



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**

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

Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: 5/21/2019

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: City of Santa Clarita

STATE: California

POPULATION SIZE: 215,000

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: 18%

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Mayor Marsha McLean

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: 23920 Valencia Blvd. Suite 300, Santa Clarita, CA 91355

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.

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

Rebecca Widdison is currently the Management Analyst in the City Manager's Office. Ms. Widdison is overseeing the creation of the Parks and Recreation Work Plan that aims to be inclusive of our aging demographics. With this project under her management, she is able to ensure that all steps (planning phase, implementation and evaluation and continue provements phases) required as a part of the membership are being met.

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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 Santa Clarita appropriates funds to the Santa Clarita Valley Committee on Aging to provide programs and services to Santa Clarita seniors through opportunities for recreation and wellness programs, transit-related services, and home-delivered meals for Santa Clarita Valley seniors. Offered to our seniors are a wide range of recreation and health and wellness programs that promote the quality of life of seniors in the City of Santa Clarita by encouraging socialization, physical fitness, lifelong learning, advocacy, and emotional support. The “Reduced Fare Program” is administered for eligible low-income Dial-a-Ride customers. Through continued partnerships and focus groups with the community, the City of Santa Clarita continues to become more age-friendly.

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

The City of Santa Clarita will conduct various community surveys to engage our older residents in the process of becoming more age-friendly. City-wide surveys, including a biennial public-opinion poll and studies on city services including recreational programs and facilities, will incorporate specific questions to assess and gather information on the needs and how the City can improve the quality of life for our older residents through services, policies and capital improvements. The survey results and analyses will provide the City with information that can be used to make sound, strategic decisions in a variety of areas including service improvements and enhancements, measuring and tracking internal performance, budgeting, policy, planning, and community engagement to become a more age-friendly community.

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.

Many of the programs in place at the City of Santa Clarita are developed and operated through partnerships that have been instrumental in the success that includes existing services for our older residents. The City will continue to prioritize these partnerships with organizations that work directly with our older residents, including the Santa Clarita Valley Committee on Aging, to ensure collaborative planning and successful implementation across the different agencies.

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?

There are a variety of opportunities for social engagement and enrichment available in the City of Santa Clarita. With one 30,000 square foot, brand new, Senior Center, two Community Centers, one of which is currently in construction to be opened by 2020, three library branches, and 34 beautiful and well-maintained parks, older adults have access to a rich network and numerous opportunities to connect with others and pursue enriching activities. With all that the City of Santa Clarita currently offers, sharing best practices, knowledge, experience and history will make us an asset to the network.

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?

Being an age-friendly community is important to the City of Santa Clarita. In an age-friendly community, policies, services, settings and structures support and enable people to age actively by optimizing opportunity for health, participation and security. Joining the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities is an essential action in continuing our mission to deliver the best and most cost-efficient municipal service to all citizens of Santa Clarita, including those with diverse capabilities, resources and needs.

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:

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