



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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Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: *June 25, 2020*

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: *City of Renton*

STATE: *Washington*

POPULATION SIZE: *101,379*

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: *16%*

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: *Mayor, Armondo Pavone*

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: *1055 S Grady Way, Renton WA 98057*

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:

Hello AARP!

As stated above my name is [REDACTED] I have a B.S. in Gerontology, and my role will be to lead and champion the City of Renton's obtainment, launch and implementation of our own Age-Friendly Initiative. In 2018 and 2019 I lead our Mayor's appointed Senior Task Force. The Task Force was created to asses our City's current programs and services for seniors. The next step was to identify what we had committed to in our adopted plans approved by Council, and what else could we do with our existing City resources. This lead us to this point of seeking obtainment of the AARP Age-Friendly designation. We have a very qualified team that will be dedicated to this effort along with myself will be:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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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 is seeking the Age-Friendly designation as a tool and framework to assess and consolidate our current efforts and leverage our resources effectively.

We provide the following programs and services for seniors:

- Utility subsidy program
 - %50 discount off all three of our utility services
- Housing Repair Assistance Program
 - Provides housing repair assistance for low income homeowners
 - 93% of recipients of the program are seniors
- Renton Police Department (*Prior to COVID-19 will adapt with Washington State Phased Approach*)
 - Provides community conversations
 - Topics include safety and fraud
 - Conversations are held throughout the community
 - Senior Center, senior living apartments, and go wherever they are invited
- Senior Activity Center (*Prior to COVID-19 will adapt with Washington State Phased Approach*)
 - Community Center solely dedicated to the senior population
 - Provide low cost lunch program (*program is still being offered in a drive-thru format*)
 - Health screenings
 - Free legal and tax services
 - Wide variety of recreational activities
 - Hosts annual senior resource fair
 - Assists with public transportation
- City wide volunteer opportunities for seniors (*Prior to COVID-19 will adapt with Washington State Phased Approach*)
 - Police Department
 - Senior Center
 - Farmers Market
 - Parks and Trails
- Mayor's appointed Senior Advisory Committee
 - Offers a voice on behalf of seniors to the Mayor and Council
 - Act as ambassadors in the community informing the public of services offered by the City

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

We will be working with the following internal resources and external partners to engage our seniors throughout the community, as they are groups that are trusted resources with established relationships and connections with our senior population. We will host multiple conversations throughout the community to show, share and allow seniors to steer us and guide us to an action plan that is a reflection of the community's diverse needs and is paired with the appropriate City resources.

- *Mayor's appointed Senior Advisory Committee
 - *Is comprised of Renton residents that act as a sounding board, and ambassadors for the City. They will assist in hosting community conversations and be advocates for the initiative.**
- *Renton Neighborhood Program
 - *We have 104 recognized neighborhoods within our city that we actively engage through neighborhood-initiated events, and through issuance of community improvement grants. This would be a channel and collaborating program utilized to coordinate community conversations and to gather senior input, along with promotion.**
- *AmeriCorps Vista Program Specialist
 - *The City has several specialists assigned to the city through the Vista program and are dedicated to specific planning areas, one of which is dedicated to a highly populated senior housing community. We would glean from them their input as well as utilized them as a conduit to their respective assigned areas to assist in the community conversations and promotion of the initiative.**
- *City of Renton Communications Division
 - *We will be leaning on our City's communications division that resides in our executive office, to assist with the promotion of our community conversations and assist in any other engagement format we create along the way to collect and disseminate information to the public regarding the initiative.**

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.

When it comes to community outreach we try our best to reference and emulate the IAP2 (International Association for Public Participation) model, which identifies "what is the public engagement goal" and "what is the promise to the public." As a reminder to that, we are engaging our community in the most interactive and meaningful way possible. We then will work with the following groups for collaboration.

The City has a newly created inter-departmental engagement team with representatives from every department to ensure our outreach to the community is coordinated. We will also be interviewing every department to ensure we are capturing any and all of their resources that contribute to the initiative.

We have established relationships within the region and have already reached out to the City of Seattle and Puyallup for lessons learned on their obtainment and launch of their age friendly initiatives. King County?

We will work with our local Chamber of Commerce and RANU (Renton Area Non-profits Unit) to ensure our efforts capture and reflect their perspectives and fold them into our initiative and appropriate domains.

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?

As an agency, we have learned best by learning from others and talking with our peers and colleagues on what strategies they are currently using and discuss other strategies that are out there. For this reason, we would be an open source of information to others seeking this designation and will happily share lessons learned and best practices. Once we launch our action plan we will also be sharing our successes as they occur as a result of this initiative as well as our challenges.

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?

We were looking for a way to package the resources we had for our seniors in a way that was easy for them to find. We realized our efforts ran through multiple departments and covered a variety of areas. It was our own Carrie Nass, who found this designation and we thought it was perfect the perfect approach and consolidation of our city’s efforts and aspiring goals for our agency.

We also were pleased to see that the initiative was rooted in best practices and a framework that came from the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities. Having national and global standards to compare and strive for was the anchor we were looking for. We also appreciated the national network and tools that gave us good ideas and reassurance we were on the right track in some areas and usable tools to implement where we may have gaps in services or programs.

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:

