



**Application form:  
Community Planning Program and  
Local Technical Assistance Program**

**DEADLINE: Noon on Thursday, June 26, 2014**

This application form is online at [www.rtachicago.com/applications](http://www.rtachicago.com/applications). You may submit the form by email to [applications@rtachicago.com](mailto: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 Chicago, Department of Planning and Development**

**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\* —————> Please list the members of the group (including government and nongovernmental organizations):  
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Nongovernmental organization\* —————> Name of local government partner(s):  
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\*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 City of Chicago would like to partner with CMAP on three planning efforts in different parts of the city, and would like to work with CMAP to determine the best locations per the below.](#)

#### 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 Department of Planning and Development \(DPD\) is preparing a framework to provide City planners with better contextual information which will support investment decisions in neighborhoods throughout the City, starting in 2015. The framework will also help capture community input into how the built environment should be improved, and help the City communicate its efforts in the neighborhoods more effectively.](#)

[To jumpstart this effort, the Chicago Community Trust \(CCT\) is investing in an initiative called Chicago Neighborhoods 2014, which will provide baseline information for each of the defined planning regions and for the city as a whole. Once CCT has gifted these research materials to the City, DPD will embed this information in this new planning framework.](#)

[The City will then work with CMAP to identify which neighborhoods would most benefit from more detailed planning. The three areas most in need of such planning would be the focus of the LTA work, if approved.](#)

[Attached is a description of the CCT-led effort.](#)

# Chicago Neighborhoods 2014: Assets, Plans and Trends

A Project of The Chicago Community Trust

Chicago Neighborhoods 2014 (CN2014) will collect information about the built environment and community assets across the entire city. The resulting document will provide a valuable central reference for future investment and planning by the city, communities and other stakeholders.



THE  
CHICAGO  
COMMUNITY  
TRUST

is project funder and coordinator, overseeing the work of four contract partners:



**LISC CHICAGO**  
with Teska Associates

## ASSETS

- Researches neighborhood assets
- Conducts community outreach
- Creates narrative and maps



**Metropolitan Planning Council**  
with Place Consulting

## PLANS

- Reviews major plans since 2000
- Highlights key plan elements



**INSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSING STUDIES AT  
DEPAUL UNIVERSITY**

## TRENDS

- Compiles existing datasets
- Develops new data
- Identifies major changes, trends



**HL**  
HOUSEAL  
LAVIGNE  
ASSOCIATES

## GRAPHICS

- Creates project identity
- Develops presentation format

# Chicago Neighborhoods 2014: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

## Why is The Chicago Community Trust and its team doing this?

A tremendous amount of data is available about Chicago neighborhoods, and many plans have been created in the past 10 to 15 years. CN2014 will compile and present this material in 16 geographic districts, noting development progress, major new investments and gaps that might be addressed.

## Who are the project partners and what are their roles?

**LISC Chicago** is assembling **assets**: locally informed summaries of the city's most important built, natural and institutional features.

**Metropolitan Planning Council** is assembling **plans**: reviewing major plans completed since 2000 and highlighting key elements.

**Institute for Housing Studies at DePaul** is identifying **trends**: compiling existing datasets, developing new data and identifying patterns.

**Houseal Lavigne Associates** is in charge of **graphics**: creating a simple-to-use interface and structure for the information assembled.

## Is CN2014 creating new plans?

No. CN2014 is assembling existing information to inform future planning by the city, communities and others. It will identify existing projects, developments and planning scenarios, but will not create new plans.

## Why these 16 districts? Why not neighborhoods?

The 16 geographic districts are groupings of Chicago's 77 official Community Areas, and are designed to respect many of the physical boundaries throughout the city (expressways, waterways, rail lines, etc). The districts roughly align with the borders of the Community Areas so that datasets can be compared across time with U.S. Census and other data sources that are organized by Community Area.

## What will happen with this information?

The end product will be a summary of assets, plans and data/trends for each of the 16 districts, with maps, narrative, tables and charts. This information will be publicly available to serve as a foundation for planning, investment and policy discussions by the city, communities and other stakeholders.

## Why should I participate?

Your understanding of neighborhood context and assets will help create an accurate portrayal of Chicago communities. This could inform capital and human investment in future years.