SB 410](#) and to encourage members of the state legislature's [Senate Health Committee](#) to schedule a vote on SB 410 and members of the [Assembly Health, Aging and Long-Term Care Committee](#) to schedule a hearing on AB 410.

This legislation has bipartisan support in the state legislature. There are currently 28 state legislators (over 20% of the state legislature), 9 Senators and 19 Assembly Representatives, signed on in support of this legislation.

Take Action:

- Check to see if your state Senator and Assembly Representative are signed on as sponsors/cosponsors on the bill, by going to: [AB 410](#). If yes, please send them a message thanking them for their support of falls prevention funding. If not, contact them and ask them to support this legislation to help reduce preventable falls in Wisconsin.
- Let your legislators know how important falls prevention initiatives are to you, your family, and/or those you serve.

Core member organizations

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Mission

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- If your state Senator is a member of the [Senate Health Committee](#) encourage them to schedule a vote on SB 410. If your Assembly Representative is a member of the [Assembly Health, Aging and Long-Term Care Committee](#) encourage them to schedule a hearing on AB 410.
- Share this action alert with others and encourage them to take action too!

To find out who represents you in the state legislature (and to get their email addresses and/or phone numbers) put in your home street address here: <https://maps.legis.wisconsin.gov/>. For more information regarding Healthy Aging Grants, see the Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network's (WAAN) [Issue Brief](#).

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