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: Village of Frankfort

2. Main Contact for Application:

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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):
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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.

Within the limits of the Village of Frankfort.


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.

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

The Village of Frankfort is requesting assistance to improve and update its Comprehensive Plan. As a high growth community, it is important to provide long term land use planning that is timely. In 2004 a detailed comprehensive plan was constructed, but since then much has changed. Frankfort would like to collaborate with CMAP to help develop a vision for future land use to guide our community move forward efficiently.
Since 2004, the population has grown 25%. Our Village has also grown in area, including a large plot of land nearly 600 acres near a new interchange with I-57. Since our last plan, commercial development has also grown immensely, and has much more room to grow. These major changes require a large amount of planning to guarantee that Frankfort’s land is used efficiently.

This new comprehensive plan may include but is not limited to these goals:

- Revise policies and guidelines for the Village while maintaining the integrity of the 2004 plan.
- Improve upon the VOF’s existing specific plans including capital improvement, transportation, water resource management, economic development, and bicycle master plans.
- Update Framework to serve as a bridge between current land use decisions and the community’s ideal future land use.
- Provide for a planned and orderly expansion of the Village.
- Reduce reliance on the automobile by the VOF Community.
- Protect the VOF’s Historic District and encourage redevelopment opportunity.
- Increase the amount of open space and establish a greenway system.
- Protect environmentally sensitive areas.
- Update recent development and prioritize upcoming changes.
- Improve business and employment opportunities.
- Maintain aesthetic appearance of the Village.

More specific additions to our current comprehensive plan may include but are not limited to:

- Corridor plans for East Route 30.
- Updated economic development strategy of the Silver Cross parcel.
- Historic District Revitalization Program.
- Update the Master Bicycle Path Plan.

The main goal is to establish a long-term, achievable plan for the Village of Frankfort. Framework will be drawn out for different business and community expectations to help for the future vision of the community to function as a whole. The Village of Frankfort wishes to hold public forums to discover what residents want improved throughout the Village, notably; where traffic needs alleviation, where more parks are needed, where more bike paths should be laid, how to make the community healthier and safer.

Parks and open space are a very integral part of our community; residents can offer viable options about provision of additional green space. With recent growth, some area of the village can become quite congested; traffic studies can help us relieve the congestion. With the Old Plank Road Trail cutting right through the center of Frankfort, bike paths are heavily utilized in our village; additional paths could make even more areas of the village accessible encouraging more bicycle and pedestrian traffic. Specifically, Frankfort aspires to connect every residential area to the Old Plank Road Trail, which would provide access to the main features of Frankfort.

Frankfort would like to work with CMAP to prepare future land use plans and maps, and establish effective policies for our community to move forward. By receiving this grant, the Village of Frankfort will be able to progress cautiously, carefully, and confidently in developing a new long range plan.