



Local Technical Assistance Program

Application form: Community Planning program and Local Technical Assistance program

1. Name of Applicant: Kane County

Multi-Department application:

- Development & Community Services Department
- Health Department
- Division of Transportation

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):

X Local government

Multijurisdictional group*	Please list the members of the group (including government and nongovernmental organizations)
Nongovernmental organization*	Name of local government partner(s):
4. Project Type (please check any that apply):	
Please check all statements below that describe determine whether your project is best handled	characteristics of your project. (This will help us by CMAP or RTA.)
My project involves preparation of a plan.	

X My project helps to implement a past plan.	
X My project links land use, transportation, and housing.	
My project has direct relevance to public transit and supports the use of the existing transit	it
system.	
My project is not directly related to transportation or land use, but implements GO TO 204	l0 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.

Kane County has communicated with multiple municipalities that would be eager for this type of project and assistance. Considering this, Kane County would like to accept applications from area municipalities and award a winner within 90 days of the RTA/CMAP award announcement for 2015 LTA projects.

PROJECT NAME: Development of a Community Health Chapter for a Comprehensive Plan

PROJECT SUMMARY

This proposal is requesting assistance in the development of a health chapter that will be incorporated into a municipal comprehensive plan. This newly created health chapter will directly assist one municipality; however the chapter can be utilized as a model for the region. The GO TO 2040 Plan and the Kane County 2040 Plan outline the importance of including public health into the comprehensive planning process. The plans describe how a community's overall health is intrinsically tied to its built environment and thus proactively planning for healthy environments can reduce rates of chronic disease and soaring health care costs while simultaneously improving livability and quality of life. Considering most transportation and land use decisions are made at the local level and directed by comprehensive plans, incorporating health into a comprehensive plan will be the most efficient and effective way to improve and sustain a community's overall public health. The incorporation of health into a comprehensive plan will enable a municipality to fully support and enhance local and regional health-related programs; it will assist the municipality in attaining future grants and technical assistance; and it will prepare the municipality for the utilization of health impact assessments (HIA).

The Kane County Planning Cooperative – which fully integrates health, transportation and land use planning efforts – is the County's primary tool to implement the Kane County 2040 Plan, which has goals and objectives consistent with the GO TO 2040 Plan. A key objective for the KCPC is the integration of HIAs into projects, plans and policies at the county and municipal level. HIAs help policy makers analyze potential health impacts by bringing together scientific data, health expertise and public input to identify the potential – and often overlooked – health effects of proposed new laws, regulations, projects and programs. HIAs offer practical recommendations that will allow a municipality to minimize risks and capitalize on opportunities to improve health. HIA is a new tool that is gaining favor with planning professionals nationwide because it emphasizes the connection between the built environment and health. Although the assessments are focused on health, they can be most effective in the non-health field. For example they can be effective when building a new transit system, planning a city's growth or deciding where to locate a new school.

Through creating a health chapter to be part of a municipality's comprehensive plan, the LTA program can advance health planning in ways consistent with the Kane County 2040 Plan and CMAP's GO TO 2040 Plan.

ASSISTANCE REQUESTED FROM CMAP

Kane County is seeking technical assistance in preparing a health chapter for a comprehensive plan. So, work would involve assistance in:

- -the analysis of health-related existing conditions
- -access to regional health data
- -the development of goals, objectives and policy statements
- -the development of an implementation strategy
- -community outreach
- -meetings
- -graphic design
- -publications