

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

## APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE:

### Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

**NAME OF THE COMMUNITY:** Town of Hanover

**STATE:** Maine

**POPULATION SIZE:** 238

**PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60:** 75%

**NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT:** Board of Selectmen:

Brenda Gross, Frank Morrison, Ed Kennett

**OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER:** PO BOX 70, Hanover, Maine 0423

### 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.

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

Upon acceptance of Hanover as a member of the Age-friendly Community Network, it is anticipated that Shirley Powell will become an active member of the Bethel area Age-friendly Community Initiative's Advisory Council. As the Town's representative, Shirley Powell will be an important member of the visioning and planning group that will provide for Hanover to become a more age-friendly community. In doing so, she will serve as a vital liaison between the Advisory Council and Hanover.

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.**

Hanover is a remote, rural town with a population of 238. Accordingly, it is heavily dependent on the services provided by nearby communities. The three public buildings in Hanover are accessible to the disabled and elderly. It is anticipated that Hanover will draw upon the resources available through the already active Bethel area Age-friendly community initiative, under the auspices of the AARP's Network of Age-friendly Communities, to satisfy the needs of Hanover's aging population.

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

We will start to explore what the Bethel area Age-friendly Initiative already has to offer in the various livability domains outline by AARP and WHO. Comments and ideas will be solicited from the Town's individuals and groups to identify the areas that community members believe are in need of particular improvement. This will help us prioritize our efforts on future projects.

**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 Town will rely on our representative to guide us on what we will need to do.

#### 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 Town of Hanover selectboard agreed to join the Age-friendly communities to see what is all about and how it may help the town's seniors. At this time we are not committing to any monetary amount.

#### 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?

The need to help our seniors live a productive and active life while living in their own homes.

*Burke LeBlond, Frank Morriss, Chad A. Ho*



#### 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 >](#)



## TOWN OF HANOVER

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PO Box 70 • 21 Ferry Road • Hanover, Maine 04237

Date: August 28, 2018

Lori Parham, AARP Maine State Director  
53 Baxter Boulevard, Suite 202  
Portland, Maine 04101

Dear Ms. Parham,

On behalf of the Town of Hanover, I am pleased to submit this letter of interest and commitment in the AARP/World Health Organization Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

The Town of Hanover is looking forward to working with the Bethel Area Age-Friendly Community Initiative. Many of Hanover's residents are age 60+ and the more we can do to make it safe and healthy, the better for everyone. One of the town's goals is to make it easier for people to age in Hanover—from the beginning of life to the end of life. We believe that our older residents have a lot to offer the community and will, through this initiative, make the community an even better place to live for all our 238 residents. Although we wholeheartedly support the efforts of the Bethel Area Age-Friendly Community Initiative, the AARP Maine Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities, we are not able to commit any monetary funds to the work.

The Town of Hanover recognizes the importance of encouraging and promoting age-friendly planning and policies to address changing demographics and to enhance independent living and is committed to a process of continual improvement to support active and healthy aging.

As part of our involvement and commitment we will work with the Bethel AFCI to conduct a base assessment of the community's age-friendliness and develop a community action plan based on the findings of the assessment. We will involve older residents deeply in the planning process and we commit to monitoring progress toward implementing the action plan.

Sincerely,

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Brenda Lee Gross  
Chair, Select Board