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: The Lake County Community Foundation

2. Main Contact for Application (please include name, phone number and email): 
Sylvia M. Zaldivar-Sykes 
114 South Genesee, Suite 505 
Waukegan, IL 60085 

Sylvia@lakecountycf.org 847-377-0520 x 24

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):
  The Village of Hainesville, Round Lake, Round Lake Park, Round Lake Beach and Round Lake Heights

  ___ Nongovernmental organization* Name of local government partner(s):
  The Lake County Community Foundation

*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.)

- [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.
- [x] 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:
The Lake County Community Foundation, in partnership with the Villages of Hainesville, Round Lake, Round Lake Beach, Round Lake Park and Round Lake Heights, requests technical assistance to fund a comprehensive inter-jurisdictional plan that will inform these communities as they work collaboratively to address local housing issues in western Lake County.

Western Lake County is home to a number of communities that have historically been underserved. The map below provides a strong visual representation of this reality, as the majority of services lie in the eastern part of the county.¹ Residents from the communities in this cohort struggle with many of the same issues, beyond access to a variety of housing options, as their neighbors to the east including: food security, access to transportation, education, job training and affordable healthcare.

6. Project Description:
Please tell us what you would like to do in your community, and what assistance is needed. The Villages of Hainesville, Round Lake, Round Lake Beach, Round Lake Park and Round Lake Heights request technical assistance to develop both municipal and inter-jurisdictional housing plans that will inform future community development. As many of the villages are already beginning to identify shared issues, this process will reinforce current efforts while shedding light on future needs. The Lake County Community Foundation has committed to serving as a resource for each of these municipalities to help facilitate community engagement around municipal and shared planning efforts.

No community in Lake County has gone unaffected from the housing crisis. All of the communities involved in this collaboration reside in Avon Township which has the highest percentage (43%) of rent and mortgage burdened households in this portion of the county. At the municipal level, the Village of Round Lake has the second highest level of housing burden where nearly 50% of households pay too much for housing.2

In addition, a disproportionate amount of African American and Latino households are burdened by housing costs in Lake County. Between 2000 and 2010, the Latino population in the Round Lake area grew 98%.3 As indicated above, all of the Round Lake communities have been impacted by the significant population growth in addition to an increasing rent and mortgage burden. Compounding this problem is the fact that these communities have old housing stock that was not originally intended for year-round use.

Affordable and diverse housing options are critical for members of these communities as Avon Township is home to approximately 3,000 low income residents and has the third highest poverty rate in Lake County.4 This has been demonstrated by the growing percentage of students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. The Village of Round Lake has one of the highest foreclosure rates in the county which has had a devastating impact on the neighborhoods and residents in this community.5 Round Lake, Round Lake Beach and Round Lake Park have some of the highest rates of Section 08 housing use in the county.

These municipalities are located in an area of the county that has long been working together to address a number of issues including access to public transit. Thus, partnerships and collaborations are not new. The Lake County Coordinated Transportation Services Committee is well into the implementation phase of the Northwest Demonstration Project, an inter-jurisdictional public transportation service expansion initiative in partnership with Lake County and Pace Suburban Bus Service that benefits the townships of Antioch, Avon, Fremont, Grant, Lake Villa and Wauconda by extending curb-to-curb and Dial-a-Ride bus service hours. This experience positions the cohort well for continued collaborative efforts and is indicative of these communities’ collective desire to move the region forward.

The Lake County Community Foundation is committed to collaborating with the Metropolitan Mayor’s Caucus and Metropolitan Planning Council to support their efforts and assist with convening to ensure that the voice of each community is heard. We are confident in the commitments expressed by each village’s leadership as well as Lake County and the Tenth Congressional District. On behalf of the western cohort, we thank you for this opportunity and greatly appreciate your review and consideration of this important work.

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5 Affordable Housing Corporation of Lake County
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, IL 60606

June 21, 2013

Dear Sir or Madam,

I strongly support The Lake County Community Foundation and Lake County’s Community Development Division multijurisdictional application from municipalities in western Lake County to participate in the Homes for a Changing Region project. I recognize the value of this project and its ability to help create livable and thriving communities in Lake County.

