



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

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: 4/9/2018

Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: Memphis

STATE: Tennessee

POPULATION SIZE: 652,717

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: 10%

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Jim Strickland

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: 125 North Main Street Memphis, TN 38103

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.

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

Felicia Harris is a manager within the City of Memphis Division of Housing and Community Development. She will serve as the representative for the city in its efforts to secure a designation as an Age-Friendly City. In that role, she will work closely with AARP Tennessee and its volunteers to implement policies and strategies that will enhance and improve the quality of life for 50+ populations in Memphis.

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.

In 2019, Memphis will mark its third century. To address the needs of our citizens, we have begun a strategic planning process called Memphis 3.0. This is our first strategic planning process in over 40 years. Within this process we have been soliciting input from across our city divided into 14 districts. Within each district, we have sought the input of seniors across senior community service centers and town hall meetings in neighborhoods. This is a comprehensive process that will cover all areas of importance to our citizens. Memphis has also collaborated with Habitat for Humanity in sponsoring two Aging in Place housing repair programs. The City of Memphis with numerous partners and AARP has already developed a house with universal design. Our goal is to ensure our seniors may age in place and have the resources to remain healthy and independent. In addition to city government, there are a number of agencies (Aging Commission of the Mid-South, Creative Aging, Memphis InterFaith Association, Mid-South Food Bank, Meritan) in Memphis that provide services to 50+ populations.

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

To engage and involve older people in the process of Memphis becoming age-friendly, we will engage seniors on city committees and the Memphis 3.0 strategic plan, establish a plan of action that responds to needs identified by older adults, and commit to metrics that measure our goals and review our outcomes. In all our efforts, we will be transparent in our accountability to our 50+ populations.

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.

Based on Memphis 3.0 plan, the city plans to initiate and facilitate mechanisms that will streamline the coordination of information and service delivery among the various agencies and city departments that work to improve the quality of life for our seniors.

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?

As the largest city in the State of Tennessee, Memphis would like to be a model age-friendly city. Therefore, we will join “the conversation” with other cities and communities regarding best practices and lessons learned. Additionally, a representative from the City of Memphis will join an AARP volunteer (who chairs the Livable Communities initiative) at the National Livable Communities Conference.

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 AARP Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities align with the Memphis 3.0 Comprehensive Plan to create great neighborhoods and maximize the city’s ability to improve the quality of life for all residents.

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 >



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