



Spencer Trust “Super Senior” Resident Grant Program Questions & Answers

1. Who qualifies for this program?

The Super Senior Grant Program is for resident homeowners who are at least 80 years of age and have been residing in Barrington for at least the past 10 years. Applicants must be income-eligible with limited liquid assets. Specific income and asset limits are determined each year and can be found on the application.

2. What is the application process?

Applications require a notarized attestation by the homeowner confirming that the application criteria are met. Applications must be re-submitted annually.

Application forms are available at the Barrington Town Hall from the Spencer Trust Administrator, Town Clerk, or Finance Department and at the Peck Center. The form also can be found online by scanning the QR code to the right.



Completed applications must be dropped off at Town Hall or postmarked by the application deadline (Monday, March 9, 2026). You can drop off your form after hours using the tax payment drop box outside the Finance Department door located to the left of the main door of Town Hall.

3. The signature on the Attestation Form must be notarized. Where can I find a notary public?

Your signature on the Attestation Form must be notarized. There are several notaries available at Town Hall. Please ask for a notary by stopping by the Town Clerk’s Office, the Finance Department’s tax payment window, or the Spencer Trust Administrator’s desk in the Planning, Building, and Resiliency Department.

Alternatively, you could ask for a notary at a local establishment such as a financial institution, law office or shipping store (like UPS).



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4. When are grants distributed?

Applications will be reviewed starting in March 2026. Grant funds will be distributed in the spring of 2026.

5. Do the funds need to be paid back?

No. Grant funds do not need to be repaid and may be used at the applicant's discretion.

6. Does applying to this program impact eligibility for other programs?

No. The Super Senior Resident Grant Program is separate from other assistance programs for Barrington residents. Each program has a separate application and approval process.

- Elderly Tax Exemption – Income-based property tax relief for homeowners 65+
- Spencer Trust Home Repair – Zero-interest forgivable loans to assist income-eligible Barrington homeowners with necessary home repairs and accessibility modifications
- Spencer Trust Emergent Fund – Grants to assist income-eligible Barrington residents with urgent financial needs due to one-time, unexpected expenses or loss of income

7. If more than one homeowner in a household is over the age of 80, can they each apply?

No. Only one application per household will be considered.

8. What amount will successful applicants receive?

The grant amount is calculated annually and is expected to vary year to year. The grant amount is the same for each successful applicant and is specified on the grant application. Successful applicants will receive a check for the grant amount. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by mail.

9. How many grants are given out each year?

Total funding for this program is determined by the Trustees of the Spencer Trust, and the annual amount is expected to vary year to year. In the event that requests exceed the amount of available funding, priority is given to the oldest qualified super senior homeowners.

Additional questions? Please contact Karen Griffith, Spencer Trust

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