Russell & Josephine Kott
Memorial Charitable Trust

2026 REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTENT
Guidelines for Grant Applications

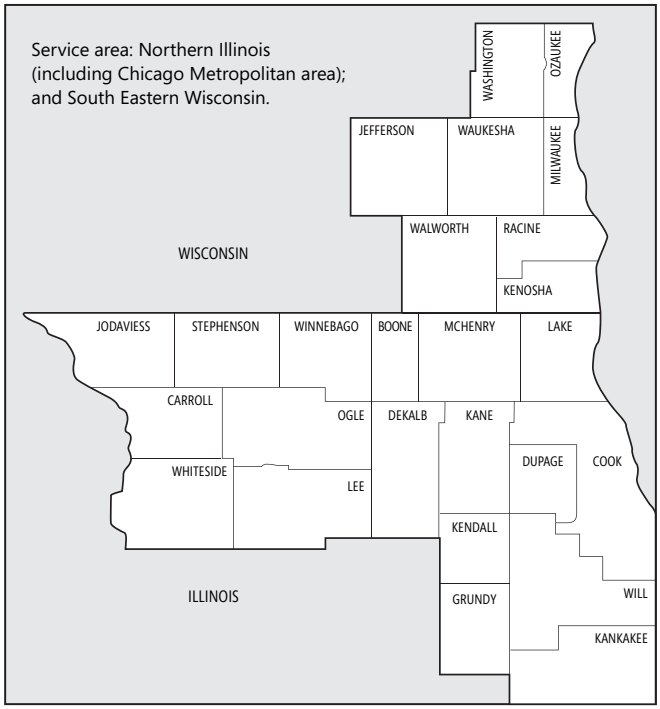
Eligibility

a) Applications focused on the well-being of older adults, especially through caregiving; medical services and access to treatment; assistance for housing, food and legal support; and providing emotional comfort and a sense of belonging in community.

b) 501(c)(3) Public Charities or organizations operating under a fiscal agent that is a 501(c)(3).

c) Geographical area of focus: Services provided in Northern Illinois (including Chicago Metropolitan area); and South Eastern Wisconsin.

d) If a past grantee, is in good standing with the Kott Memorial Charitable Trust.



Timeline

- Letters of Intent must be completed online and received by **March 27, 2026**.
- LOI declines and requests for full proposals will be shared with applicants by **June 15, 2026**.

Priorities for 2026

The Kott Trust is focused on the following services for the elderly:

- Access to housing
- Aging in place
- Access to health care, including mental and behavioral health
- Community engagement and enrichment programming
- Food security
- Legal assistance

The following are not eligible for funding in 2026:

- Endowments
- Access to technology
- Financial insecurity and risk of scams and fraud

Questions?
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