



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: 9/30/2019

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: City of Coral Springs

STATE: Florida

POPULATION SIZE: 128,757

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: ages 50 – 64 19.6%, ages 65+ 10.5%

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Vice Mayor Joy Carter

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: 9500 West Sample Road, Coral Springs, FL 33065

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]

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

Under general direction, the purpose of the position is to develop, organize, supervise and lead community senior recreation activities, facilities activities, transportation and special events. Directs, leads and schedules assigned departmental personnel; conducts in-service training and orientation for staff. Supervises assigned facility and staff and ensures the safety and cleanliness of equipment and facility. Supervises the preparation, scheduling and supervision of various projects, programs, activities and trips to ensure the safety, general welfare and enjoyment of the general public. Assists in the development, planning, organization, implementation and supervision of various senior activities, trips and special events. Contacts vendors, entertainers, instructors and venues to secure contracts as needed. Coordinates logistics, planning, sponsorship and promotion of Senior events requiring follow-up skills, high attention to detail ensuring accuracy of information and good project management skills. Surveys and evaluates existing facilities, programs and trips for quality, successful senior interest and program growth. Maintains and procures inventory and supplies for the facility, activities and trips. Performs routine administrative and accounting duties, e.g. reviews program statistical data, generates and submits reports and documentation, maintains accounts, verifies receipts and budgetary expenditures. Responsible to track CDBG grant money, number of participants and provide report. Must make sure all guidelines of the grant are being met. Oversees daily operation of the Senior Center. Responsible for scheduling and registering participants for the Senior Ride Program and maintain records. Collaborates with Communication & Marketing to achieve completion of Senior News Letter, advertising, Fun Guides, flyers and events.

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.

Rick Engle, Director, Parks and Recreation

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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.

Senior Programs and Services are available to Coral Springs residents age 55 and over. Programs that are currently offered include: Fitness Related: Cardio Classics, Sit & Fit, Strength & Stretch, Zumba Gold, Tai Chi, Intermediate Tai Chi, gentle Yoga, Chair Yoga, Pilates/Mat Abs, Line Dancing, Senior Fitness at the Aquatics Center, Walking Trails in various parks, Outdoor Exercise equipment at Sartory Hall, Membership to fitness center with fees covered by Silver Sneakers and Prime Fitness. Aquatics: Lap Swimming & Recreational Swimming – Mullins, Aquatic Complex, Cypress Water Aerobics & Aqua Stretch-N-Flex, Cardiovascular and Weight equipment at Aquatic Complex, Masters Swim Program, Open lap swimming, Adult Learn to Swim, Adult Stroke & Skills. Sports: Adult Beginner Tennis Lessons, Adult Advanced Beginners, Tennis Drills class, Tennis Memberships, Pickleball Shuffleboard. Miscellaneous Activities: Socrates Café, Intergenerational Socrates Café, Mahjong, Crochet, Cards, French Class, Canasta, Technology Classes, Socrates Classic Movie Club, Classical Music Appreciation, Nova Southeastern Lifelong Learning lectures, Birthday Bash Parties. Outings: An average of 3 outings a month to theatre, museums, historic/cultural sites and attractions. Twice a week trips to Publix. Twice a month trips to Coral Square Mall. Monthly trips to Walmart, Dollar Tree & “Hop on and Hop off” University Drive shopping. We know that seniors are a growing part of our population. We therefore plan to become more age-friendly by modifying our current senior programming and other offerings to address the needs and desires identified through our ongoing Master Planning Process which is being led by EPD (Environmental, Planning and Design).

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

The City of Coral Springs is currently working with the consulting firm of EPD (Environmental, Planning and Design) to research, survey and study to determine the future needs of the community as part of the Parks Master Plan. The first phase of the master plan process is a 120-day information gathering phase. During this time, EPD will reach out to many segments of the city’s population, including the seniors, to obtain input and feedback about our current amenities and service levels. The City also has a Senior Advisory Committee that meets monthly with one of the City’s commissioners. As our population ages, the findings of these efforts will help the City determine the needs and establish goals for our age-friendly initiatives.

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.

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As described in #2 above, the City has just started a master planning effort within our Parks and Recreation Department, which currently houses our senior programs. We hope to be able to establish meaningful partnerships within our community, and with our neighboring communities, to share best practices and increase participation in the programs we offer. We also hope that these partnerships will facilitate a higher quality of life for our residents. While this effort is starting in our Parks and Recreation Department, our City staff is very experienced in cross-departmental projects and may well broaden the impact of this program (and its best practices) throughout the community. Community takeholders may include: Senior Advisory Committee; various city departments and staff; local businesses and contractors; Aging and Disability Resource Center of Broward County; Impact Broward.

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 that in determining the domain needs of our residents and focusing our efforts on improvements/changes we will be an example and a resource for other communities who are met with the same and/or similar challenges. The City of Coral Springs will continue to encourage the other residents to remain in our community and to be fully engaged within the community.

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 City of Coral Springs has always been a leader and innovator in many fields, including the fire service, law enforcement, and in receiving and acting on resident feedback. The City of Coral Springs has always maintained a wide variety of offerings for families and children; joining the AARP Network now clearly shows our commitment and dedication to the needs of our residents as they age in place. Many of our residents were part of the initial establishment of the city's development and construction, which began in 1968. These residents have raised their families, been involved with civic and community agencies and organizations, and still continue to have a role to play within the community. Through this initiative, we can ensure that our city remains an age-friendly and livable community by paying increased attention to the environmental, economic and social factors that influence the health and well-being of older adults.

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.

