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 Justice

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.)

___ 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.

The Village of Justice, incorporated in October of 1911, is located in southwest suburban Cook County, Illinois, approximately 18 miles southwest of the Loop via I-55. Several commercial arteries traverse the community, including Archer Road, 79th Street, Roberts Road, and 88th Avenue. Bisected by I-294 the community encompasses 2.84 square miles. Three cemeteries account for one-third of the Village's square mileage. (Please see Attachment #1 – Village of Justice Map/Zoning)

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 see Attachment #2 – Project Description/Previous Plan Implementation Efforts)

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.

(Please see Attachment #2 – Project Description/Previous Plan Implementation Efforts)

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.

The Village of Justice is planning on making any and all resources available for the implementation of this project. We have concurrence from the Mayor and Village Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Economic Planning Board. These groups within the Village will be working in conjunction with the resources provided through this opportunity to make sure that our goals towards updating the current Comprehensive Zoning Plan and providing Unified Development Ordinances is accomplished and completed.

Additional Enclosures:
- Attachment #1 – Village of Justice Map/Zoning Map
- Attachment #2 – Project Description/Previous Plan Implementation Efforts
- Letters of Support
2017 RTA Community Planning Program and CMAP Local Technical Assistance Program Application
Village of Justice
Attachment #1

Village of Justice Map/Zoning Map
Project Description/Previous Plan Implementation Efforts

The Village of Justice is considered a comparatively small bedroom community and understands the importance of being active in Economic Development. The Village has been taking many strides towards properly planning for the future success of the community by creating new policies and procedures to push redevelopment and new development within the village limits. In addition, the village has made many updates to the current infrastructure and is constantly looking for new ways to positively impact the community and finally step out of the bedroom community concept.

The Village of Justice is requesting technical assistance towards planning and implementation of an updated Zoning Comprehensive Plan and assistance in providing Unified Development Ordinances that would allow for better regulation and control for the future development within the Village. The last comprehensive plan was completed by the Justice Zoning Board of Appeals and approved by the Village Mayor and Board of Trustees in 2006. Since then, there have been no major modifications made to the current existing plan and the Village would like to improve what currently exists. Providing proper direction in development will improve and promote the public safety, health and general welfare of the Village.

In 2014, the Village established the Economic Planning Board (EPB) that consists of 6 public members, the Director of Economic Development and the Economic Development Coordinator. Since the existence of this board, the Village has achieved great success towards planning and implementation. An Economic Development Strategic Plan and a Marketing Plan have been created and are used as a guideline for the Village. Using the 2007 Transit Improvement Study (created through a past LTA opportunity), and the Lakota 2030 Plan, the Strategic Plan was created with the assistance of the Mayor and Board of Trustees, the EPB, and the Zoning Board of Appeals and plans on making the same resources available if awarded the opportunity through the 2017 Local Technical Assistance Program.

The Economic Development Strategic Plan is a guide used to not only plan for improvements, but to measure success. Since the creation of the plan the Village has been capable of completing multiple projects. We have made improvements on the Frontage Road corridor by reconstructing the street, making storm water drainage improvements, and are working towards adding sidewalks, in addition to other street reconstruction projects. Sidewalks have been added to most of our main arterial roads, and lighting improvements have recently been completed by converting old mercury streetlight fixtures to modern LED fixtures. The Village is in the planning phase for the addition of a bike path along the Illinois & Michigan Canal Corridor. This is a regional effort that includes Willow Springs, Bedford Park and Summit in the planning process. A larger capital improvement in the Village will be the completion of new access ramps to the I-294 Central Tristate Tollway. The Village anticipates completing the Phase I Engineering of the tollway ramp project by the end of this year or beginning of 2018, and had successfully secured funding for Phase II Engineering. We are continuously working with Pace to try to improve public transportation in Justice and the surrounding region. Most recently, the village assisted Pace in the planning of the new Bus 01 Shoulder from Toyota Park in Bridgeview to downtown Chicago, via I-55.

With assistance through the Local Technical Assistance Program, the Village of Justice feels it can improve the current Zoning Comprehensive Plan and provide Unified Development Ordinances that would assist in developing land use strategies, to review and assess the current development regulations within the community to find opportunities for unified development standards and guidelines; to establish better infrastructure and transportation options that would ultimately assist in new development and retention/attraction of businesses.
June 22, 2017

RE: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
    2017 Local Technical Assistance Program (LTA)

To Whom It May Concern:

The Village of Justice has placed a strong focus on Economic Development and constantly strives to make improvements towards infrastructure, creating additional transportation options, and creating a more business and residential friendly community. Keeping the Zoning Code current and providing Unified Development Ordinances allows for better regulation and control for future development of land and matters relating thereto within the municipality. This promotes the public safety, health and general welfare of the village. Therefore, the Village of Justice fully supports the proposal being submitted through CMAP's 2017 LTA Program requesting technical assistance towards the implementation of Zoning Code Updates and Unified Development Ordinances.

Respectfully,

Krzysztof Wasowicz
Village President
RE: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
2017 Local Technical Assistance Program (LTA)

To Whom It May Concern:

The Zoning Board of Appeals (formerly Zoning & Planning Commission) of the Village of Justice, under the Advice & Consent of its Village Board, with responsible input from our Businesses & Residents, has placed a strong focus on Economic Development, and constantly strives to make infrastructure improvements, creating additional transportation options, and expanding a more business and residential friendly community.

Keeping the Village’s Municipal, Building & Zoning Code current, and providing Unified Development Ordinances, allows for better regulation and control for future development of land and matters relating thereto within the municipality. This promotes the Public Safety, Health and general Welfare of the Village, its Residents and Businesses.

Therefore, the Village of Justice Zoning Board of Appeals fully supports the Proposal being submitted through CMAP’s 2017 LTA Program requesting Technical assistance towards the implementation of Zoning Code Updates and Unified Development Ordinances.

Sincerely,

John W. Bruce, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals
Village of Justice