2019/2020 Local Technical Assistance and Community Planning Programs

Application Number: 15

Project Title: City of Chicago Roseland Subarea Plan

Applicant: City of Chicago - Far South Community Development Corporation



Project Description:

Far South Community Development Corporation (Far South CDC) in partnership with the Roseland Community Medical District (RCMD) Commission, is applying for the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) to develop a Health and Wellness District Plan. The plan will be building upon the recommendations outlined in the Existing Conditions Report (ECR) that was completed by CMAP LTA in 2019. The plan will be based on five value principles for health systems, as listed on page 40 of the ECR, including but not limited to: creating balance, promoting active living, providing accessibility, strengthening vitality, and remaining resilient. At the heart of the district is Roseland Community Hospital, a 160-bed safety-net hospital that now serves the entire 135,000 residents on the far south side of Chicago with the closing of Metro South Community Hospital. The hospital is the district's largest employer with nearly 400 employees. The district will attempt to model the Illinois Medical District on the Chicago's west side/loop, which now generates \$3.4 billion in commerce activity.

Another key element of the district plan is accessibility of existing transit and future transit development, which will include the Red Line Extension from 95th Street to 130th Street along the Union Pacific Railroad on Stewart Avenue, and the PACE Pulse along Halsted Street from the Village of Harvey to 79th Street. Lastly, the plan will incorporate surrounding development that will have an enormous impact on the district such as: 12-acre mixed-use commercial development on 115th and Halsted; the Blue Cross Blue Shield renovation of the 130,000 square foot Target Store in Morgan Park/ West Pullman neighborhood that will bring 500 jobs; 67,000 square foot industrial development in West Pullman to bring 200 additional jobs to MiFab; nearly 1 million square feet industrial development in Pullman neighborhood that will bring 1,000 jobs; and 80 new single family home construction in West Pullman.

Much of the information included in the ECR is applicable to the Health and Wellness District planning efforts and should expedite the planning process. The focus of the plan will be to create strategies for the 100-acre site for healthcare delivery, health education, recreational activities, mobility, economic development, safety, and affordable housing.

Project Location: Roseland Community Medical District (RCMD) was established August 5, 2011. Approximately 100 acres in size, RCMD's boundaries: north 110th Street to south 112th Street and east Michigan Avenue to west Stewart Avenue/Eggleston.