**Application form:**
RTA Community Planning Program and
CMAP Local Technical Assistance Program

**DEADLINE:** Noon on Thursday, June 29, 2017

This application form is online at [www.rtachicago.org/applications](http://www.rtachicago.org/applications). You may submit the form by email to applications@rtachicago.org. 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**

   **Name:** Regan Sandberg/Jeff Cook
   **Title:** Grant Specialist
   **Phone number:** 815-469-2177
   **Email:** Jcook@vofil.com

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):
     ____________________________________________________________
     ____________________________________________________________
   - [ ] 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 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.

- [X] My project involves preparation of a plan.
- [X] My project involves updating an already existing 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. 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.)

- [JC] 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.

Village of Frankfort corporate limits, Will County.

Existing Bicycle Trail Master Plan (2005)

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. For plan updates please tell us how you will be building upon (or replacing) the previous work. 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 requests up to $25,000 assistance to update the Frankfort Bike Trail Master Plan (last completed in 2005). It is intended for the updated plan to incorporate pedestrian facilities (not identified in previous plan), update the trail inventory and data, identify new trails funded but not constructed, then identify key connection points and destinations. From there, the updated plan will identify gaps in the system and offer a framework to assist Frankfort in prioritizing capital improvements by identifying various parameters of each segment, such as impact, cost, level of
difficulty, etc., which will be used to rank each gap segment. The update will also revise the future cyclist and pedestrian mobility plan and serve as a base document when evaluating other plans, projects, or developments proposed for construction in town, including private and public initiatives.

Although documentation is not available at this time, this project has been supported by the Frankfort Park District, Frankfort Square Park District and Will County Forest Preserve District.

Ultimately, Frankfort intends to accomplish the goals below. The update of the Bicycle Trail Master Plan is the first step toward realizing the many community benefits provided by achieving these goals.

- Expand the plan to include pedestrian facilities
- Encourage non-motorized travel as a viable transportation option to access the many amenities Frankfort has to offer.
- Provide convenient trail access within a reasonable distance of every residential property in the Village.
- Provide connections to every school and park in the Village, as well as the Frankfort Public Library, Village Hall, and major commercial centers.
- Connect all trail systems into the Old Plank Road Trail.
- Interconnect Village of Frankfort trails with the Frankfort Square Park District trail system.
• Identify opportunities for strategic additional trail linkages using utility rights of way. This includes potential development of the Natural Gas Pipeline and segments of Commonwealth Edison rights of way to supplement other trails
• Identify linkages with existing and planned trail segments in other localities
• Develop an inventory of existing the existing trail system
• Improve the Village of Frankfort’s “Bike Friendly Community” rating
• Establish trail system design guidelines
• Develop a capital improvement plan

The old Bike Trail Master Plan can be found here:

Increasing the use of bike and pedestrian trails is the main concern of this plan update. Frankfort realizes increasing the number of bike paths increases the quality of living for residents. They aid healthy living, local shopping, and clean air. Expanding Frankfort’s bike path network will also make recreational and commercial areas more accessible. We hope to utilize all CMAP has to offer in preparation of this plan, and hope, together, we can create a lasting, efficient plan.

8. Previous Plan Implementation Efforts
Please describe actions you have taken to implement previous plans in your community – whether your efforts were successful or not – to achieve infrastructure improvements, development investment, policy changes, advocacy, volunteer involvement, or other actions. If you do not have experience implementing previous planning work, please describe what you will do to make sure that your plan is implemented. Illustrating a commitment to implement plan recommendations is very important to both agencies as we consider new planning projects.

The Village of Frankfort is committed to implementing plans and projects that receive funding. An example of ongoing implementation effort is the 2007 Historic District Revitalization Strategies plan. As part of a long-term planning effort and commitment by the Village, we strategically invest in the revitalization of our downtown through community involvement and expansion of community events, the introduction and maintenance of new streetscape enhancements and signage, leveraging new private investment in residential and commercial buildings, the creation and execution of new grant programs, property acquisition/consolidation for future development opportunities, and reinvestment in planning activities with last year’s ‘Parking Strategies’ report. On the capital improvement side, the Village routinely plans and executes capital improvement plans with and without the assistance of grant funding. Recent examples include the ongoing sidewalk maintenance program, Emerald Ash Borer street tree replacement program, a $60MM 20-year wastewater treatment consolidation plan, and ongoing water main replacement and street resurfacing programs. We also undertake capital improvements in an effort to further our planning efforts, such as the construction of Market Street at LaGrange Road – a new full intersection planned for in 2004 to serve ±200-acres of mixed use property, the multi-jurisdictional Sauk Trail bicycle path as a piece of our Bicycle Trail Master Plan, and we are in the planning stage to make utility improvements for a new center of employment first planned for by the 2010 Future Land Use Plan.
9. Additional Strategic Partnerships

Please list any additional partners you may want to include in this planning project. Please specify if you have made contact with them in advance of submitting this application.

Due to this project’s emphasis on sidewalk and trail accessibility for enhanced pedestrian mobility the Village of Frankfort intends on engaging partners involved in its utilization. These partners include the school district, library, and Will County Forest Preserve District.
June 16, 2015

Mr. Jerry Ducay
Village Administrator
Village of Frankfort
432 W. Nebraska
Frankfort, Illinois 60423

RE: Village of Frankfort Bikeway Plan – Grant Application

Dear Mr. Ducay,

The Forest Preserve District of Will County would like to express its support of the LTA Grant application being submitted by the Village of Frankfort for assistance in preparing a Bikeway Plan.

The Village of Frankfort needs a comprehensive bikeway plan to offer a non-motorized form of transportation and guide future development and road improvements. The Village has made great progress with trails and bikeways however many connections are still needed and may require the use of road right-a-ways or other corridors. A comprehensive bikeway plan will help determine the appropriate form of bicycle accommodation, will help set funding priorities, and will assist in obtaining funding for implementation. A Bikeway Plan will have great benefits in and around the Village of Frankfort by providing safe connections to other communities, regional trail and bikeway systems, public transportation, commercial areas and open space.

The Forest Preserve District of Will County is very interested in a Village of Frankfort Bikeway Plan and fully supports this project. We look forward to participating in the planning process.

Sincerely,

Marcella M. DeMauro
Executive Director