



## 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@aarp.org](mailto:livable@aarp.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: 9/29/2016

### Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

**NAME OF THE COMMUNITY:** City of Louisville

**STATE:** Kentucky

**POPULATION SIZE:** 763,623

**PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60:** 15%

**NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT:** Mayor Greg Fischer

**OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER:** City of Louisville, 527 W. Jefferson Street, Louisville, KY 40202

### 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 Director of Health Innovation and Sustainability (the “Director”) is a member of the leadership team of the Institute for Sustainable Health & Optimal Aging. The Institute’s mission is to support optimal aging in the city of Louisville and surrounding counties. The Institute works closely with the Office for Aging & Disabled Citizens, Louisville Metro Government, Department of Community Services, AARP, Elder Serve, the Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency (KIPDA) and other agencies committed to protecting the rights of older adults and helping them flourish in a age-friendly city. The Director serves as liaison with all of the above mentioned agencies as well as outreach coordinator with local area churches, hospitals, health clinics and businesses that provide services to older adults. The Institute serves as a convener of all agencies, academics, businesses and people who want to improve the lives of the citizens of Louisville and the surrounding area.

### **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.**

The City of Louisville has been a leader in identifying residents needs to improve the health and wellbeing of those who live, work, learn, play and retire in its community. The City has a dedicated Office for Aging & Disabled Citizens, a Health Equity Center and is a hub for economic development in the aging sector. All of the current initiatives of the city address the eight domains that the World Health Organization has determined guide an Age Friendly City. This age-friendly city aligns with the cities Metro Strategic plan which focuses on delivering excellent city services, ensuring fiscal integrity, taking job creation to the next level, investing in our people and neighborhoods and promoting creative planning for a vibrant city future. This initiative is also aligned with the City of Louisville's participation in the STAR Network, the Livability Index, the Resilience Framework as well as the Compassionate Louisville movement that guides all aspects of Metro government. The city will be a key player on the Age-Friendly advisory committee and plans on continuing to make age-friendliness a core component in all of its initiatives.

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

The Institute, in collaboration with the City of Louisville, AARP, ElderServe and the Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency (KIPDA) has engaged older adults in a number of areas including focus groups, the Aging Coalition, the Optimal Aging Conference, the Gold Standard Award for Aging and Senior Day Out. There will be continued public dissemination of the age-friendly initiative through presentations on aging, cohousing for older adults and the age friendly initiatives that make up the citywide age-friendly movement. We will continue to mobilize older adults and engage them in this initiative including having them serve on the advisory committee and workgroups but we will also include younger adults in order to create a true intergenerational movement. Our plans are to be deliberate and intentional in outreach to assure that all demographics within the city are included and information is disseminated city wide. We will also be deliberate on making our advisory committee diverse so that we can assure equal access and voice by all residents of our city.

**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.**

Through its partnership with the the City of Louisville, AARP, ElderServe and the Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency (KIPDA) the Institute is positioned to lead the age-friendly city initiative. With the active involvement of residents, the City, AARP, ElderServe and KIPDA the Institute will lead the discussion to provide ways to improve the livability of the City through Community Action Plans that target the essential features of an Age-friendly City Initiative, including outdoor spaces and buildings, transportation, access to clinical linkages, active and healthy lifestyles. The community will be engaged through a series of events focused on engaging residents from all sections of the city to identify assets and opportunities that align with current City initiatives. Each of the agencies have made a commitment to work collaboratively with each other and the advisory committee to assure that the age-friendly city initiative is successful.

#### 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?

All of the partners that are involved in the age-friendly initiative are committed to making Louisville a premier age-friendly city. We will collaboratively provide the mechanisms to enhance the active engagement of older adults, secure a resolution concerning our commitment to being age-friendly, establish a plan of action that responds to the needs identified by adults 60+ in the community, commit to measuring age-friendly activities, reviewing action plan outcomes and disseminating progress publicly.

#### 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 Louisville is a hub for key companies that provide services to older adults. This market sector is an integral focus of economic development and will continue to be a strategic sector in city planning for the future. In addition to private businesses the city has a robust older adult social service organizational community that includes the Institute for Sustainable Health & Optimal Aging, ElderServe, the Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency Area Agency on Aging and numerous social service agencies dedicated to promoting optimal aging to people as they age. Further, the commitment compassion that the city, as well as over 100 companies, has made is an integral factor in deciding that it is time to take deliberate and intentional steps to making Louisville Age-Friendly.

#### 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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