



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: 1/11/2015

Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: Larimer County

STATE: Colorado

POPULATION SIZE: 315,988 (2013)

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: 16.5%

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Lew Gaiter !!!, Chair
Larimer County Board of Commisioners

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: Board of County Commisioners, Post Office Box 1190, Fort Collins Colorado 80522-1190

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:

Bente James is the Executive Director of Foundation on Aging for Larimer County (FOA). The Foundation will celebrate its 30th anniversary of serving Larimer County and addressing the needs of older adults, raising community awareness of those needs, and fostering solutions that improve quality of life. FOA is a co-founding organization behind the Partnership for Age- Friendly Communities (PAFC – see below), which is the organization that will lead the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities initiative. Bente James serves on the Executive Committee and the Steering Committee of the PAFC. Lynda Meyer is the Program Manager of the Larimer County Office on Aging (LCOA), which is the local Area Agency on Aging. The LOCA is a co-founding organization behind the Partnership for Age-Friendly Communities and Lynda serves on the Executive Committee and the Steering committee of the PAFC.

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.

In 2013, Larimer County was one of six communities in the country to be a recipient of the Livable Communities Collaborative grant from the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (N4A). As a result, the Partnership for Age-Friendly Communities (PAFC) was formed which is a collaboration of community agencies and many volunteers primarily sponsored by the Foundation on Aging and the Larimer County Office on Aging, with support from nine other affiliate organizations. The PAFC is working in the areas of housing, transportation, the culture of aging, and health & wellness. In each of these areas, there are exciting projects currently underway. Furthermore, in May of 2015, the PAFC held a “Summit on Aging” with 250 people in attendance in order to mobilize the community and raise awareness about issues related to an aging community. We feel Larimer County has already developed a strong framework to address the eight domains of livability as defined by AARP. You can read more about PAFC on our web site at <http://www.foalarimer.org/PAFC>. Also via our web-site you can get a complete overview over our 2015 Summit content go to <http://www.foalarimer.org/summit-on-aging-2015>.

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

The PAFC currently has four focus areas. Each area has a self-directed volunteer base. The PAFC has around 30 volunteers that work in each of their focus areas.

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 Larimer County initiative is a community-based effort led by the Partnership for Age-Friendly Communities (PAFC) to ensure that Larimer County incorporates the infrastructure, design and community resources that will be needed to accommodate the area’s growing population of older adults. The PAFC has a 22 member advisory committee that guides the organization and represents a number of community, government and civic organizations. The Foundation on Aging and the Larimer County Office on Aging collaborate on the day-to-day administration of the project. The other partners in PAFC and are: Colorado State University Center for Public Deliberation, Fort Collins InterFaith Council, Fort Collins Human Relations Commission, Fort Collins Senior Advisory Board, Loveland Senior Advisory Board, University of Colorado Health Aspen Club, Elder Care Network of Larimer County and AARP. On our web-page we have compiled an overview of our work to date. <http://www.foalarimer.org/PAFC/partnerships>

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 hope to contribute to this network by sharing some of our experience with involving self-directed volunteer teams in this work and vision. From the beginning of our work as a partnership we have focused on who to raise up and equip volunteers to reach out and engage our community in this process.

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?

It is the next logical step in our effort to make Larimer County an age friendly community. We are excited about the process development we are going to go through over the next 3-5 years.

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 >



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