



AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities

States and Territories **AT A GLANCE**

Founded in 2012 as a program within the AARP Livable Communities initiative, the age-friendly network gained its first statewide member five years later with the enrollment of New York State. Since then, additional states and one territory have joined, complimenting the work of nearly 500 enrolled towns, cities and counties nationwide.*

Each state-level and territory member has organized its age-friendly efforts differently, activated different stakeholders, and found different ways to inspire, influence and connect with livability work at the local level.

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Year Joined	2017	2018	2018	2019	2019
Initiative Lead(s)	New York State Office for the Aging New York State Department of State New York State Department of Health	Massachusetts Executive Office on Aging	Colorado Department of Local Affairs	Florida Department of Elder Affairs	AARP Virgin Islands
Key Partners	New York Academy of Medicine Health Foundation of Western and Central New York AARP New York	Massachusetts Healthy Aging Collaborative <i>A statewide coalition chaired by Tufts Health Plan Foundation, Massachusetts Executive Office on Aging and AARP Massachusetts.</i>	Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging <i>A working group of key stakeholders, community influencers and cabinet officials from state agencies.</i> AARP Colorado	Florida Department of Health Florida Department of Transportation Safe Mobility for Life Coalition <i>A working group of local government, law enforcement, universities and transportation agencies.</i> AARP Florida	Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands St. Croix Foundation
How It Happened	Enrollment and announcement by Gov. Andrew Cuomo December 14, 2017 <i>Followed by Executive Order 190 December 11, 2018</i>	Enrollment and announcement by Gov. Charlie Baker January 23, 2018 <i>Preceded by Executive Order 576 April 12, 2017</i>	Enrollment and announcement by Gov. John Hickenlooper September 19, 2018 <i>Preceded by House Bill 15-1033 June 4, 2015</i>	Enrollment and announcement by Gov. Ron DeSantis April 23, 2019	Enrollment and announcement by Gov. Albert Bryan May 28, 2019
State Goals for Local Action	Designate 50 percent of the state's health systems as age-friendly by 2023	Enroll 50 percent of all communities in the network	Enroll 100 new communities in the network		

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- Learn more about AARP Livable Communities at [AARP.org/Livable](https://www.aarp.org/Livable)
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* Additional state members not included in this chart are Maine and Michigan.

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Achievements Include ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State agencies must consider the impact on healthy aging of all policy and procurement efforts. Regional economic development plans must include an age-friendly section. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disparate state agency work on aging topics and policies has become aligned and coordinated. The state Chamber of Commerce is actively engaged in aging issues related to economic development. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leading statewide foundations (Next 50 Foundation, the Rose Foundation, Daniel's Fund) that hadn't worked on age-friendly issues are engaging with age-friendly partners and assisting with funding gaps. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Health policies and priorities now include goals related to Alzheimer's disease, dementia and other aging health and wellness conditions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholders that hadn't been engaged in aging work are now at the table to discuss age-friendly issues.
Related Statewide Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Health Across All Policies</i> mandates that state agencies conduct a health impact analysis on all major initiatives and policies. The <i>New York Prevention Agenda</i> leads efforts to make New York the healthiest state for people of all ages. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Aging in All Policies</i> works to embed age-friendly policy in all statewide programs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Lifelong Colorado</i> leads the state's long-term strategy for aging. The <i>Boomer Bond</i>, a planning and assessment tool, evaluates existing age-friendly communities and identifies best practices from them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The <i>Dementia Care and Cure Initiative</i> brings dementia into all policy areas. A <i>Hartford Foundation</i> program demonstrated how counties can become more age-friendly through public health systems. The <i>Department of Health Statewide Health Improvement Plan</i> sets goals for the state's public health system. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The <i>Walkability Institute</i> promotes Complete Streets policies and legislation.
Capacity Building and Funding Wins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The state provides technical assistance and grant funding to counties that want to join the AARP age-friendly network through New York's Age-Friendly Centers of Excellence. The state issued \$1 million in grants to counties for age-friendly work in 2019. The state provided a total of \$300 million to 10 regional economic development areas to fund age-friendly work between 2016 and 2019. In 2019, the Office of Aging allocated \$15 million to the state's Long-term Care Council. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three full-time staff members at the Massachusetts Healthy Aging Collaborative are working with local age-friendly communities. State funds are being allocated to municipalities specifically for age-friendly projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A senior advisor within the governor's office works directly with age-friendly communities and advises the governor on all aging work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new full-time, senior-level executive at the Department of Aging leads a large, age-friendly focused staff and provides guidance and support to local communities. Metropolitan Planning Organizations throughout the state are providing technical assistance and support to local age-friendly communities. Counties and local governments are setting aside funding for age-friendly work. 	