



Membership Application

To join the **AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and 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
- If you need additional space for answering the questions you may add an additional sheet of paper

Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: 8/19/2019

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: Azusa

STATE: California

POPULATION SIZE: 49,958

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: 10%

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Sergio Gonzalez, City Manager, on behalf of Mayor and City Council

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: 213 E. Foothill Blvd. Azusa, CA 91702

Section 2: COMMUNITY CONTACT for the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and 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.

[Redacted contact information]

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

Miki Carpenter is the community contact for this initiative and is Director of the Community Resource Department. Her background is in public health and education and she works closely with other City Department Heads and the City Manager.

The person named above agrees to be subscribed to the [AARP Livable Communities Weekly e-Newsletter](#), which is one of the primary ways we share useful news and resources. To add additional subscribers, type their names and email addresses into below. Once this application is processed, a subscription confirmation message will be sent so the individual can confirm that they want to subscribe. To subscribe today, follow the link above or visit [AARP.org/Livable-Subscribe](#).

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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 Azusa is positioned well to become even more age-friendly through a variety of policies, programs and services, targeted to older people. Currently, we have a senior center that has a multitude of classes, activities, trips, and enrichment programs, in addition to case management and nutrition programs for our most vulnerable seniors. We anticipate these programs expanding in the coming years due to the increase in the number of seniors in our community. We provide information about our programs in English, Spanish, and Mandarin to improve language access and to broaden the scope of our reach. As departments continue to identify ways to work together, we expect that our programs and services will continue to expand. Our public library also offers programs in citizenship, grassroots ESL, computer classes, and many other opportunities for individuals to be lifelong learners. The City of Azusa, in keeping with its ongoing efforts to serve all members of the community, is updating its Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) self-evaluation and transition plan. The accessibility plan provides a comprehensive plan for access for individuals with disabilities to the City of Azusa facilities, parks, programs, services, activities and events. The City of Azusa is seeking input from agencies, organizations and individuals with disabilities. As an agency, organization or individual, the value of stakeholder guidance will help to address and prioritize current and future needs. Individuals who would like to provide input are invited to complete a survey, call or email the ADA Coordinator. Surveys are available for organizations that represent individuals with disabilities, patrons, community members, employees, and other interested individuals who wish to participate in the evaluation.

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

The City of Azusa already engages a Senior Advisory Committee, and a Nutrition Site Council that advises on our elderly nutrition program. Additionally, our Parks and Recreation Commission strives to understand better the needs of our senior population and guides staff on how to improve our services and facilities to better serve our residents. Similarly, the City is working much more closely with the school district to reach our youngest residents through enrichment programs, afterschool programs, and family wraparound services.

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 of Azusa already has multiple projects underway that require collaborative planning and implementation across internal City Departments and external agencies. Current projects includes a community pedestrian and bicycle safety training program, and the anticipated work on a pedestrian master plan in early 2020. The City of Azusa is also a prototype for a larger Healthy San Gabriel Valley initiative that is an innovative demonstration project, one of 10 in the state of California, also known as the Accountable Communities for Health Initiative. This, by its very nature is a collaborative and inclusive project, utilizing cross sector strategies to create a more livable region and City.

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 States and Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

We hope to contribute by engaging with other communities that share our vision to become more age-friendly. We recognize that sharing best practices along with strategies and lessons learned, will help create exponential growth in our programs and experience, so that we all may become successful at creating Age-Friendly Communities. It would be an honor for the City of Azusa to participate in this movement.

5) What motivated your community to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

The Age-Friendly States and Communities Initiative aligns nicely with the philosophy of the City of Azusa and many of its key projects. The City has been recognized as the most business friendly small city in our region, and we also strive to create collective impact in building a healthier, more livable City. We recognize that there are multiple domains of health, which is why the concept of creating a livable, more age-friendly community, motivated us to apply to become part of this Network. We commit to working in each of the domains to improve the quality of life of our residents. Joining this movement will support us in that effort and we look forward to partnering with other cities and communities that share this vision.

6) Provide a digital file or link of a logo or other image that represents your community and for which you have reprint rights. The image resolution should be at least 72 dpi. As an example of an image, here's ours:

Click here to add a link to where we can find your logo. Or, send a JPEG, PDF or PNG of your logo by email attachment to livable@aarp.org. SEE ATTACHED

