



Membership Application

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

- If you have questions while completing this form, please email livable@aarpp.org or call 202-434-2430
- If you need additional space for answering the questions you may add an additional sheet of paper.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: 10/4/2016

Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: City of Tucson

STATE: Arizona

POPULATION SIZE: 526,116 (2013-City of Tucson website)

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: 62,608 (11.9% of population)

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Jonathan Rothschild,
Mayor of Tucson

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: City Hall 255 W. Alameda Tucson, AZ 85701

Section 2: COMMUNITY CONTACT FOR THE AARP NETWORK OF AGE-FRIENDLY 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.

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

Mr. Murphy is the Co-chair of the ElderAlliance’s Age-Friendly Action Team and a member of the Steering Committee. He served as an elected Member of the Tucson City Council, twice elected to the Pima County Board of Supervisors, worked as an Assistant County Manager for 22 years and a staff member of Pima Council on Aging, the local AAA, for 15 years, the last 6 of which he was the CEO. Mr Murphy has served as a member and in leadership roles for many nonprofits in the community and has lead the creation or merge of a number. He and a staff member of the Arizona AARP will be responsible for the coordination and oversight of the process of joining the AARP Network of Age Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age Friendly Cities.

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.

There are four major players working in the area of aging issues and services: the City of Tucson; Pima Council on Aging, the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for Pima County, which includes the City of Tucson; AARP and the Elder Alliance, the breadth of which is defined and further detailed in Item 2. All groups have their own policies, programs and services and although there has been a level of working relationships, this Application gives them the opportunity to more effectively and with greater coordination plan, implement services and programs and conduct a continuous assessment cycle. Please refer to the addendum for details.

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

Every Action Team of the ELDER Alliance has older adults as members of the Teams, however the Voices of the Elders Action Team (Voices) is the major mechanism of the ELDER Alliance that ensures older adults are on the team and the voices of older adults in the community are being heard. Please refer to the addendum for details.

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 ELDER Alliance is a broad collaboration that includes representation from non-profit organizations, businesses, government agencies, community partners and of course age-50+ residents dedicated to ensuring older adults thrive, enjoy quality of life, and play an active role in shaping livable communities for all ages in Tucson, Arizona. In 2015 historic mergers occurred where four groups, all dedicated to the work of supporting ELDERS in the region came together to form the current ELDER Alliance. These groups include the ELDER Alliance, a funded initiative of the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona, the United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona's Senior Impact Coalition, the End of Life Coalition and the Livable Communities for All Ages Task Force. Please refer to the addendum for details.

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 Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

We will share our experience in developing the ELDER Alliance; history, goals, challenges and successes. We will share how the ELDER Alliance began, the thought process behind the initiative, key stakeholders, the integral involvement of seniors, the merge with United Way and Senior Impact, End of Life Care Coalition and the Mayor's Livable Communities for All Ages Task Force, development of a mission, vision and strategic goals. While the City of Tucson cannot commit any new funding or resources in connection with this application, the City continues to partner with the ELDER Alliance. Please refer to the addendum for more details.

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

We are committed to continue the mission of the Elder Alliance and in partnership with the City of Tucson further the progress toward a great age-friendly Tucson. We hope to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities so we may learn from others in the networks, AARP and WHO. We anticipate learning about best practices, networking, inter-generational planning, pilot programs, and evidence-based studies.

6) Please provide a digital file or link of a logo or other image that represents your community.

The image resolution should be at least 72 dpi. As an example of an image, here's ours >



Click here to add a link to where we can find your logo. Or, send us your logo by email attachment to livable@aarp.org. The ELDER Alliance logo will be emailed.