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 Sauk Village

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.
__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.)

___ 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. – **See Attached A**

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. – **See Attached Exhibit B**

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.

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

The project location is the area of and surrounding the Village of Sauk Village in Southeast Cook County and partly into Will County for the purposes of planning.
In developing our response for the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning’s (CMAP) call for projects with respect to funding of technical assistance for transportation, land use planning and implementation of projects throughout the region we have had an obvious need in Sauk Village which we address herein.

In the 1960s, 1980, and most recently in 1999, Sauk Village completed their Comprehensive Plans. According to CMAP, a comprehensive plan should be “a forward vision for 10 to 15 years...” the Village’s latest Comprehensive Plan from 1999 is quite dated. The Village’s long-term vision, as stated in the plan in terms of framing policy, as it applies to zoning, economic development, transportation, present and future land uses and prioritizing those policies is clearly in need of an update. Sauk Village lacks the capacity and resources to perform the necessary planning, inventory, assessments among many other technical pieces that go into a professional comprehensive plan and appeal to RTA and CMAP to take on this project. Sauk Village’s outdated plan does not take into consideration many elements impacting economic development, including the Illinois 394 & Route 1 Corridor Study; CN Railroad access and future needs; the Lincoln/394 Enterprise Zone; our various Tax Increment Financing Districts nor many of the potential flood hazard areas.

Sauk Village would benefit from an updated Comprehensive Plan and contribute significantly to the development of the region from managed land use and planned development related to the IL Route 394-Southland Parkway Plan commissioned in 2015. Economic Development requires serious planning as well as incentives to ensure the success of the region. An updated Comprehensive Plan for Sauk Village would help better integrate the key processes from the Southland Parkway Plan and would allow the Village to serve as an effective regional economic development partner with the Chicago Metropolitan area. The Southland Parkway Plan calls for major transportation changes to Sauk Trail and a future “urban” type interchange would make it safer for crossing over Illinois 394. Planning for future transportation changes and needs is critical for the success of Sauk Village and the region. The Village’s current Comprehensive Plan, from 1999, does not call for this and this is essential for our future.

Additionally, planning for connecting Forest Preserve and recreational areas and connection to planned bike pathways would allow the Village to obtain future grant funds as well as assist the Cook County Forest Preserve District in planning for recreational needs.