State: Oklahoma
Community Name: City of Guthrie
Population Size: 11727
Percentage of Residents Above Age 60: 17
Community Structure: City
Other: Community Type: Small Town, Rural
Elected Official Signing the Letter of Commitment Name: Steven Gentling
Title: Mayor
Office Mailing Address: 101 N. 2nd St. Guthrie, OK 73044
Community Contact Name: Shawnda Rooney
Email: [redacted]
Position: Director of Economic Development
Telephone: [redacted]
Role: The point of contact (Economic Developer) works closely with the City Manager, City Planner, and Community Development Director to ensure that our development efforts will continuously promote successful concepts that benefit all ages, specifically those that cater to our elderly residents. The City of Guthrie is known as one of the top places to retire in the state and we want to do everything we can to maintain that title. We are on the verge of restoring a community building that serves as the headquarters of the Logan County Council on Aging and Meals on Wheels which serves our elderly residents. We are also working toward a master plan of improving our sidewalks and trails, completely renovating our parks and designing more community spaces to make our town a more safe and comfortable place for our elderly residents to live.

Older Adult Involvement: The Mayor of our City and our City Manager are both a part of our elderly community and they actively volunteer with the Logan County Council on Aging. They are very aware of the needs and wants of our elderly community. Our Mayor and our City Manager give the final say on every project that comes from our office and they are always sure to include the perspective of our elderly residents. If there is a project that pertains specifically to our elderly residents (such as the planned...
improvements to Highland Hall, our community space that serves our elderly residents) we are always sure to get their wishes and opinions during our planning process.

**Increasing Collaboration and Coordination:** The efforts to become more age-friendly will increase collaboration and coordination among relevant community agencies and departments because we need their information and their opinions to make our projects truly age-friendly. We can’t plan and implement a project without knowing the community we are building for, through and through. The best way to learn the wants and needs of our elderly community is to work closely with the organizations listed above. They will have the vital information like the numbers of elderly residents they serve, where they are primarily located, the state of living that most of these residents are in and the needs that the residents are expressing.

**AARP Team Member Contact Info:** N/A

**Most Instructive Area of Work:** The First Capital Trolley is a unique organization that many communities could emulate. Our many community improvement projects are focused on safety, inclusion and walkability and other towns and communities, if they aren’t already, would benefit greatly from focusing their projects toward the same efforts.

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