



# *City of Talent*

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Ruby Haughton-Pitts  
State Director  
AARP Oregon  
9200 SE Sunnybrook Blvd, Suite 410  
Clackamas, OR 97015

Dear Ms. Haughton-Pitts,

On behalf of the City of Talent, Oregon, I am writing this letter of intent to express our interest in joining the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities. Talent is committed to promoting policies and programs to make Talent friendly to people of all ages and abilities.

Talent has been incorporated as a city in Oregon since 1899 and has played many important roles in the Rogue Valley of Southern Oregon over the course of its existence. Most recently, Talent has established a reputation as a highly livable, diverse community that values its agricultural heritage while looking to a future exemplified by local entrepreneurship and a deep respect for the natural environment. Talent prioritizes ensuring our parks and open spaces are pesticide free for the health and safety of our residents. We also have a strong commitment to resiliency in adapting to a changing climate. Our active and engaged residents have helped create a vibrant and walkable downtown and a community that welcomes participants of all ages and backgrounds. For this reason, Talent has become the community of choice for busy singles, growing families, and retirees looking for a home to age in place.

As a Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities member, we look forward to partnering and exchange ideas with AARP to enhance our ability to:

- Practice sound planning;
- Establish an age-friendly committee, that includes active engagement of older adults;
- Develop a plan of action that responds to the needs identified older adults and other residents and complements other city plans; and
- Measure activities, review action plan outcomes, and report on them publicly

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We appreciate your interest in working with the City of Talent and we look forward to our partnership on this important program.

Sincerely,



Darby Ayers-Flood

Mayor

City of Talent

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