



Community Planning Program



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Local Technical Assistance Program

Application form: Community Planning program and Local Technical Assistance program

DEADLINE: Noon on Wednesday, June 26, 2013

This application form is online at www.rtachicago.com/applications. You may submit the form by email to applications@rtachicago.com.

Upon receipt of application, you will receive an e-mail verifying that your application has been received.

1. Name of Applicant:

City of Berwyn, IL

2. Main Contact for Application (please include name, phone number and email):

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3. Type of Applicant (please check any that apply):

Local government

Multijurisdictional group* \longrightarrow Please list the members of the group (including government and nongovernmental organizations):

Nongovernmental organization* \longrightarrow Name of local government partner(s):

*Applications submitted by multijurisdictional groups and nongovernmental organizations must include a letter indicating support from each relevant local government. See the FAQs for more information. Nongovernmental applicants are strongly encouraged to contact CMAP or the RTA prior to submitting their application to discuss their project and the demonstration of local support.

4. Project Type (please check any that apply):

Please check all statements below that describe characteristics of your project. (This will help us determine whether your project is best handled by CMAP or RTA.)

- My project involves preparation of a plan.
- My project helps to implement a past plan.
- My project links land use, transportation, and housing.
- My project has direct relevance to public transit and supports the use of the existing transit system.
- My project is not directly related to transportation or land use, but implements GO TO 2040 in other ways.

5. Project Location:

Please provide a brief description of the location of your project. You may include a map if that helps to describe location, but this is not required. If your project helps to implement a past plan, please include a link to that plan.

The project will take place across the City of Berwyn and identify key capital assets to the City to be included in the City's first Capital Improvement Plan.

6. Project Description:

Please tell us what you would like to do in your community, and what assistance is needed. If you have more than one idea, please submit a separate application for each project. Please be specific, but also brief (less than two pages per project idea)—we simply want to have a basic understanding of what you want to do. CMAP and RTA staff will follow-up with you if we need any additional information to fully understand your proposed project.

(Please include any additional information that is relevant, preferably by providing links to online documents.)

The City of Berwyn has never had a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and one is very much needed. Each time the City goes out for a bond rating, the rating agencies penalize the City of not having a CIP in place. This penalty is potentially raising the interest rate of the bond and hurting taxpayers. Beyond just the rating issue, the lack of a CIP makes it difficult for the City to budget for depreciation expenses and capital outlays. This lack of budgetary knowledge has led to divestment of necessary maintenance of the City's infrastructure including roadways, alleys, water/sewer infrastructure, etc. A Capital Improvement Plan would have immediate financial benefit for the City and also positive long term implications for the entire region.

Through the creation of the CIP, we would be expanding upon CMAP's GO TO 2040 goal of efficient government. By having a transparent and accessible document describing the depreciation, maintenance and replacement plan of public assets, the public will be better informed and able to offer input on where tax dollars are spent. As CMAP states, "Open access to data also increases accountability and confidence in government, and companies are more likely to choose a location where they trust that government actions are predictable and transparent."

The City aims to have a skeleton CIP in place by October in hopes of satisfying the credit rating agencies. We would like to, however, use CMAP's LTA to build upon this framework and create a more

comprehensive and robust CIP. The City of Berwyn would request assistance in both the field work and in the writing of the application.