



## 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: 1/26/2017

### Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

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

**STATE:** Maryland

**POPULATION SIZE:** 18,500

**PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60:** 8%

**NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT:** Candance B. Hollingsworth, Mayor

**OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER:** 4310 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville MD 20781

### 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:**

As Community Services Director, Mr. Rollow oversees all community initiatives run by the City of Hyattsville including senior and disability services, volunteer programs, youth/educational Programs, outreach, engagement, media, events and celebrations.

**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.**

Senior & Disability Services currently offered by the City of Hyattsville: 1) Benefits Assistance-helps seniors/residents with disabilities better understand Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid Waiver, etc., prescription programs including Part D, medical providers and entitlement programs; 2) Information and Referral Service-provides information/referrals to resource providers on issues including health, finances, transportation, family issues, housing, etc; 3) Transportation Service-curb-to-curb reduced-cost service is offered by the City’s Call-a-Bus which operates within a six-mile radius of the city during business hours. Transportation is provided to medical appointments, pharmacies, grocery stores, etc. Regular nutritional trips are made to Price Rite and the Hyattsville Farmers Market. Special appointments outside the six-mile radius are considered upon request. 4) Educational Programming-educational presentations generally on health issues are coordinated regularly throughout the year; 5) Exercise-Ageless Grace exercise classes are offered two to three times a week year-round; 6) Recreational Programming-each month a social trip or program is coordinated by the City’s Senior & Disability Services staff. Coordination may include planning and hosting the event or coordinating participation/transportation of residents to an event hosted by another municipality or third party. In addition, residents of the Friendship Arms (local) senior and disabled housing facility are regularly involved in service projects with student volunteers.

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

In preparation for entrance into the AARP Network of age friendly communities, the City of Hyattsville mailed out a survey to all residents on issues relevant to seniors and people with disabilities. In addition, the City continues to communicate with senior community groups and plans to involve those groups and others in public events to help shape our age-friendly initiative.

**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 City's numerous departments are already working together on strategic planning. We are also in regular communication with the County concerning community infrastructure and programming. We will continue to host regular public meetings on planning issues, and could also target these meetings on age-friendly issues.

#### 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 the story of our experience to the Networks. Our City is small, but willing to invest the time and effort to be inclusive in our planning. We'd like to learn from the best practices developed by others and share our experience putting them into practice.

#### 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?

A Hyattsville resident who works for AARP mentioned the network at a public forum. Our mayor liked the ideas immediately.

#### 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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