



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 Round Lake Beach (<http://www.villageofroundlakebeach.com/>)

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

David Kilbane, Village Administrator, 847-740-6026 Ext. 333, dkilbane@rlbeach.org

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

Local government

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

Nongovernmental organization* → 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 Round Lake Beach 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 Round Lake Beach is submitting this application to request grant funding for a Comprehensive Sidewalk and Trail Plan to synthesize its Village Sidewalk Program Plan and its Village Comprehensive Plan guidance on Trail Plans into one cohesive document that will prioritize the continued completion of various sidewalk and trail segments; provide for safe and efficient non-motorized travel in the Village; coordinate with the various sidewalk and trail plans of the Round Lake Park District, Lake County Division of Transportation, and the Lake County Forest Preserve District; develop ideal sidewalk and trail cross sections and schematics to address specific location issues with respect to existing street right of ways (R.O.W.) widths, topography, development patterns, etc.; connect comprehensively community facilities (parks, schools, etc.) and commercial/employment areas; and outline funding and impact fee mechanisms combined into a singular program to finance the sidewalk and trail construction.

As a Village that grew out of a resort community from the 1920s and 1930s with significant portions platted and developed without consideration for sidewalks and trails, the Village over the past ten years has increasingly put efforts into retrofitting the community with these facilities. While these efforts have produced results, the Village has had only piecemeal success in developing the system as a unified whole. For example, the Village, under the guidance of its Comprehensive Plan, has developed, or participated in the development of, a significant concentration of community assets including a new Village Hall, Police Station, Civic Center, and Community Park with a recreational lake and trails, that is adjacent to a Metra Train Station, Post Office and Park District Facilities. When possible the Village has

utilized existing R.O.W. or secured connections from neighboring private landowners to provide some access opportunities to this area, and these facilities, via sidewalks, trails, and bike lanes, but beyond these relatively local areas many parts of the Village have no consistent pedestrian oriented connections to this area due to fragmented segments of sidewalks and trails.

To build upon these past efforts and bolster results, the Village believes that the best approach would be to develop a formal Comprehensive Sidewalk and Trail Plan to provide a clear implementation strategy for the Village as a whole. While the Village has prepared general maps indicating incomplete sidewalk segments, these general plans have not gotten to the level of detail to address such conditions as the existence of adequate and available street right-of-way (R.O.W), the possible need for expanded R.O.W, possible conflicts with existing utilities, site specific topographic conditions and other similar details. The Village hopes to have a more complete sidewalk and trails plan; that will include enough details to better identify priority areas for continuing the incremental implementation program that the Village has been pursuing for the past several years. The Village also hopes that a reasonable estimated overall budget can be developed as well as budget estimates for various sidewalk and trail segments and unit price estimates that can all be summarized in the unified plan document. The Village has been cooperating with the private sector to accept contributions for "cash in lieu of" the required installation of a segment of sidewalk in front of a specific property that is being developed when the sidewalk would not connect to any existing sidewalk, and where the Village cannot provide a plan document that indicates when, or if, a future sidewalk connection would be completed. The Village also hopes that possible additional sources of funding for some of these sidewalk and trail improvements can be identified in the unified plan document.

The Village embraces the Go To 2040 Plan's guidance on the need to provide for multi-modal transportation opportunities, ready access to community facilities, and ensuring environmental sustainability.

As a maturing Village, funding demands for maintaining existing infrastructure frequently outweighs the ability to fund long term planning projects to provide enhanced transportation elements, 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.