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. 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

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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):
                                                                                                
*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.
- [ ] 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.

A 577 acre site, East of Harlem Avenue, North and South of Stuenkel Road. See Attachment 1 for a Map of the location.

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 is requesting up to $15,000 assistance from CMAP to create a special area land use plan for the 577 acre site located west of I-57 and north and south of Stuenkel Road as an update to its comprehensive plan. Frankfort wishes to create a plan for this area because the Illinois Department of Transportation has recently constructed an interchange at the intersection of Stuenkel Road and I-57. The completion of the new interchange has dramatically changed the economic, transportation, and infrastructure planning needs of the region. Previously, a gravel rural road, Stuenkel Road will now serve as a major transportation corridor connecting Harlem Avenue (Route 43)
and Cicero Avenue (Route 50) with I-57. Previous long range plans have insufficiently assessed the future development and infrastructure needs of the area.
The Illinois Department of Transportation, with aid from the Federal Government, is funding the Stuenkel Road interchange at an estimated cost of $39 million. Further, a regional airport has been proposed 6 miles south and east of the proposed study area. Funding provided as part of this application will examine the airport impact as part of the comprehensive planning process.

Developing this plot should aid in bringing economic prosperity to the surrounding area. The new interchange is laying the foundation by bringing more activity to the area and making it easier to access. It is up to the municipalities to advance the area further. The area must be made more appealing to travelers on I-57 in order to bring in more commerce. The area should also house residential communities. Being in close proximity to I-57 makes the plot ideal for Chicago Commuters, especially because it is farther north than the two closest interchanges reducing commute time.

A great deal of planning will be needed to transform this area to make it ready for the influx of activity. Currently the site is mostly farmland. The roads are not built to support a high quantity of traffic. Water and wastewater facilities have not been developed. Frankfort is willing to take the lead on proper long-term planning for the area. However, we require funding assistance to do so.

The overarching goal of this land use plan is to prepare the area for the large increase in activity in the coming years. The introduction of the I-57 and Stuenkel interchange make it imperative the area is ready to accommodate the surge of economic development. The Village of Frankfort looks forward to the possibility of working in conjunction with CMAP and we are excited for potential that this area holds.

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.

Site 1: Map of Site Location