



Membership Application

To join the **AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities** and the **World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities**

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APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: 7/18/2018

Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: City of Miami

STATE: Florida

POPULATION SIZE: 432,622

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: 22%

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Original Letter Signed by Mayor Tomas Regalado in 2017. Current Mayor as of March 2018 is Mayor Francis X. Suarez

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: 3500 Pan American Dr, Miami, FL 33133

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:

Ms. vonCarol Y. Kinchens serves as the Director of NET for the City of Miami.

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 Miami is committed to all its residents, including its older adults. In 2015, the City of Miami Commission passed an ordinance to establish an Advisory Committee to assist the City Commission in responding to the needs of Miami's senior citizens. The City is also home to over 4,000 public housing units dedicated to senior housing. The City of Miami's form-based zoning code, Miami-21, includes policies for Assisted Living Facilities to ensure there is a safe and reliable supply of housing and care for the community's elderly and disabled citizens. The Planning Department is also focused on partnering with initiatives such as Live Healthy Little Havana and continuing to engage with and understand issues facing older community stakeholders in the planning process. The City of Miami is also active in creating safer streets and promoting healthy lifestyles through its support of slower speed limits, Complete Streets design, and Active Design guidelines. In terms of mobility options, the City offers free transportation via Trolleys for all residents. It also offers an On-Demand transportation program that is free for the elderly or disabled. The City's NET Department provides Golden Passport Services in various locations. The City is also recognized as a bicycle-friendly community by the League of American Bicyclists. The City of Miami's Parks are also committed to promoting lifelong recreation and activity. The Parks and Recreation Department has parks that program for Active Adults 55+, providing social, educational and healthy activities for participation. Activities include yoga, computer classes, field trips, arts and crafts, and special events. The Department is also focused on continuing partnerships to serve the needs of older adults. Recently, the department expanded its 55+ programming. It was recognized that this is a growing audience who required services from our department and in response to that need and allow the capacity for more enrollment, so they built new facilities where older adults can participate in daily activities. The NET department also hosts fitness classes in Little Havana on a weekly basis. Recently, the City's Solid Waste & Recycling Department has also focused efforts on its seniors, partnering with a local Senior Center to launch a full scale comprehensive waste and recycling initiative led by senior citizens. Monthly programming will be centered around resiliency and sustainability at the local level tackling issues that directly impact the Charles Hadley Park community and its senior citizens. The Fire and Police Departments within the City are also committed to serving and protecting its older adults. The Fire Department recently launched a File of Life program to help older adults place their pertinent medical information within easy access of EMS First Responders in their homes. They also work directly with an Elder-Links program to help identify and report victims of elder abuse. The Police Department houses a Crimes Against the Elder Unit (CATE). In addition to the CATE officers addressing the elderly community's needs, the Neighborhood Resource Officers, which are assigned to specific neighborhoods, also visit various Senior Centers throughout the city and build relationships with the Seniors as well as with the facilities employees and staff members. Lastly, both groups do outreach in the community and provide information to residents and local events. The City of Miami is committed to continuing this efforts and working with the community, partners, and local organizations to identify new opportunities to make the City more age-friendly and livable for all ages.

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

The Senior Citizens advisory committee will be an integral part of engaging the community and involving older adults in the City of Miami. The committee's charge is to advise and make recommendations to the City Commission concerning subjects of particular interest to senior citizens and other who share the same interests as senior citizens. In addition, the City and its departments will continue to seek input and participation from older adults throughout all of their activities and processes.

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.

In order to apply for the City to join the network, the City contacted its departments to learn about the ways they are already working to meet the needs of the older population. Of note, every department, even Solid Waste, has had a focus on older adults, recognizing the need to meet the needs of this growing and important population. In order to continue this work, the City will encourage cross-departmental planning and implementation facilitated by the guidance of its Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee and community input.

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 the City of Miami continues to grow and change, it is important that it focuses on partnerships, and learning and implementing best practices from around the world that can help drive positive change and create a more livable City of Miami for older adults. The City of Miami also hopes to share some of its best practices and success stories with its network around the world.


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?

In 2015, the City of Miami developed its Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. This group was established because seniors play an essential role in the community, provide insight on our cultural and political I share a range today. The C and building : serving its res

a unique perspective to succeeding generations, and because seniors are affected by a range of issues, including health, housing, transportation, and departments, are committed to serving its older adults all ages. Joining the network is a next step in the City’s commitment to old.

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6) Please provide a digital (JPG, PNG or PDF) file of your community logo. Membership Application: AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities – Page 3

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