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Wayne State University, nonprofit share grant to study seniors

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Detroit-based **Adult Well-Being Services** and **Wayne State University**'s Institute of Gerontology will share in \$275,000 in grant funding to document the social, economic and health status of Southeast Michigan seniors.

The **Kresge Foundation**, **Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan** and **American House Foundation** are funding the first phase of the two-year pilot program. The project is modeled after the Baltimore-based **Annie E. Casey Foundation's Kids Count!** program which measures the well-being of children across the country, said Karen Schrock, president and CEO of Adult Well-Being Services, in a press release.

The data collected on local seniors will help better plan services and advocacy efforts for the Southeast Michigan senior population — which is expected to double in the next 30 years, said Peter Lichtenberg, director of the WSU Institute of Gerontology, in the release.

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