2016 CALL FOR PROJECTS

Regional Transportation Authority

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Application form:
Community Planning Program and
Local Technical Assistance Program

DEADLINE: **Noon on Thursday, June 25, 2015**

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: **City of Des Plaines**

2. Main Contact for Application:

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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):

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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, RTA, or CCDPH 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, RTA, or CCDPH.)

_X__ My project involves preparation of a plan.
____ 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 system.
____ My project is a bicycle, pedestrian, or active transportation plan in suburban Cook County.
____ My project is not directly related to transportation or land use, but implements GO TO 2040 in other ways.

5. Local Match Requirement (please initial to indicate you are aware of the local match requirements):

I am aware that a local match will be required for most projects, and understand that if my project is selected it is up to the project applicant to contribute a local match. (See the program guide for further details on local match requirements.)

__X__ Yes, I understand that applicants will be required to contribute a local match.

6. 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.

Citywide within the City of Des Plaines.

7. 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. Program staff will follow-up with you if we need any additional information to fully understand your proposed project.

The City of Des Plaines is applying for a CMAP Local Technical Assistance Grant to update the 2007 Comprehensive Plan.

The current Comprehensive Plan was developed in 2005-2006 and adopted in 2007, prior to the completion of GO TO 2040. Considerable changes to the real estate market have occurred since the adoption of the plan, including the national economic downturn and its impact on real estate development. Several large vacant sites exist within the City, but redevelopment efforts have been impeded by the disconnect between adopted policies in the Comprehensive Plan and current market conditions. Additionally, large infrastructure projects, such as the Elgin O'Hare Western Access and O'Hare modernization projects are not adequately addressed in the existing comprehensive plan. The City is also in the process of issuing buyout offers to a number of residential properties subject to repetitive flooding along the Des Plaines River, which will change the character and use of these areas. The opening of a major regional entertainment venue, Rivers Casino, in 2011 also warrants consideration for the future of surrounding areas.

Updating the Comprehensive Plan was a recommendation of the Economic Development Initiative Opportunities & Recommendations Report prepared by the Tammen Group and presented to the City Council in November 2013. An updated Comprehensive Plan would also act to consolidate recommendations from the following planning efforts that have occurred since the adoption of the current Comprehensive Plan: Five Corners Redevelopment Plan (2009), Oakton-Elmhurst Subarea Plan (2009), Cumberland Transit Oriented Development Plan (2011), Sustainability Report (2011), Active Transportation Plan (2011), and Apache Park Neighborhood Plan (2014).

(Please include any additional information that is relevant, preferably by providing links to online documents.)