



MEMORANDUM

To: Local Coordinating Committee

From: Erin Aleman, Principal Planner

Date: October 2, 2013

Re: External Resource Development

The purpose of the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program is to provide assistance to local governments with planning activities that advance the implementation of GO TO 2040. The funding source that primarily funds the LTA program, a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), expires at the end of 2013. This has been a flexible funding source that has allowed the LTA program to pursue a wide range of projects.

CMAF's primary funding source is the Unified Work Program for transportation planning, which is funding through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA), with matching from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). This funding is sufficient to cover most of CMAF's activities, specifically those that relate closely to transportation.

However, some of the recommendations of GO TO 2040 address topics that are less related to transportation, such as climate change, economic and workforce development, food, health, housing, open space, and water resources. Fully addressing these requires additional resources beyond transportation funding. For the past several years, the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning grant has been able to cover all of these topical areas. In preparation for the end of this grant, CMAF has been working to secure funding from a variety of sources to allow the LTA program to maintain its broad scope.

In the past few months, three grants totaling \$600,000 have been secured that provide diverse funding for the LTA program. These include:

- Illinois Attorney General: National Foreclosure Settlement Funding. CMAF received \$450,000 to support the Homes for a Changing Region program, which includes subcontracts with the Metropolitan Planning Council and Metropolitan Mayors Caucus; CMAF's share is approximately \$250,000.

- Chicago Community Trust: Systemic Change through Sustainable Development Policy and Practice. CMAP received a grant of \$150,000 from the Trust to support elements of the LTA program that are more difficult to fund through CMAP's traditional funding sources.
- Economic Development Administration: Local Technical Assistance Program. CMAP expects to receive a grant of \$200,000 to cover economic development activities in disinvested communities across the region.

In addition to these successes, CMAP has submitted applications to several funding sources, is in the process of preparing applications for others, and has begun discussions with several other public and philanthropic funders. The issue areas covered in these applications include housing, climate change adaptation, natural resources planning, stormwater and disaster preparedness, and local food. Updates on these applications will be provided at future meetings of the Local Coordinating Committee.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information.

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