

# HOUSING

AGING READINESS PLAN STRATEGIES		IMPLEMENTATION STATUS	NOTES
1a	Preserve/expand rental housing for seniors	Ongoing	Vancouver Housing Authority
1b	Home weatherization	2011-2014; no longer a program	Partnership between Clark Public Utilities, Clark County, and the City of Vancouver to provide grants for energy efficiency measures to moderate income households in a targeted area (Community Energy Efficiency Pilot). In 2013, the commission worked with the neighborhoods that were targeted to discuss healthy community ideas through an energy fair they organized. In 2014, the commission was able to advocate to target a neighborhood with a high senior population, Vancouver Heights.
1c	Nonprofit/Land Trust Affordable Housing Model		
2a	Universal Green Design Idea book	Complete	Developed in 2012 and distributed ever since
2b	Incorporate Universal Design in county building code	Research and discussed	A committee was formed in 2012 to look at the feasibility of this strategy. There wasn't enough support to pursue.
3a	Accessory Dwelling Units	Ongoing	In 2018, Clark County made several code amendments to remove barriers to encourage the building of ADUs.
3b	Duplex flexibility	In process (2019-2020)	Clark County and the City of Vancouver are looking at development codes for a variety of housing options, including duplexes to provide fewer barriers for building.
3c	Senior housing located within .5 mile of transit, services, retail		
3d	Cohousing allowed in single-family residential zoning districts		
3e	Assisted living in Single Family residential zones as conditional use		
3f	Shared Housing program	Attempted/Unsustained	Let's Share Housing was a service focused on housing choice and affordability, matching homeowners with a person of any age to share living space. The commission worked with the Portland-based organization to try and expand its program to Clark County.
4a	Provide education/information about design and modifications support aging in place	Complete	Universal Green Design Ideabook and Home Fit Guide from AARP
4b	Prepare comprehensive checklist on moving		
4c	Provide website links to resources that help you modify, remodel or find new home		
4d	Coordinate with Clark County Association of Realtors about increasing # of Senior Real Estate Specialists		
4e	Coordinate with Building Industry Association to increase # of Certified Aging in place Specialists.		
4f	Partner with Building Industry Association to provide Universal Design home at Parade of Homes.	Complete	In 2017 and 2018 Parade of Homes, homes were showcased that had universal design elements. The home in 2018, was more universally designed complete with a no-step entry. There was also a home featured in the 2017 Remodeled Homes Tour that featured a visitable attached ADU.
4g	Create an interactive website, showroom to explore how people can "remodel for life".		
4h	Marketing outreach initiative for financial housing programs offered by county and city		
4i	Provide info on different types of accessible housing		

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## 2016 ANNUAL REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

## IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

## NOTES

Encourage the construction of new single-family homes that can accommodate all residents and visitors regardless of age or ability by the inclusion of specific design features.	City of Ridgefield Building Incentive Program - 2017	Part of the incentive program is to increase the number of visitable homes to support aging population.
	City of Camas Comprehensive Plan Policy	Require a percentage of newly created lots to include either single story dwellings, barrier-free dwellings, ADUs
Visitable: Retrofit and remodel existing housing for aging in place by developing standard drawings detailing construction specifications for expedited permit application and approval.		
<b>Visitable: Identify tax credits, incentives and grants available for homeowners or builders.</b>	City of Ridgefield	See above.
Visitable: Identify and publicize programs such as VA assistance for disabled veterans.		
Ensure all new neighborhoods are built with sidewalks and curb cuts		
Ensure safety and access for fire and emergency medical responders to reach and transport residents.		
Develop funding strategies for priority sidewalk construction, improvement and repair to connect existing neighborhoods.		
<b>Work with housing nonprofits such as Habitat for Humanity and Vancouver Housing Authority to ensure new affordable housing projects paid for with private and public funds are built to allow access for all potential residents.</b>	Ongoing	Evergreen Habitat continues to collaborate with the Commission on Aging on housing plans that will incorporate Universal Design elements.
<b>Encourage all Clark County cities to adopt “visitability” programs with voluntary initiatives and/or code requirements.</b>	City of Ridgefield Building Incentive Program	See above.
Continue work with Clark County Association of Realtors to revise and increase designations for accessible features in the use of the multiple listing service.	Complete	CoA provided feedback on communication tools for RMLS search options for real estate agents. CoA also presented to the CCAR Executive Board on recommendations. Also provided input and assisted with training of Senior Real Estate Specialist Certifications.

