



## 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](mailto:livable@aarpp.org).
- If you need additional space for answering the questions you may add an additional sheet of paper.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: 12/28/2016

### Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

**NAME OF THE COMMUNITY:** City of Fort Lauderdale

**STATE:** Florida

**POPULATION SIZE:** 176,013

**PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60:** 21.8%

**NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT:** Mr. Jack Seiler, Mayor

**OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER:** 100 North Andrews Fort Lauderdale Florida, 33301

### 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:**

The Parks and Recreation, Deputy Director Carl Williams, provides direction for Administrative, Recreation and Business functions of the department. This role has a direct impact on recreation programs involving youth, teens, adults and seniors. Mr. Williams will oversee all three phases of the age-friendly initiative. Mr. Williams has over 12 years’ experience in county, municipal government and private leisure services. Ten of those years are in Management and Assistant Director level positions. Mr. Williams has over 5 years of experience in developing senior programs and services. SilverSneakers, health physicians, educational workshops, sponsorships and fitness components have been the core emphasis of all senior programs with which Mr. Williams helped support and/or initiate for the community. Ultimately, our city’s goal is to provide life enhancing experiences for our senior citizens by providing services that may not be readily available to them.

**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.**

Please see attached document in reponse to the above question.

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

Please see attached document in reponse to the above question.

**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.**

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#### **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?**

By joining the AARP Age-Friendly Community Network and the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly communities the City of Fort Lauderdale hopes to gain best practices from other cities while also serving as an example to other cities interested in becoming Age-Friendly communities. The city also hopes to provide an evidence-based model specifically designed for affecting change and improving outcomes through the implementation of a community action plan encompassing the eight-domain areas of an Age-Friendly community. As more cities join the Age-Friendly Community network, more spaces are created for collaboration both regionally and nationally to further drive equitable and inclusive living experiences for all ages. The city looks forward to being at the forefront of these initiatives and developments.

#### **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?**

The City of Fort Lauderdale was motivated to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities for several reasons. All three organizations are committed to creating communities that are safe, inclusive and connect people to each other as well as goods and services, while increasing civic and social engagement. The city continually looks for models that expand the concept of community and neighborhood stabilization in order to create richer opportunities for residents and visitors alike highlighting Fort Lauderdale's vision to be "The City You Never Want to Leave." This vision, echoes our mission, "We Build Strong Communities" and our core values; Respect, Integrity, Courage, Teamwork, Service, Creativity, Accountability. Finally, the AARP/WHO network membership enables the city to enhance this commitment to that vision by providing an array of resources, support and best practices to help inform our growth and programs. We were motivated by Gil Penalosa, Executive Director of 8-80 Cities Non-Profit highlighted in AARP International, where he simply lays out the concept for creating cities for individuals from 8-80 years of age. His ideas are congruent with the City of Fort Lauderdale's Mission and cylinders of excellence as well as the AARP and WHO missions. This further highlights the movement spanning across regions and countries calling for sustainable, safe and inclusive livable communities for all ages. The City of Fort Lauderdale desires to be at the forefront of this movement.

**6) Please provide a digital (JPG, PNG or PDF) 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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