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 Mount Prospect

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.
4. Project Type (please check any that apply)

Please check all statements below that describe characteristics of your project.

☐ My project involves preparation of a plan.
☐ My project involves updating an already existing plan.
☐ My project helps to implement a past plan.
☐ 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.)

☐ Yes, I understand that applicants will be required to contribute a local match.

6. Project Location

The Village of Mount Prospect is a municipality located in northwest Cook County of the CMAP region. It is well connected in the region by two Metra service lines and a number of major corridors, including Rand Road, Northwest Highway, Route 58 along Golf Road, Route 62 along Algonquin Road, Route 45 along River Road, and Route 83 along Elmhurst Road, and is bordered by the I-90 Jane Adams Memorial Tollway to the south. The completion of the full access interchange at Elmhurst Road and I-90, will improve the community’s regional access further. The project area for this Plan is shown below in Figure 1 and includes the area bounded by Golf Road, Elmhurst Road, I-90 and the western boundary of the Village.
7. Project Description

South Mount Prospect Plan

The Village of Mount Prospect is interested in planning this subarea as a welcoming gateway to the community while supporting inclusive growth of this area and the Village. The intent of this plan is to comprehensively address land use, housing, human services, code enforcement, economic development, public transportation, recreation, and infrastructure and service improvements to this area, while also making recommendations for streetscape, signage, and key development opportunities. The Village of Mount Prospect has a history of planning and implementation efforts in the community and is committed to the improvement of this key area of the Village.

Since incorporation a hundred years back, Mount Prospect’s population has grown from 300 to 54,710 today. During this period, the community has completed seven comprehensive plan updates and a number of corridor plans and special area plans. Two plans that specifically include this area of Mount Prospect are the South Mount Prospect Subarea Plan adopted in 2009 and the Public Transportation System Plan also adopted in 2009. Since the completion of these two plans, the Village has actively pursued their implementation recommendations from annexations to providing grant programs for façade improvements. However, a number of the recommendations in both the plans hinged on the development of the Star Line Station at Busse Road and I-90. As that project is no longer active, the land use and transportation recommendations need to be refocused. The Village has also annexed around 220 acres of land within this subarea, which provides new opportunities to address some of the outstanding needs in this area. The existing mix of uses in this area include single family neighborhoods, a concentration of multi-family developments, corridor commercial uses and a large variety of industrial uses. The current update to the Village’s Comprehensive Plan and the Village’s Strategic Plan highlight a number of issues that need to be addressed in this area from completing sidewalks, providing and improving access to recreation, and identifying key sites catalyst projects and creating third places in the community.

Link to plans completed in the Village of Mount Prospect - http://www.mountprospect.org/departments/community-development/planning-and-zoning#PlanningStudies

8. Previous Plan Implementation Efforts

As mentioned above, the Village has actively pursued implementing the recommendations of previous planning efforts in the community. Below is a list of some of the key implementation achievements-

- Annexation of the around 220 acres of unincorporated Cook County properties (within the project area of this plan).
- The MPEI program to support business in the community.
- Implementation of the Crime Free Housing Program.
- CDBG housing rehab programs that assist qualified homeowners.
- Handyman program for seniors and disabled residents over 18 years of age.
- Programs provided by the Village’s Community Connections Center and the South Branch of Mount Prospect Library at Dempster Street and Busse Road. This includes providing services in Spanish and better access to human services and the Village’s food pantry.
- Development of Myers Place – a supportive housing development for people with disabilities, at Dempster Street and Busse Road.
- Facade improvement program, and sidewalk improvement program.
- Completion of the Village of Mount Prospect Bicycle Plan and its implementation. Currently Phase 3 of this plan is being implemented.

9. Additional Strategic Partnerships

It would be beneficial to include the following partners on this project-

- Pace and RTA
- Cook County Department of Transportation
- Illinois Department of Transportation
- Illinois Tollway
- City of Des Plaines
- Village of Arlington Heights