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1a	Work with state legislators to secure funding for the Senior Citizens Services Act (SCSA).	
1b	<b>Encourage and promote the establishment of the Elder Justice Center</b>	<b>Complete</b> <b>The Elder Justice Center was opened in 2011 right before the approval of the Aging Readiness Plan.</b>
1c	Encourage and promote the development of a voluntary Vulnerable Population Registration for emergency service providers.	
1d	Encourage neighborhood associations to implement a phone tree/reverse 9-1-1 system.	
1e	<b>Develop a shared housing program: The program would help homeowners find someone of any age to share their home. Nonprofits such as the Council for the Homeless or Human Services Council could match the two parties based on the needs and abilities of each person. They would screen applicants before matching and follow up afterwards. Most organizations that perform this service are nonprofits and supported by sources other than people seeking their help.</b>	<b>Attempted/Unsustained</b> <b>Let's Share Housing was a service focused on housing choice and affordability, matching homeowners with a person of any age to share living space. The commission worked with the Portland-based organization to try and expand its program to Clark County.</b>
1f	Encourage and support the development of a neighborhood based senior peer advocacy program.	
1g	Encourage and support organizations collaborating to better use existing facilities to eliminate or ease the need to travel for services.	
1h	Promote and expand the R.U.O.K. program countywide.	
1i	<b>Develop a Village to Village Program to encourage aging-in-place.</b>	<b>Villages Clark County</b> <b>A volunteer organization working as a program of Villages NW. Membership program that provides services and programs for members. In 2012, the CoA decided to work towards creating a Timebanking program to Clark County so that it would be a service that anyone could utilize and not fee oriented.</b>
2a	Encourage the development of a "Vial of Life" program for county residents.	
2b	Clark County should develop a blue ribbon committee to address issues among older jail inmates as this population is expected to increase.	
2c	<b>Encourage the implementation of the ElderFriends program.</b>	<b>Complete, but no longer in operation</b> <b>ElderFriends program was most recently managed by CDM Services, but is no longer in operation.</b>
2d	Encourage the development of a Geriatric Mobile Outreach program.	
2e	<b>Encourage the development of a Regional Health Alliance.</b>	<b>Complete</b> <b>The Accountable Community of Health for Southwest Washington (SWACH) is a local nonprofit working to improve health in SW Washington. They bring together community members and other experts to address our region's major health challenges.</b>
2f	Encourage proper geriatric care training and education for health care providers across disciplines.	

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2g	Encourage the development of a Program for All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE).		There was some momentum on this a few years back, but nothing has materialized here in Clark County.
2h	Encourage opportunities to provide health care in people's homes with technology	Informational conference held	In 2013, the CoA hosted a conference at PeaceHealth SW Medical Center to talk about telehealth with providers and how the technology can enhance the health and well-being of our citizens.
3a	Increase awareness of and provide education about technology that can enhance care and reduce stress (i.e., assistive technology or monitoring).	See above	
3b	Encourage more respite for caregivers aiding older adults and adults with disabilities.		
3c	Employers can develop and provide elder care assistance programs for employees as a benefit.		
3d	Encourage employers to provide onsite adult day care facilities for employees' family members.		
3e	Encourage employers to provide more flexibility for employees who also are caregivers.		
4a	Collect information on all resources and services and have it available in places or ways most often used by older adults and caregivers.	Attempted/Unsustained	In 2011, Leadership Clark County, along with a group of service providers and Aging Readiness Task Force and later CoA members worked together to develop a one-stop shop of county senior-related services called MyEncoreYears.org. It provided links and/or phone numbers to AAADSW, 211, Retirement Connections, Washington Connection and Eldercare Locator. Pamphlets and magnets were printed and distributed around the county. The site is no longer active
4b	Increase public awareness of SWAAD's Information and Assistance service.	Ongoing	Commission on Aging and staff continuously provide info on AAADSW's programs both at their monthly meeting, through the CoA's website and with referrals.
4c	Encourage development of an annual Senior Resource Guide for the Senior Messenger.	Ongoing	The Senior Messenger has an annual retirement communities guide, but also points people to the AAADSW website. The Messenger also has on their website a Clark County In-Home Services Guide.
4d	Encourage and promote diverse communication services.		
4e	Encourage the collaboration of existing agencies and networks to fill the needs of the aging population.	Ongoing	CoA has done this through their collaboration with different organizations and agencies through their focus work and with their annual summits, i.e. AAADSW, Kaiser, C-TRAN, Regional Transportation Council, etc.
4f	Agencies that provide financial services to income-eligible seniors should coordinate their application processes.		

