



## 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: 3/19/2019

### Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

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

**STATE:** Oregon

**POPULATION SIZE:** 6,492

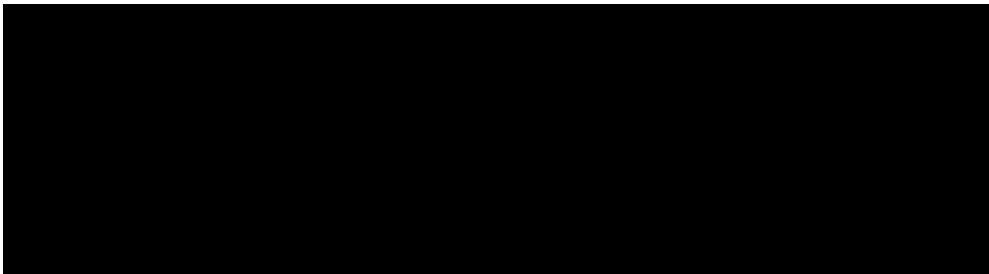
**PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60:** 28.4%\*

**NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT:** Darby Ayers-Flood,  
Mayor

**OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER:** 110 E. Main St. Talent, OR 97540

### 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:**

Stephanie Dolan is an elected City Councilor who serves as an alternate liaison to the City's Economic Development Commission, Together for Talent and Parks Commission. Stephanie is a local small business owner (solo practitioner law firm in Talent) and also serves on the Board of Directors of Talent Maker City. She drafted the City's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy and is committed to livability, accessibility and inclusion for of all our residents. In our small City, Stephanie works closely along side our Mayor, (Darby Ayers-Flood) other Councilors, City staff and our amazing (and primarily senior) volunteer force on a variety of resident-led initiatives. Stephanie is working with these residents and AARP representatives to develop an Age Friendly Steering Committee to help inform the City's policies as we move forward, particularly with regard to affordable housing, access, emergency planning, transportation and overall engagement.

### **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 Talent is committed to creating a community that is inclusive and accessible to all of our residents. Generally, livability is a part of Talent’s Comprehensive Plan (see Element E - Economy, Policy 7 - Livability - page 148, which states in part: “The City recognizes that livability is an important factor in the location choices of some types of businesses, and the policy of maintaining livability for the benefits of City residents is further reinforced by the potential for economic benefits.” Objective 7.1: Create a community where people want to spend time beyond the exigencies of daily life. Objective 7.2: Support development of urban amenities that contribute to Talent’s livability, such as the Parks Master Plan. Objective 7.3. Support development of pedestrian, bicycle, and transit facilities based on recommendations from the Talent Transportation System Plan. Objective 7.4. Promote education and cultural opportunities for all Talent residents. Community programs and services currently in place include Food & Friends bringing meals to seniors; Book Club; Garden Club; Harvest Festival; annual City-wide yard sale; Talent Maker City’s work to engage the senior and disabled populations; Our commitment to including substantial affordable housing in the Gateway Project development; supporting accessible transportation systems; adopting an inclusion/welcoming resolution for all residents; and implementing our IPM and other policies and practices that make our City more safe and livable.

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

We are in the process of forming an Age Friendly Steering Committee, to include seniors and develop a plan for engaging older people in the process of becoming more age-friendly. We will reach out to local senior leaders, service providers, housing, transportation and health care leaders to join our steering committee. Pursuant to the City’s Citizen Involvement Plan, the City of Talent is committed to increasing access and engagement for all of our residents. The City’s current “livability” plans include: redesign of the City’s website, written materials and signage to improve accessibility, a defined 2019 project in the Talent City Council FY18-19 Goals and Work Plan. We plan to engage and involve older people in the process of becoming more Age Friendly by developing surveys and other outreach methods to ensure their voices are heard. We are also looking at AARP/Talent joint presentation opportunities, in joining the Oregon Age Friendly Summit, League of Oregon Cities Conference, and the National Livability Conference to learn more about Age Friendly efforts and best practices.

**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.**

Given our small size, the City of Talent works closely with different City, County and regional agencies and departments. Our recently adopted Citizen Involvement Plan ensures we have a plan for increased and improved resident engagement. We will create and disseminate a top-level assessment on how to best reach older people in our community to provide input, which may be outside the usual and obvious channels. Our Community Development Department hosts an annual fair with over 20 agencies represented and providing information. The Age Friendly Steering Committee will facilitate community input on older adult's issues. This Steering Committee will include older adults and community agency partners (those with a shared mission) who will coordinate and lead the discussion, in which partners from other entities will be invited to monthly meetings and participate in community-wide conversations through forums and outreach efforts. This team comprised of a diverse make-up will report findings back to City Council and other Interested parties.

**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?**

**We hope to contribute our successes (and lessons learned) to the Network as we proceed through this process. We hope to be a model to other Oregon Cities and will be happy to share our experience and results with other communities considering becoming an Age Friendly Community.**

**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 City of Talent is in the midst of long-term planning and goal-setting and the timing is right. We look forward to our continued partnership with AARP to help us achieve our goals.



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[www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org)*

**6) Please provide a digital (JPG, PNG or PDF) file of your community logo.** Membership Application: AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities – Page 3

The image resolution should be at least 72 dpi. As an example of an image, here's ours >