



Application Form to join the AARP Network of Age-friendly Communities and World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities

1) *Community details*

Name of community: Birmingham

State: Alabama

Population size:

Percentage of residents above the age of 60:

Name and title of the Mayor or Elected Official signing the official commitment:

Address of the Mayor's office:

2) *Designation of community contact* for the AARP Network*

**The community contact is the staff or volunteer mainly responsible for carrying out the work at the community level, not the responsible AARP staff member*

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Please describe the above person's role in the city or community's age friendly initiative:

3) Description of your age-friendly activities to date

Please provide a brief summary, in 500 words or less, of your city or community's policies, programs and services targeted at older people and how you are planning to make your community more age-friendly.

Birmingham is famous for its pivotal role in the American civil rights movement. According to the 2010 Census, more than 12 percent of Birmingham's residents are over age 65. Home ownership is low compared to the rest of the state. Nearly 50 percent of Birmingham residents own their homes; statewide the home ownership rate is 70 percent.

In 2011, Transportation for America ranked the city 16th among metropolitan areas for pedestrian fatalities. That same year Birmingham passed a Complete Streets resolution, vowing to make transportation safer and more accessible for all residents. The recent revitalization of the downtown, including a new 19-acre park with lakes and an amphitheater, has attracted residents to the city again.

Birmingham joined the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities in September 2014 and is preparing its initial baseline assessment involving a wide range of stakeholders, community groups, and residents of all ages.

4) Engagement of older people

How are you engaging and involving older people in the process of becoming a more age-friendly city or community?



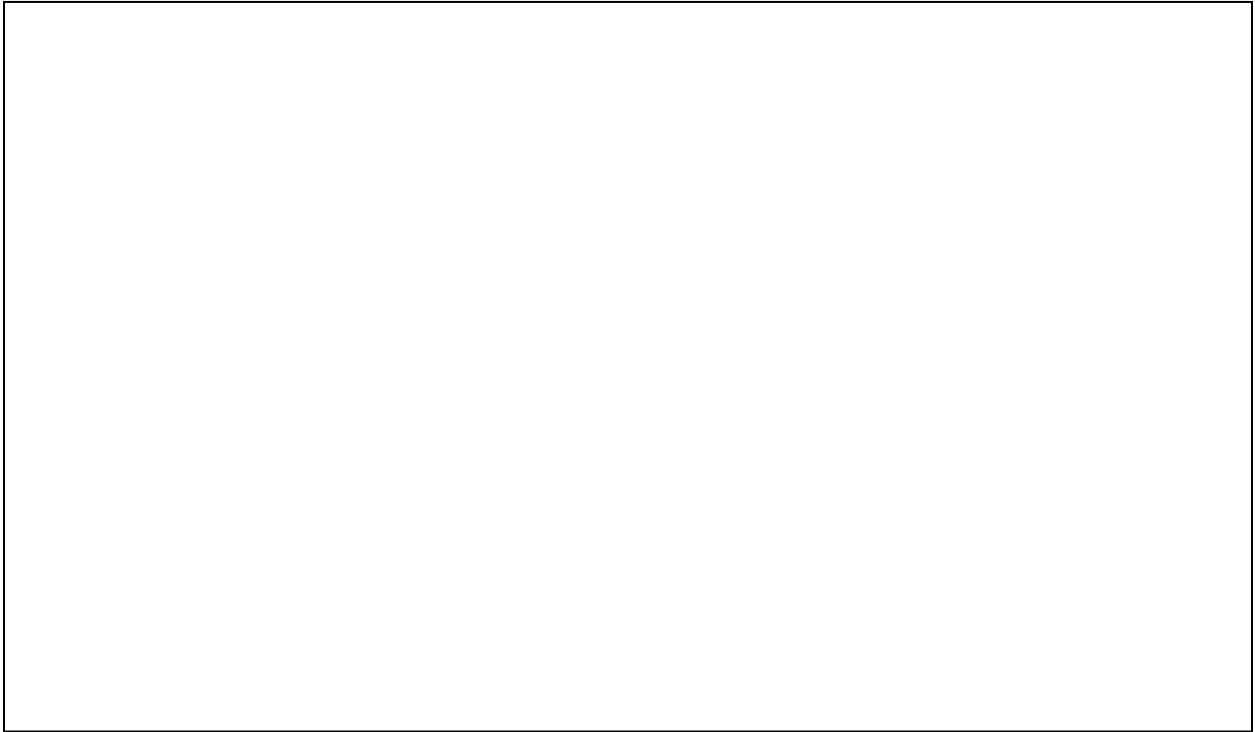
5) Cross-sector collaboration

Briefly describe what mechanisms have you/are you planning to put in place to facilitate collaborative planning and implementation between different agencies and departments and across sectors?



6) *Participation in the AARP and Global Network of Age-friendly Communities*

How do you hope to contribute to the Global Network?



What motivated your city or community to become a member of the AARP Network?