This project provides a unique opportunity for participating municipalities to receive focused assistance in creating customized housing plans that will enhance multijurisdictional relationships and ensure that our community is able to create and preserve housing that meets the demands of our current and future residents.

As a Congressman, I am committed to mobilizing all of the parties necessary to ensure that our residents have a balanced mix of housing types to choose from and that organizations that are working to increase the livability of our communities are supported.

I am proud to endorse this unique collaborative application that will benefit the residents of the Round Lake area municipalities and Hainesville. The Lake County Community Foundation and Lake County’s Community Development Division are committed to partnering with our communities to move toward a sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Bradley S. Schneider
Member of Congress
June 25, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to join with the Lake County Community Foundation in supporting a multijurisdictional application from municipalities in western Lake County to participate in the Homes for a Changing Region project. We recognize the value of this project and its ability to help create livable and thriving communities in Lake County.

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I am proud to support this unique collaborative application. We are committed to partnering with our neighboring communities to move toward a sustainable future.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Aaron Lawlor
Lake County Chairman
June 20th, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to partner with The Lake County Community Foundation and Lake County's Community Development Division to support a multijurisdictional application from municipalities in western Lake County to participate in the Homes for a Changing Region project. We recognize the value of this project and its ability to help create livable and thriving communities in Lake County.

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Respectfully,

Mayor Linda Soto
Village of Hainesville
June 18th, 2013

To Whom It May Concern;

We are pleased to partner with The Lake County Community Foundation and Lake County's Community Development Division, to support a multijurisdictional application from municipalities in western Lake County to participate in the Homes for a Changing Region project. We recognize the value of this project and its ability to help create livable and thriving communities in Lake County.

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Sincerely,

Russell S. Kraly
Village Administrator
Village of Round Lake

Cc: Mayor MacGillis, Village Clerk, Village Trustees

RSK-6/13
June 19, 2013

Ms. Maggie Morales  
Associate of Operations and Community Engagement  
The Lake County Community Foundation  
114 South Genesee Street, Suite 505  
Waukegan, IL 60085

Dear Ms. Morales:

I am writing to express the Village’s interest to partner with The Lake County Community Foundation and Lake County’s Community Development Division in support of a multi-jurisdictional application from municipalities in western Lake County to participate in the Homes for a Changing Region project. We are hopeful that the efforts of this project may provide further insight into the ability to help promote livable and thriving communities in Lake County.

It appears the project may offer a unique opportunity for participating municipalities to receive focused assistance in creating customized housing plans that may enhance multi-jurisdictional relationships and create and preserve housing that may be able to meet the needs of our current and future residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this unique collaborative application.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Hill, Mayor
June 21, 2013

Ms. Maggie Morales
Associate of Operations and Community Engagement
The Lake County Community Foundation
114 South Genesee Street, Suite 505
Waukegan, IL 60085

Dear Ms. Morales:

This letter is intended to express the Village of Round Lake Park’s interest to partner with The Lake County Community Foundation and Lake County’s Community Development Division in support of a multi-jurisdictional application from municipalities in western Lake County to participate in the Homes for a Changing Region project. We are hopeful that the efforts of this project may provide further insight into the ability to help promote livable and thriving communities in Lake County.

It appears the project may offer a unique opportunity for participating municipalities to receive focused housing plans that may enhance not only their specific Village, but also the multi-jurisdictional relationships with other Villages in the area. We understand that one of the primary goals of these focused housing plans is to support preserving and improving existing housing as well as exploring the potential for redevelopment and/or development of new housing opportunities that will be able to meet the needs of our current and future residents.

Thank you for your invitation to participate in this unique collaborative application.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Linda Lucassen, Mayor
June 24, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to partner with The Lake County Community Foundation and Lake County’s Community Development Division to support a multijurisdictional application from municipalities in western Lake County to participate in the Homes for a Changing Region project. We recognize the value of this project and its ability to help create livable and thriving communities in Lake County.

This project provides a unique opportunity for participating municipalities to receive focused assistance in creating customized housing plans that will enhance multijurisdictional relationships and ensure that our community is able to create and preserve housing that meet the demands of our current and future residents.

I am proud to support this unique collaborative application. We are committed to partnering with our neighboring communities to move toward a sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Mayor, Terrance Lumpkins
Village of Round Lake Heights

“Eyes Toward The Future”