



## 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: 3/16/2018

### Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

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

**STATE:** Idaho

**POPULATION SIZE:** 223,154

**PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60:** 11.2% (24,547) from the 2010 US Census Bureau

**NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT:** Mayor David Bieter

**OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER:** 150 N. Capitol Blvd. Boise Idaho 83702

### 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:**

Roseanne Swain, City of Boise Recreation Superintendent, is taking a lead role in the community's age-friendly initiative. Other primary City team members include Emily Kovarik, Adaptive Recreation, Youth and Senior Program Manager, and Denise Peterson, Senior Center Recreation Coordinator.

### **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 Boise's mantra is 'Making Boise the Most Livable City in the Country'. We strive to offer programs and services which meet the needs of all who live here regardless of age, background, ability or financial income. Programs operated by the City of Boise for older people include: The Dick Eardley Senior Center; Lifetime and Leisure which offers senior tours, local excursions, and social inclusion and opportunities for seniors; senior fitness classes; transportation programs and discounted transportation options for those with the inability to drive; a partnership with Meals on Wheels to offer free or discounted food options; affordable housing services; a financial commitment to Valley Ride transportation services; and various senior programs throughout the City. The City of Boise is committed to addressing citizen needs in the areas of transportation and affordable housing as well as additional recreational opportunities including socialization and volunteering.

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

In the first year we will organize a Senior Task Force including members representing older persons such as the Area Office on Aging, Idaho Food Bank, University of Idaho 4-H Extension, health care systems, local charitable foundations, Valley Ride transportation, and individual representation from older people throughout the City. The City of Boise will hold quarterly meetings and community open forums to encourage and foster feedback. City Council member Lisa Sanchez will by our leadership representation for the effort.

**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.**

Utilizing the Task Force will ensure representation from various agencies and departments. The group will have quarterly check-ins with City leadership as well as monthly meetings to ensure progress. Various locations will be used for meetings to encourage a cross pollination of ideas and interests.

#### 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?

The City of Boise survey that was conducted in 2015 focused on the eight domains of a Livable City. This assessment provided a starting point to not only further assess these areas but start developing solutions to challenges. Areas that presented the strongest need were transportation, affordable housing and social inclusion. These will be our first focus, followed by addressing the other domains. By assessing, planning and implementing change in regards to the eight domains, Boise will continue its work toward inclusion of all ages and backgrounds while directly contributing to the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization.

#### 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?

We strive to make Boise the most livable city in the country for people of all ages. Recently Forbes stated that Boise and the surrounding metropolitan area is the fastest growing area in the nation for 2018. The rapid growth of Boise is ever present for people of all ages as this year Boise was ranked in the top 60 U.S. Cities to retire in by the U.S. News and World Report. This growth is one of the motivating factors of why Boise would like to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities. Our initial motivation came in 2016 when Idaho's AARP chapter invited the City of Boise to the Livable Communities National Conference to learn about the process and network with other cities who have participated in the process. Being familiar with World Health Organization and the eight domains of a Livable Community, the City of Boise was motivated to participate in the process. The City attended the Conference a second time in 2017 where the decision was made to start the application.

#### 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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