



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

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: Febraury 15, 2017

### Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: Pitkin County

STATE: Colorado

POPULATION SIZE: 18,000

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: 4500

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: George Newman, Pitkin County Board of County Commissioners Chairperson & Jonathan Peacock, Pitkin County Manager

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: 123 Emma Raod, Suite 106, Basalt, CO 81621 (temporary address through Fall 2018)

### 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.

[Redacted contact information]

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

As Manager of Pitkin County Senior Services, Chad's role will be two-fold: 1) as an active participant in the research, development and execution of the initiative and as a manager of the Pitkin County Aging Well Coordniator and other staff that will participate in the program. Chad will also periodically report to the Board of County Commissioners and to the public via outreach mechanisms.

### 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 2014, Pitkin County launched an Aging Well Community Plan that included 14 goals covering the areas of Safety, Connection, Health & Wellness and Information. Each goal identifies several action items, responsible entities and possible partners in accomplishing the goal. From 2014 through the present, work associated with the 160+ action items continues and the goals are at various levels of completion.

- Safety included action items in the areas of the physical home, community, accessibility, abuse/neglect, fraud/scams and education.
- Connection included action items in the areas of community engagement, multiple generations, transportation, volunteering, life-long learning and friendships.
- Health/Wellness included action items in medical resources, dental/vision/hearing, mental health, fitness, nutrition, in-home services and caregiver support.
- Information included action items regarding access to information and resources, navigation of current systems, personal assistance, Internet information, education and advocacy.

In accomplishing the action items articulated in these goals, Pitkin County will become more age-friendly through the programs and services identified, developed and/or enhanced through the plan.

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

Pitkin County will conduct additional surveys and input sessions to engage and involve older people in this process. Pitkin County Senior Services will also provide periodic updates to the older population through the monthly newsletter, in social media outlets and on their website ([www.pitkinseniors.com](http://www.pitkinseniors.com)).

**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.**

Pitkin County presented a Senior Summit in 2014 to launch the Aging Well Community Plan and continues to engage non-profit agencies (local and regional), county and city departments, stakeholders, interested partners and the community through meetings (small & large), presentations, outreach and events. Pitkin County Senior Services provides semi-annual reports to the Board of County Commissioners and other interested agencies on the work accomplished in that time period. For 2017, and ongoing annually, Pitkin County Senior Services will collaborate with these agencies & departments to host a Wellness Conference, Recreation & Activities Fair and Senior Law Day. They will also collaborate and participate in a Caregivers Conference.

**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?**

Pitkin County hopes to contribute solutions to the unique challenges of rural communities, destination resort communities and communities with similar income disparity in the aging population. In enhancing the programs and services in place and developing new and innovation solutions, with the help of other WHO/AARP Age-Friendly Communities, Pitkin County will continue to support its goal of being a community where residents of all ages will thrive.

**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?**

Pitkin County was motivated to join the network by the access to experts, best practices and lessons learned by the network of Age Friendly Communities as well as the opportunities for partnership and the outreach support offered by AARP.

**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 >

