



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 Woodridge

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.

Community-wide.

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.)

Please see attached.

6. Project Description

Please tell us what you would like to do in your community, and what assistance is needed.

The Village of Woodridge would like assistance in preparing a community needs assessment of youth services. The assessment would explore and summarize existing programs and services in Woodridge and surrounding areas, including programs provided by the County, area non-profits, School Districts, and Park Districts. The assessment should also evaluate the public transportation needs for Woodridge youth to access available youth programs and services as well as identify ways to improve access. Ultimately, the document should outline if there are missing or overlapping youth services in the area and whether or not transportation access is sufficient.

Background

The Village of Woodridge established the Community Resource Center (CRC) in 1995 to address neighborhood crime issues, support neighborhood children, and support social services. Over the past 18 years, the CRC has continued efforts to provide assistance and resources to the community in a variety of ways. The main focus of the CRC has been to provide a safe place for children after school and the summer camp program. Over the past several years, enrollment in the after school and summer camp programs has decreased.

Since the CRC began operations, the Woodridge Park District has developed and established its own after school and child care programs, and are continuing to explore ways to expand both programs. In addition, Woodridge School District 68 has announced the launch of an after school enrichment program in the coming school year which will provide after school academic support to those children who will most benefit, many of whom are CRC participants.

It is appropriate for the Village to assess the needs of the youth in the community and summarize the existing programs available. A community needs assessment of youth services would provide the input needed to determine if youth needs are being met in the community and if there are any unnecessary overlaps in these services between other entities and/or taxing bodies. If overlaps are present, the Village can work with the other providers to evaluate consolidation of services to ensure the effective use of funds.