

APPLICATION FORM

RTA Community Planning Program and CMAP Local Technical Assistance Program

Deadline: Noon on Friday, October 26, 2018

This application form is online at www.rtachicago.org/applications. You may submit the form by email to applications@rtachicago.org. Please submit one application per project as a PDF package. Please avoid submitting multiple PDFs for the same application.

Please list the members of the group (including government and nongovernmental organizations):

Name:

Applicant

Name:

Main Contact of Application

Title:

Phone:

Email:

TYPE OF APPLICANT

(please check all that apply)

- Local Government**
- Multijurisdictional group***
- Nongovernmental organization***

*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.

1. 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.

2. 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 limit your responses to 6000 characters including spaces).

2. Project Description (continued)

3. Additional Strategic Partnerships. Please list any additional partners you may want to include in this planning project, and specify if you have made contact with them in advance of submitting this application. (Please limit your response to 1400 characters).

PLAN CHARACTERISTICS

My project involves:

- The preparation of a plan.
- Updating an existing plan.
- Implementation of a previous plan.
- 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 addresses ON TO 2050 and/or Invest In Transit in other ways.

ON TO 2050 ALIGNMENT

(Please check all that apply)

- Inclusive Growth
- Prioritized Investment
- Resilience

RTA INVEST IN TRANSIT ALIGNMENT

(please check all that apply)

- Deliver Value on our transit investments
- Build on the strengths of the transit network
- Keep transit competitive



CITY OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
DAVID A. GONZALEZ

October 22, 2018

Mr. Tony Manno
Senior Planner
**Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP),
Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program**
233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Re: Chicago Heights CMAP Local Technical Assistance Application

Dear Mr. Manno,

As Mayor for the City of Chicago Heights, please accept this letter as part of our CMAP LTA application requesting assistance for water-related issues, such as supply/demand, delivery and improved quality; specifically in planning and developing cost and feasibility analysis for long-term sustainability of neighboring communities interested in exploring the option of purchasing bulk Lake Michigan water through our City.

Chicago Heights is the largest water-user that is supplied by the City of Hammond, IN and we have been working diligently with them to increase the supply of potable Lake Michigan water. This will provide other South Suburban communities opportunities to receive Lake Michigan water that is more cost-effective. Many of these same municipalities purchase water from the City of Chicago (either directly or indirectly), yet have been struggling financially to address the water-supply needs of their residents when rates keep going up. Since 2007 the City of Chicago has nearly tripled its water rates to these communities (i.e., from \$1.33/1000 gallons in 2007 to \$3.95/1000 gallons in 2018).

CMAP is a leader in sustainable water planning and has the expertise in evaluating this option so that our neighboring South Suburban municipalities can better analyze their options and make the best decision, both financially and operationally, for their residents. The City of Chicago Heights has recently entered into a long-term agreement with Hammond for an additional 10 million daily gallons to be available for neighboring communities. The city will be able to offer bulk water sales at a discounted rate compared to Chicago.

Mr. Manno, I thank you for your time and consideration of our CMAP LTA application. As always, please feel free to contact me directly if you should have any questions or need further information. I can be reached via telephone at (708) 756-5315 or via e-mail at: dgonzalez@chicagoheights.net.

Sincerely,

David A. Gonzalez
Mayor
City of Chicago Heights, IL