



Application Form to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities

1) *Community details*

Name of community: City of Springfield

State: Oregon

Population size: 60,000

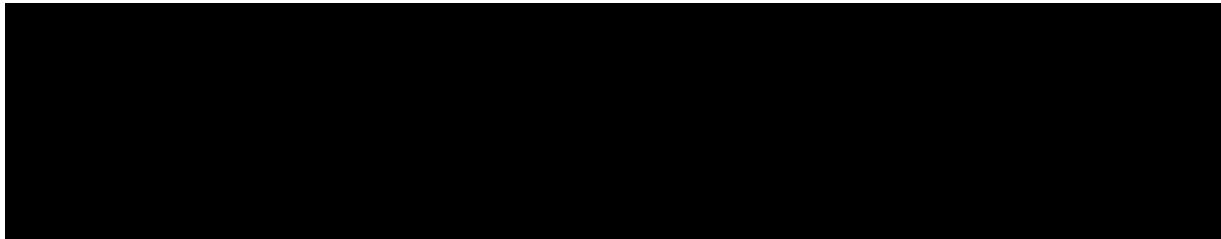
Percentage of residents above the age of 60: 14%

Name and title of the Elected Official signing the official commitment:
Mayor Christine L. Lundberg

Office Address of the signer: 225 Fifth Street, Springfield OR 97477

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*



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

The Community Relations Manager will take the lead on coordinating the current age-friendly aspects of our community and joining them with new initiatives.

3) Description of your age-friendly activities to date

Please provide a brief summary, of your community's policies, programs and services targeted at older people; and how you plan to make your community more age-friendly.

Our popular library is an information hub for old and young alike. Nearly 1,000 patrons visit our downtown location each day.

Home repair assistance is available through our SHOP program and often accessed by our older population.

Through our community's park district, approximately 350 patrons visit Willamalane's Adult Activity Center each day to take part in the numerous recreation and social programs offered to adults 50 and over. Over the course of a year, more than 170 free programs are offered that include lectures, movies, social and health services, specials events and exercise; 31 different fitness classes attract 400 participants each week; and door to door transportation with over 5,000 annual rides are provided to Willamalane residents who no longer drive.

Through a partnership with the Lane Council of Governments about 160 meals are prepared each day and delivered through meals on wheels.

Collaborations exist between several other programs that assist seniors including Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance Program (SHIBA); Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEP); Senior Law Service; and AARP Tax Aide.

4) Engagement of older people

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

We will continue to work with our partners to engage our community. We will look to our advisory committee to research and provide us with a list of options and ideas to move us forward as an age-friendly community.

5) Cross-sector collaboration

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

As described in section three, the City of Springfield has a very close and positive working relationship with our partners at Willamalane Park and Recreation District and Lane Council of Governments (LCOG). We will be working very closely with LCOG on our advisory committee and how we move forward with their recommendations.