

## AI-Assisted Tech: Common Practices and Emerging Directions for Age-Friendly Community Leaders

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As more Americans live longer and healthier lives, we need to tap into our national ingenuity, so we can adjust our systems and policies to make the most of this new reality.

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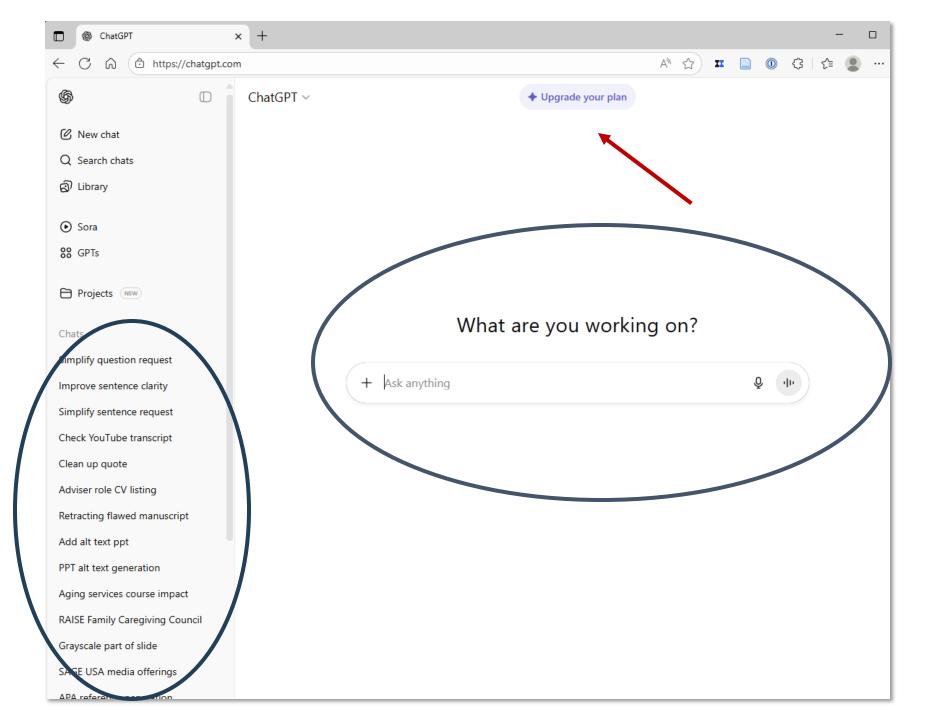


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## National U.S. Study of Technology Use Among AFC Leaders

 Conducted in partnership with AARP National Livable Communities Team

- Survey conducted in fall 2024 (200+ communities) + Zoom interviews in spring 2025 (13 communities)
- For a fuller presentation of results, register for the AARP Webinar on Tuesday, December 9, 3PM ET
- Today's focus: Al-assistants
  - ChatGPT
  - Microsoft Co-Pilot
  - Plaud Al



## What are AFC leaders typically using Alassisted technologies for?

### Public Communications

Writing newsletter articles

Writing social media posts

Writing press releases

Creating flyers

Suggesting catchy titles

## GENERATING CONTENT

### Internal Communications

Organizing agendas for AFC meetings

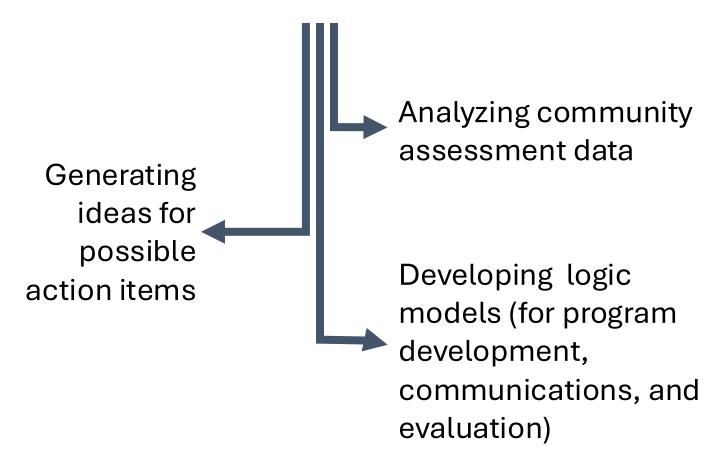
Generating minutes from AFC meetings

Preparing oral remarks for AFC meetings

Summarizing content for grant proposals/reports

# What are less common, but promising, uses?

## Guiding Strategic Directions



### Sample Prompts

#1. What is a small project that a public library can take on to better serve older patrons? Please suggest projects that do not require a large budget nor a new staff position. Please also suggest projects that will make older adults feel more seen and valued by the public library.

#2. What are short- and long-term outcomes of a Careers in Aging Internship Program developed in partnership between a local age-friendly community initiative and a public high school?

### Many Caveats

- Tasks never "handed over" to AI without human prompting, oversight, and modification
  - Considerations of accuracy, voice, and authenticity

- Ethical considerations
  - How data are shared and used by Al tech companies
  - Al disclosures
  - Other "big picture" societal concerns
- Al tools as a new area for training and learning (<a href="https://aiandyou.org/">https://aiandyou.org/</a>)

#### Building the Plane as we FLY







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