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.

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Applicant

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TYPE OF APPLICANT
(please check all that apply)

☑ Local Government
☐ Multijurisdictional group*
☐ Nongovernmental organization*

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

*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.

This project consists of the all areas incorporated in the Village of Monee. The municipality is located in eastern Will County, approximately 30 miles south of the City of Chicago and is bisected by Interstate 57. Please see the attached map.
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The Village of Monee is seeking to update its outdated comprehensive plan and is requesting financial and professional assistance for the same. The latest comprehensive plan was adopted by the village in July 1997 when the village had a population of 1,739. Since that time the village has adopted two (2) supplemental plans to the comprehensive plan. The first was a Growth Management and Economic Development Plan, adopted in November 2004. This plan updated certain aspects of the comprehensive plan to be more reflective of current economic conditions and growth potential at that time. The second supplemental plan was a West Sector Framework Plan adopted in December 2009. This plan dealt specifically with the area west of I-57 and was in part triggered by the completion of several studies conducted by various entities such as the 2008 Eastern Will County Wastewater Planning Study, continued efforts by the State of Illinois and other interested parties to promote the South Suburban Regional Airport, as well as the creation of the Green Garden Township Comprehensive Plan, to name a few.

Considering the age of the existing comprehensive plan and the dramatic changes that have occurred over time, it would appear that updating the existing plan would not have as much value or impact as developing a new plan when considering some of the current and most relevant factors driving the need for a new comprehensive plan. Some of those factors being the population growth exceeding 5,000 residents, land annexations, development of the Will County Community Friendly Freight Mobility Plan and the fact that market conditions for light industrial and logistics developments have shown a strong shift towards the I-57 corridor which bisects the Village of Monee.

The vision for development of the comprehensive plan is to involve residents, community organizations, businesses, local developers and land owners, elected officials, other governmental agencies and professional land planners to come together and share ideas of planning the future of Monee while incorporating the principles of CMAP’s ON TO 2050 comprehensive plan. Currently, the Village of Monee is working with community organizations and other governmental agencies to prepare for the future. However, this type of approach is fragmented and generally ineffective in achieving desired results. For example, the village is working with the Will County Department of Transportation to enter into an intergovernmental agreement to address an existing traffic issue that if not addressed now would most likely impede current and future development in the area of Monee Manhattan Road and Ridgeland Avenue. Will County DOT has provided a letter supporting Monee’s efforts for a new comprehensive plan. (attached) Additionally, the village continues to collaborate with the Monee Historical Society to provide a village owned historical building for renovation and ultimate occupancy by the society for the benefit of the entire community. The Monee Historical Society has provided a letter supporting the village’s efforts to develop a new comprehensive plan. (attached)

Under the new administration (elected in April 2017) the Mayor and Board of Trustees made the development of a new comprehensive plan a priority. The budgeting process for the FY 2019 budget included funding for a new comprehensive plan. However, during the budgeting process those funds were cut and ultimately, the FY 2019 budget was passed as a deficit budget without being able to fund a comprehensive plan. Therefore, the Village of Monee is requesting funding and professional assistance in the development of a new comprehensive plan for the Village of Monee.

A new Village of Monee comprehensive plan would provide the much needed starting point of direction in achieving the desired results under the principles found within the ON TO 2050 plan.
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).

The Village of Monee has been in contact with the Will County Department of Transportation regarding transportation issues within the village. Input from Will County DOT is imperative for successful transportation planning. A letter of support has been provided.

The Village of Monee has been working with the Monee Historical Society in a collaborative effort to identify, renovate and ultimately occupy an historical building that will be open to the public for the observation and education of historical artifacts and information. A letter of support has been provided.

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**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.

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**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
October 25, 2018

Mr. Tony Manno
Senior Planner
CMAP

Subject: Village of Monee LTA Grant Application

Dear Mr. Manno:

It has come to the attention of the Will County Division of Transportation that the Village of Monee is applying for an LTA Grant to work on the Village's comprehensive plan. We are currently in the process of working with the Village on an intergovernmental agreement to begin a Phase 1 study along Manhattan-Monee Road. This area of the Village has recently seen an increase interest in development, including an Amazon distribution center, producing an increased burden on the existing roadway network.

While this segment of Manhattan-Monee Road is not currently in our 5 year TIP, it is included as part of a larger project on our Will Connects 2040 constrained list. The County recognized that this roadway would need improvement as one of the few east-west connections through the county.

The Village of Monee has the Will County DOT's support in their efforts to plan for the future of their community. This effort will only make our future planning decisions and cooperation easier.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact our office at (815) 727-8476.

Sincerely,

Jeff L. Ronaldson, PE
Director of Transportation
County Engineer
Monee Comprehensive Plan

Letter of support – Monee Historical Society

October 25, 2018

As President of the Monee Historical Society, and on behalf of the Society, we would like to go on record as wholeheartedly supporting the development of a new Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Monee.

We look forward to offering our input as the village formulates the Comprehensive Plan and have found the staff and elected officials of the village very receptive to our ideas, and insights on the best direction for the future of our community.

The Historical Society, perhaps more than any other organization, appreciates the long-lasting impact on the future of our community that such a written document as the proposed Comprehensive Plan will make to the current and future quality of life for the residents of Monee. In studying the history of our town, we can see how the planning or lack of sufficient long-range goals and roadmaps of how to achieve those goals, can either negatively or positively affect the lives of every citizen, as well as the sustainability and overall economic and cultural wellbeing of the village long term.

The Historical Society has worked closely with the village to identify, collect, store and make available to the community, historical data and artifacts. The village is supportive of our efforts to involve and engage the residents of Monee and to foster the growth of true community spirit.

The village has also been instrumental in aiding the efforts of the historical society to landmark and restore our town’s historic Creamery building with the goal of using this facility as a public venue for display, research and interaction with historical memorabilia.

The Monee Historical Society looks forward to being and active and positive addition to the dialogue as the village moves forward with a new and much needed Comprehensive Plan.

Best Regards,

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