



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.
- If you need additional space for answering the questions you may add an additional sheet of paper.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: *Click here to enter a date.*

Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: Jackson Hole/Teton County

STATE: Wyoming

POPULATION SIZE: 21,294

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: 15%

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Pete Muldoon, Mayor, Town of Jackson; Teton County Commission: Mark Newcomb, Chair; Commissioners: Natalia Macker, Greg Epstein, Paul Vogelheim, Smokey Rhea

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: Town of Jackson, PO Box 1687, Jackson, WY 83001; Board of Commissioners, Teton County Wyoming, PO Box 3594, Jackson, WY 83001

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:

Becky Zaist is Executive Director of the Senior Center of Jackson Hole. The Senior Center has hosted meetings of the Age Friendly Jackson Hole (AFJH) grass-roots organization since September 2014. Ms. Zaist has served as the chair and primary contact for AFJH since the group's inception, including managing membership, leading meetings, maintaining notes and agendas, and promoting the group's efforts throughout the community.

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 Teton County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Health in All Policies initiative. Teton County, Woming also utilizes a Complete Streets plan. The Senior Center of Jackson Hole provides a multitude of services to seniors including meals, activities, transportation and in-home care. AFJH was developed in September 2014 with the vision to enhance accessibility and inclusivity of older adults in all aspects of life in Jackson Hole. AFJH is dedicated to ensuring the voice of older adults in the community is heard and respected in creating an Age Friendly Jackson Hole. The community also has a nursing home and an assisted living facility. Local businesses provide discounted services for seniors. Local transportation options include a handicapped accessible buses and accessible pathways. A local Elder Resource Guide is circulated throuout the community and the community is launching the Network of Care on-line resource guide.

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

Through Age Friendly Jackson Hole older people are already involved in the process of becoming a more age friendly community through group membership and meeting participation. AFJH meetings are held at the local senior center and are advertised through the senior center newsletter and website as well as sent out on the non-profit and Chamber of Commerce list serve. For the up-coming "listening sessions" to gather baseline data, sessions will be advertised to reach older citizens in the community via channels such as the Senior Center newsletter, local newspaper, radio, and local listserves. Individual outreach to additional community groups such as Rotary, Churches, Chamber of Commerce, etc. is planned.

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 Age Friendly Jackson Hole group will be the entity to guide the process of gathering baseline information on the 8 domains of livability, help develop and action plan and facilitate communication with Town and County officials and departments.

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?

As a resort community and ski town, Jackson and Teton County have some unique challenges for becoming more age friendly. As we tackle some of these areas and find solutions we will be in a position to share our successes with other communities in the network.

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?

Through the 2014 Health Needs Assessment we heard that older people felt they didn't have a voice, or that their opinions didn't matter in your youth oriented community. Through the guidelines and networking of AARP & WHO we feel we can make great strides to improve the quality of life for older adults in Teton County.

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 >



Logo is under development and will be sent at a later date.