



**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: Richard Darga, Dean, Library and Instruction Services, Chicago State University

2. Main Contact for Application (please include name, phone number and email): Dr. Richard Darga, 773-995-2378, rdarga@csu.edu

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):
_Chicago State University

*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.

We are located on the south east corner of the intersection of Martin Luther King Drive and 95th Street in Chicago, Illinois.

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.

June 25, 2013

We are proposing that the Campus of Chicago State University as a potential site for the Obama Presidential Library, Archives and Museum.

Chicago State University is located on the Corner of 95th Street and Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard in the neighborhood where Mr. Obama began his political community activism. We are the largest and only public predominantly minority serving institution of higher education here in the State of Illinois.

We understand that there are many communities who want to claim the honor of a Presidential Library site. We feel that our mission and vision best compliments the courageous work completed during the terms Mr. Obama held President of the United States.

Following is but an abbreviated list of key arguments that we would like to submit for consideration:

- 1. The President has deep roots in the Chicago State University Southside community with his early community organization efforts being focused on the 95th street corridor. A Presidential Library would bring economic benefits to an economically depressed area. Libraries are the heart of a community. The presidential library along with future expansion plans for the university will help to revitalize this community. It will also offer jobs. Ties to the University's mission and vision and is in the neighborhood where Obama began his career as a community organizer.*
- 2. Chicago State University has been expanding its archival collection with contributions of key political, social justice and legal leaders in the Chicago area. Compliments the University Archives growing collection, which focuses on the rich collections of prominent African Americans who have been a part of the Chicago Southside experience.*
- 3. Social Justice, Environmental Justice and Entrepreneurship have become key aspects of the mission and vision of Chicago State University. The university library will provide support with technology, faculty research and with its government document depository provides an excellent compliment to the development of a Presidential Library and presence on the Chicago State University Campus.*