

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):

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Venita McDonald, President

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18th Ward Aviation Committee

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letters of support are forthcoming

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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.

The project location is Cicero west , Damen east, 87th Street south and 71st Street north.
This is the 18th Ward.

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).

The 18th Ward Aviation Hub Committee, goals are to establish the 18th Ward as a historical aviation site, to promote the construction of a Community Cultural Center with a focus on aviation and a Museum of Aviation in the 18th ward. The Community Cultural Center primary mission will be to serve as a place where the public as well as students can attend workshops and training opportunities. The Museum of Aviation objective will be to tell Chicago unique story about its history with respect to the evolution from a Flying Field to the world class international aviation transportation center it is today and what is its future. The museum should have the facilities to host conferences especially around issues concerning aviation and its future.

Chicago's 18th Ward is the site of historical aviation events that have impacted the nation and the world. Chicago's first air field, the Ashburn Flying Field, opened in 1916, between 79th and 87th street to the north and south and Cicero and Pulaski on the west and east, spurring Chicago's drive to be an aviation center. This was in keeping with its standing at the time, as the railroad transportation and shipping hub within the United States. During World War I the Ashburn Flying Field became a training camp for the Signal Corps. The men of the Signal Corps were responsible for laying the lines of communication in the trenches.

Following the attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941, at which time the United States entered World War II, a B-29 bomber arsenal was needed. The U.S. government chose Chicago as the building location for the bombers' Wright Cyclone engines. The Chicago 18th Ward, between Pulaski Road and Cicero Avenue, just north of 79th Street, was the site of the plant.

Chicago's historical aviation accomplishments, which began in the 18th Ward, along with the city natural settings has propelled it into the major national intermodal transportation center that it is today.

In keeping with the 18th Ward Aviation Hub Committee mission, we advocate for the following:

Landmark status for the 18th Ward as a Historical Aviation Site

Cultural Center – To reflect the ward's historical contribution - Develop plans for a new facility that would work in tandem with (CPD)

Aviation Curriculum Development for CPS/ STEM elementary and high Schools within the 18th Ward, schools in Chicago, Junior Colleges and educational institutions in communities within its Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA)

The Aviation Curriculum would work in tandem with the Aviation Museum and the Cultural Center. May provide online support for activities and workshops worldwide. Aviation Museum (within the 18th Ward) which will create an economic engine/anchor that would utilize tourism as a means to fuel people interest and business/commerce.

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).

Alderman Derrick Curtis - Chairperson of the City of Chicago Transportation Committee and he is a member of the aviation Committee)

(October 9, 2018, the 18th Ward Aviation Hub Committee met with Alderman Curtis and he stated that he would invite all local elected officials with boundaries in the 18th Ward to a meeting regarding this project before the end of 2018. Alderman Curtis also stated that he would invited the President of Daley College and the head of the Department of Aviation to the meeting.)

State Representative Kelly Burke

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18th Ward Economic Development Committee

Wrightwood Improvement Association

Patrick J. Levar Jr., Chief Operating Officer, Chicago Park District

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