



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: Village of Pingree Grove (<http://www.villageofpingreegrove.org/>)

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

Ken Lopez, Village Administrator, 847-464-5533, klopez@pingreegrove.org

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.

Village of Pingree Grove and its Jurisdictional Planning Area

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 Village of Pingree Grove is submitting this application to request grant funding to update its 2003 Comprehensive Plan. The Village of Pingree Grove has been one of the most dynamic communities in the CMAP region in growth over the past thirteen (13) years. Since the 2003, the Village has grown from a town of roughly 100 people to nearly 5,000 (490% growth) today. Based on the guidance of the current Comprehensive Plan, the Village developed a public water and sanitary sewer system with an environmentally friendly spray irrigation discharge system, developed a police force headquartered out of a LEED Certified building, and extended water and sewer service to and developed a bio-swale storm sewer system in its traditional Heritage District town center. The Village has also secured boundary agreements with all its neighboring municipalities, developed extensive annexation agreements with specific development standards for numerous undeveloped areas, and developed a master guidance plan for the historic Heritage District town center.

The Village wishes to continue the success of these past efforts by developing an updated Comprehensive Plan that addresses the holistic growth of the Village for the next 20 years. With significant undeveloped portions of the Village and adequate water and sanitary sewer capacity to service future growth, the Village wishes to have a newly updated framework ready and in place when market development forces begin to invest again. Notable objectives for this plan update include addressing the future large scale commercial and mixed use development of IL Route 47 just south of the new full I-94 interchange, addressing the need for major community facilities such as parks, library,

and schools, and development of provisions for both community wide future roadways and transit service. As can be seen from the Village's past growth policy and development actions, the Village embraces the Go To 2040 Plan's guidance on the nexus between land use and transit, ensuring environmental sustainability, and providing for vibrant local community life. As a rapidly growing Village where service costs outpace tax revenues, other funding demands frequently override the ability to fund long term planning projects, and the LTA grant program provides the ideal opportunity to meet these needs as well as at the same time assist CMAP and the RTA address some of the planning efforts. The Village looks forward to speaking with CMAP and the RTA on this exciting opportunity to plan and develop the region.