



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Jim Gray
Mayor

June 3, 2014

Ron G. Bridges
AARP Kentucky
10401 Linn Station Road, Suite 121
Louisville, Kentucky 40223

Dear Mr. Bridges:

Lexington is excited about the opportunity to join with AARP Kentucky and the World Health Organization (WHO) to be designated as an Age-Friendly Community.

Lexington's population of 312,000 includes 92,000 over age 50. Our 50+ population is expected to increase by 22% by 2020. We are acutely aware of issues related to the aging of the Baby Boom generation.

We are already working to enhance and promote a more livable Lexington for senior citizens by building a new senior center designed to meet the needs of today's seniors. Public safety, an issue of concern to many seniors, is also a key focus of our city. Lexington is one of the safest cities of its size in the country.

We are home to superb medical facilities including the University of Kentucky, which also is involved in considerable research in gerontology.

As a participant in the national network of communities, it is the intent of the city of Lexington to:

- Provide mechanisms to enhance the active engagement of older adults.
- Secure a resolution concerning our commitment to being age-friendly.
- Establish a Plan of Action that responds to the needs identified by adults 50+ in the community.
- Commit to measuring activities, reviewing action plan outcomes and reporting them publicly.

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We look forward to working with AARP and AARP Kentucky staff and volunteers to ensure that our community has the appropriate infrastructure in place to ensure our citizens can age with dignity and independence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Gray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jim" being more prominent than the last name "Gray".

Jim Gray
Mayor