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RECOMMENDATIONS	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS	NOTES
<b>1a</b> Support and participate in the March 2018 Supportive Services Summit co-sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities of SW Washington, or AAADSW, to help raise awareness of community resources.	Done	Summit was held at Clark College Columbia Tech Center with a keynote speaker and a panel of experts.
<b>1b</b> Continue to find ways to partner with AAADSW to raise awareness of available services, including support for unpaid caregivers, and continue to partner with the National Alliance on Mental Illness to raise awareness of services available for mental health issues.	Ongoing	
<b>1c</b> Work with community partners to raise awareness about addressing depression, anxiety and suicide. For example, develop public awareness campaigns geared towards caregivers and geriatric care workers.		
<b>2</b> Work with community partners to advocate for development of additional memory care homes and facilities.		
<b>3</b> Work with community partners to advocate for future development of smaller assisted living communities.		
<b>4</b> Work with community partners to encourage development of programs that support isolated elderly people.		i.e. Elderfriends program
<b>5</b> Work to have a Clark County Sheriff's deputy assigned to the Elder Justice Center.	Complete	In 2018, a sheriff's deputy was assigned to the Elder Justice Team.

# TRANSPORTATION

AGING READINESS PLAN STRATEGIES	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS	NOTES
1a	Change the zoning code to allow multi-family dwellings and small scale retail and service businesses permitted uses in low density residential districts.	
1b	Change road standards to encourage connections within and between neighborhoods with block lengths no more than 500 feet.	
1c	Change the code to require commercial, medical and recreational buildings to have a public entrance close to the street.	
2a	Promote, empower and support volunteers who want to build sidewalks or off-street trails	
2b	Aggressively and systematically invest in completing sidewalk and bike lane connections, particularly to parks, schools, transit stops and major urban destinations such as retail centers, medical and recreational facilities and public buildings.	
3a	<b>Support the use of neighborhood electric vehicles</b>	<p>In 2015, the City of Ridgefield passed a Golf cart zone that is dedicated to a specific boundary within the city. The carts may travel on all portions of the public streets and rights-of-way located within the golf cart zone having a speed limit of 25 miles per hour or less, excepting all city sidewalks and designated bicycle lanes.</p> <p>Ridgefield's Golf Cart Zone</p>
3b	<b>Use larger font street signs as they are replaced. Provide name sign earlier for the next signalized intersection on major corridors.</b>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>County has been continuously updating street signs.</p>
3c	Support state and national efforts to require vision and driving assessments for older drivers	
4a	Post the route number, stop number and a C-TRAN phone contact number at all stops and shelters to enhance rider security.	
4b	Continue to add shelters, benches and seats, landing pads and other amenities to transit stops as funds are available.	
4c	<b>Provide bus rapid transit or light-rail transit service to areas where the density and ridership will support it.</b>	<p>C-TRAN's Bus Rapid Transit - Vine on Fourth Plain and upcoming line on Mill Plain</p>
5a	<b>Support and participate in the Accessible Transportation Coalitions Initiative two-day community planning session.</b>	<p>Complete</p> <p>This group has continued and meets regularly. Human Services Council coordinates. They would like CoA participation.</p>
5b	<b>Support Human Services Council efforts to fund a Mobility Manager who would coordinate transportation services for seniors.</b>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Bill Bauman with HSC is the Mobility Coordinator.</p>

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1	Promote pedestrian and bicycle supportive development by ensuring new urban development is walkable, accessible to all users, and allows easy access to transit, services and recreation.	
2	Improve existing neighborhood walkability and allow easier, accessible pedestrian connections to parks, schools, transit stops, retail centers, medical, and public facilities.	
3	Seek diverse and creative approaches to fund programs that establish safe and complete pedestrian and bicycle networks.	
4	Improve coordinated transportation services throughout the county through adoption of proactive policies regarding new technologies and promotion of mobility as a service.	
5	While we plan for future new technology and mobility services, the immediate needs addressed in the 2018 Human Services Transportation Plan identify mobility services that are critical now and need support.	
6	Ensure that urban land use and zoning codes are implementing the future vision of the community. Implementing	

# HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

AGING READINESS PLAN STRATEGIES	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS	NOTES
<b>Complete Neighborhoods</b>		
<b>1a</b>	Develop a neighborhood asset inventory.	
<b>1b</b>	Improve the sense of physical safety and security of neighborhoods, especially at night.	
<b>1c</b>	Develop neighborhood revitalization plans.	
<b>1d</b>	Promote higher-density and mixed-use development of under-used properties.	
<b>1e</b>	Support existence of “third places.”	
<b>1f</b>	Concentrate new housing near employment, shopping, healthcare, transportation and other services.	
<b>Access to Parks, Recreation, and Open Space</b>		
<b>2a</b>	<b>Expand the use of volunteers.</b>	<b>Ongoing</b> <b>Clark County Parks Volunteer Program</b>
<b>2b</b>	Collaborate with other organizations to maximize use of facilities.	
<b>2c</b>	Expand the park facility category to include urban parks and provide an incentive for development of urban plazas, public open spaces and trails.	
<b>2d</b>	Parks as meeting spaces	
<b>2e</b>	Expand the Urban Forestry Program within the unincorporated Vancouver Urban Growth Area and encourage development of similar programs in smaller cities.	
<b>2f</b>	Construct interpretive heritage trails.	
<b>2g</b>	Provide safe, accessible public facilities such as commons, parks, community gardens and other gathering spaces, especially near a concentration of older adults’ homes	
<b>2h</b>	Expand programs to encourage development of more neighborhood pocket parks and community gardens.	
<b>Healthful Foods</b>		
<b>3b</b>	Prioritize grocery store development in underserved areas.	
<b>3c</b>	<b>Develop a Healthful Food Store Incentives Program.</b>	<b>Implemented/Unsustained, maybe?</b> <b>Clark County Public Health did implement a healthy food program that was aimed to bring healthier food options to convenience stores. It doesn't seem as if the program is still being implemented.</b>
<b>Information</b>		
<b>4a</b>	Create new marketing initiatives for existing programs and services.	
<b>4b</b>	Encourage neighborhood residents and groups to participate in land-use issues.	

# HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

4c	Survey Clark County residents about what they want in neighborhoods.  Demonstration project: Healthy Neighborhoods	In 2013, the CoA worked with the Marrion, Burton Ridge, and Forest Ridge Neighborhoods in Vancouver on what they saw as top priorities. Maps were provided that showed the areas access to healthy food; parks, recreation, and open space; and alternative transportation modes. CoA hosted a neighborhood ice cream social and invited the residents to come and learn about opportunities to make their communities healthier and more livable for all ages.
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# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AGING READINESS PLAN STRATEGIES	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS	NOTES
<b>Meaningful opportunities to stay engaged</b>		
1a		Increase volunteerism by replacing barriers with flexible hours, incentives and maximizing knowledge skills.
1b		Expand neighborhood associations to include neighbor-to-neighbor programs
1c	Villages Clark County - Ongoing Timebank - attempted/unsustainable	<b>Develop a Village to Village Program for Clark County and expand volunteer opportunities while encouraging residents to age-in-place.</b>  A volunteer organization working as a program of Villages NW. Membership program that provides services and programs for members. In 2012, the CoA decided to work towards creating a Timebanking program to Clark County so that it would be a service that anyone could utilize and not fee oriented.
<b>Better engage older adults in the workforce and remove potential barriers to employment</b>		
2a		Assist seniors to recareer by developing a Senior Talent Pool.
2b		Entice boomers to remain in the workforce longer
2c		Workforce shortages can be reduced by re-careering into key industries.
<b>Information</b>		
4a		Create an educational campaign to promote civic engagement, and promote the benefits and contributions they can make in the work force and voluntary endeavors.
4b	Completed	<b>Create an online network to publicize opportunities, resources and news.</b>  CoA partnered with Fort Vancouver Regional Library to develop "My Senior Library" to provide info about books, volunteering, community services, leisure time and local resources for seniors. The link was on the library's main page. Alternatively, the CoA's Facebook page provides information on opportunities, resources, and news.

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# ADVOCACY

## ACTIONS

## NOTES

Senior Lobby Day

CoA has joined with AAADSW on Senior Lobby day to talk with legislators about the needs of seniors and those that care for them.

Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disability

CoA presented to the committee in 2013 on the Aging Readiness Plan and some of the initiatives that the state could assist with.

Older Americans Month Proclamations

Since 2015, CoA has been coordinating with the county councilors on May's Older American's Month proclamation.

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