First Annual Communities for All Ages Recognition Program

The First Suburbs Coalition (FSC) and the KC Communities for All Ages initiative (KCC) have developed the Communities for All Ages Recognition Program to recognize communities that have taken steps to become more welcoming to residents of all ages and, in the process, more vibrant, healthy and prosperous. Any city in the First Suburbs Coalition may use the form provided below to apply for recognition of efforts to make its community age friendly. A community can earn one of three levels of recognition representing the extent of its work in becoming a Community for All Ages: Bronze (Awareness), Silver (Assessment) or Gold (Implementation).

Background Materials

Over the last three years, KCC and FSC created tools to help local communities develop and implement Communities for All Ages strategies. These include “Making Your Community Work for All Ages: a Toolkit for Cities” and the “Communities for All Ages Checklist,” including a workbook that can be used to track progress. Please visit MARC.org/CAARecognition to download these documents. Communities are encouraged to take advantage of these tools. For more information and assistance, contact Cathy Boyer-Shesol (cboyer@marc.org).

Application submission and review

Applications may be submitted twice a year, in April or November (check with Cathy Boyer-Shesol for exact dates), and can be delivered by one of the following methods:

- **Mail** to Mid-America Regional Council, Attn: Cathy Boyer-Shesol, 600 Broadway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO 64105
- **Deliver in person** to MARC, to the attention of Cathy Boyer-Shesol, at the above address.
- **Email** to Cathy Boyer-Shesol at cboyer@marc.org.

A joint First Suburbs Coalition and KC Communities for All Ages committee will review applications and certify those communities that meet the criteria. Official recognition announcements will be made by June (for April deadline) or Jan (for November deadline).

If you have any questions about the application or the process, please contact Cathy Boyer-Shesol at cboyer@marc.org or 816-701-8246.
Application

(Please check all applicable boxes and provide requested documentation.)

City: Grandview, MO  Contact Name: Dave McCumber
Contact Phone Number: (816) 316-4822  Contact Email: dmccumber@grandview.org

Which level of recognition are you applying for?

☐ Bronze / Awareness
☐ Silver / Assessment
☐ Gold / Implementation

Bronze / Awareness

Required:

☐ Governing body has adopted a resolution indicating its intent to become a Community for All Ages. *(Please include a copy of the resolution.)*

☐ One or more presentations made to governing body and relevant commissions (planning commission, strategic planning committee, aging task force, etc.) on becoming age friendly and the Communities for all Ages program. *(Please include a copy of minutes or other documentation about the meetings.)*

A minimum of two of the following are required:

☐ Held at least one community meeting to discuss Communities for All Ages issues and present information. *(Please include documentation.)*

☐ Prepared written materials on the issue and distributed to the public. *(Please include materials.)*

☐ Established a speakers bureau to share information with neighborhood groups, businesses and civic groups. *(Please include a list of each presentation made.)*

☐ Put information on demographic changes and CFAA on website. *(Please include the web address where this information is located.)*

Silver / Assessment

Required:

☒ Met the requirements for the Bronze / Awareness level.

☒ Assembled a committee to conduct the Communities for All Ages assessment, or appointed an existing committee to oversee the assessment. *(Please provide documentation.)*

☒ The committee used the “Communities for All Ages Checklist” to assess the community and issued a report of its findings, including recommended actions. *(Please provide a copy of the report. To assist in recording your progress, download a Checklist workbook at MARC.org/CAArerecognition.)*
Gold / Implementation

Required:

☐ Met the requirements for the Bronze / Awareness level and the Silver / Assessment levels.

☐ Adopted the Communities for All Ages plan developed from the community’s assessment, either as a stand-alone plan or as a part of another plan, such as a comprehensive plan or street plan. (Please provide a copy of the plan and the resolution or ordinance adopting the plan.)

To maintain your recognition level

- After achieving one of these levels of recognition, a community must demonstrate that it is continuing to work to become a Community for All Ages, by moving to the next level or demonstrating a substantive investment identified in the Communities for All Ages plan.
- If a community fails to meet this maintenance standard every two years, it will forgo its recognition and the benefits that result.

Additional Comments

Please provide any additional comments you think are important for consideration of this application, including steps taken to implement plan recommendations.

In the coming years, Grandview will be doing extensive work to update its comprehensive plan, zoning ordinance, and subdivision regulations. This program, and the silver level assessment process, has helped ensure that the City will use these findings to create an age friendly community by applying the CFAA recommendations to its local regulations and plans.