Community AGEnda: Indiana: Year Two

**Grantee:** Indiana Grantmakers Alliance, Inc. (IGA)

**Project Title:** Indiana Age-Friendly Communities: Moving to Statewide Action

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**Geographic Scope:** Indiana Grantmakers Alliance is a statewide regional association of grantmakers that serves more than 150 members and all types of grantmaking organizations through the state.

**Goal for Year Two of Community AGEnda: Indiana:** To enhance the capacity of communities to incorporate age- and ability-friendly concepts through three strategic endeavors: providing input into regional planning processes, creating a statewide coalition, and engaging philanthropy.

**Planned activities for Year Two:**

- Build on the work in Bloomington to add age- and ability-friendly goals, language, and implementation strategies to the city's Growth Policy Plan (to be completed December 2014), including Designating a sub-section of Bloomington as a Lifetime Community District;

- Transform the Hoosier Communities for a Lifetime Taskforce into a working, sustainable coalition that can be housed at a strong organization (such as Indiana AARP);

- Work with community foundations in Indiana Home Town Competitiveness (HTC) communities (rural areas) and Stellar Communities (smaller communities) to increase support for age- and ability-friendly goals;

- Provide technical assistance to two HTC or Stellar Communities to help them develop action plans to become age- and ability-friendly communities;

- Curate existing age-friendly community development toolkits into a community planning resource guide for Indiana, and work with state level groups to disseminate;

- Encourage statewide community development funders and agencies to incorporate an age- and ability-friendly lens in their work;

- Incorporate age- and ability-friendly concepts into five IGA Fall Forums; and

- Host two webinars and two issue briefs for funders on supporting Complete Streets and social determinants of health.

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