Membership Application

To join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities

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If you need additional space for answering the questions you may add an additional sheet of paper.

Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: 4/04/2022

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: Town of China

STATE: Maine

POPULATION SIZE: 4328

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: 19%

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Rob’t MacFarland, Chair SB

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: 571 Lakeview Drive, China, ME 04358

Section 2: COMMUNITY CONTACT for the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities

The community contact is the local staff member or volunteer who is primarily responsible for carrying out the community-level work — it is not the responsible AARP staff member.

NAME: Christopher Hahn

POSITION: Chairman, China for a Lifetime Committee

EMAIL ADDRESS: 

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 

Please describe the named person’s role in the city or community’s age-friendly initiative:

Oversees, leads and guides the Committee and its activities in fulfilling the Committee’s charter to advocate for seniors in the community. Vital to the activities of the Committee is enabling seniors to “age in place” and to remain within the community for as long as is possible.

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Section 3: COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, ENGAGEMENTS and COLLABORATIONS

1) Please provide a brief summary of the community policies, programs and services that are targeted toward older people and how the community plans to become more age-friendly.

The Committee has embarked on a volunteering initiative to provide outreach services to seniors in the community. Among the services are local transportation, home and yard work assistance, personal welfare visits. A coordinated volunteer service system registers available and qualified volunteers to participate in one or more of the Committee’s outreach groups. The town attorney and insurance broker participate in reviewing the program for legal and liability concerns. The program has been well received and will continue to enable resident seniors to age in place.

2) How will the community engage and involve older people in the process of becoming a more age-friendly?

Seniors of the community are invited to participate and have seats on the China for a Lifetime Committee. Public hearings have taken place to receive input from all age groups, including seniors who are directly affected by program proposals. This ensures both the current and future beneficiaries of the programs have input.

3) Briefly describe the mechanisms the community has or is planning to put in place to facilitate collaborative planning and implementation between different agencies and departments.

The governmental system of the Town of China includes significant stakeholder input through several committees. These advisory committees are comprised of local residents who have a vested interest in the outcomes of their work. The Select Board includes public comment opportunities at each of their regular meeting, where citizens are able to express their thoughts about proposals before the Board. The advisory committees provide their input to the town manager and formally to the Board when appropriate. Additionally, the town staff coordinate activities with state and federal agencies to avoid conflicts of policy, regulation and statutes.
Section 4: NETWORK MEMBERSHIP

• Your answers to the following questions will help us complete your membership in the global age-friendly network and better enable us to understand how to support the network.

4) How do you hope to contribute to the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

The contributions of the China for a Lifetime Committee are consistent with the objectives for Age-Friendly communities. In addition to the volunteer program that answers needs for outreach to those trying to age in place, the town is undertaking initiatives to establish a central gathering place and to bring affordable senior housing to the community. Through positive steps of the town to work toward affordable senior living space, the Maine Municipal Association is held a statewide meeting for how to approach the topic for all of Maine on March 19, 2019.

5) What motivated your community to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

In a meeting with a senior housing developer last fall, we were encouraged to apply to become an Age-Friendly community, which could be supportive of a grant proposal for establishing affordable senior housing in the community.

6) Provide a digital file or link of a logo or other image that represents your community and for which you have reprint rights. The image resolution should be at least 72 dpi. As an example of an image, here’s ours: