

# CALL FOR PROJECTS

## CMAP Local Technical Assistance Program and RTA Community Planning Program

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# 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](http://www.rtachicago.org/applications). You may submit the form by email to [applications@rtachicago.org](mailto: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.

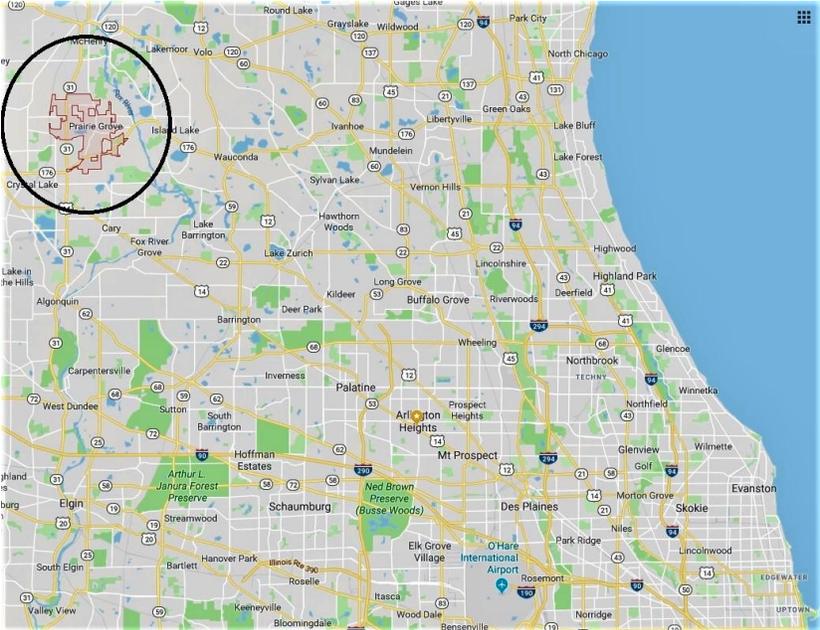
**1. Project Location.** Please provide a brief description of the location of your project. You may include a map if that helps to describe location, but this is not required. If your project helps to implement a past plan, please include a link to that plan.

The Village of Prairie Grove is requesting assistance to update its Comprehensive Plan. The Villages first Comprehensive Plan was written in 1977. This plan was updated in a process from 2004-2006. The Comprehensive Plan adopted in March 2006 does not reflect economic changes, an abandoned residential/retail/transit oriented development, or urban pressures from surrounding territory.

Village of Prairie grove Comprehensive Plan [https://www.prairiegrove.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/PGCompPlan\\_rev0207.pdf](https://www.prairiegrove.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/PGCompPlan_rev0207.pdf)



Village of Prairie Grove



Village of Prairie Grove Metro Region Location

**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).**

**Village Overview:**

- The Village of Prairie Grove is located in Nunda Township, McHenry County, approximately 50 miles northwest of Chicago with a 2010 census population of 1,904.
- Prairie Grove is a semi-rural area characterized by rolling topography, agricultural lands, and low density development.
- The village is passed through by Illinois State Route 31 and Rt. 176, each of which support a narrow corridor of business and retail activity.
- Village developmental policy focuses on stewardship of the land and conservation of old growth forest throughout the village while providing public service infrastructure to meet resident's needs and future growth.

**Strengths:**

- Active and forward looking Village Board
- Economic development infrastructure - gigabit fiber is available to the village through NIUNet, a high-speed fiber-optic network built by Northern Illinois University, which connects the region to the world.
- The Illinois Department of Transportation and the village are engaged in the redevelopment of State Route 31, a main corridor for the village.
- Existing METRA and PACE routes pass through the village where the transit oriented design is planned
- The village is actively engaged in intergovernmental cooperation with surrounding communities, McHenry County, the McHenry County Council of Government and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development.

**Challenges:**

- In 2004 the Village of Prairie Grove initiated a Comprehensive Plan process to develop long range plans for a then potential development along the northern village border. This development named "Wildflowers" encompassed residential, retail and a transit oriented design clustered around a Metra train station and Pace bus stop. The 2007 housing and credit crisis ended work on this development. The dormant development was recently purchased in a bank sale by an investor who is actively engaged in re-development.
- The Village of Prairie Grove does not have a municipal water or sewer system. The residential units with a water supply are serviced by a private company. This lack of municipal water limits development initiatives and is a strategic component in developing options for the Village's future.

**Looking Ahead:**

- The Village of Prairie Grove would like to update the Comprehensive Plan to incorporate transit oriented design elements of the 2010 TOD Plan, investigate and address the issue of a municipal water supply, and create a plan in harmony with the On to 2050 Plan that creates a roadmap for reaching the community's long-term physical, socioeconomic, and cultural goals.
- The goals will generally address a range of topics including but not limited to land use and development, housing, economic growth, open space programming, infrastructure improvements, and image and identity.

**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).

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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.

**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

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The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is our region's comprehensive planning organization. The agency and its partners are developing ON TO 2050, a new comprehensive regional plan to help the seven counties and 284 communities of northeastern Illinois implement strategies that address transportation, housing, economic development, open space, the environment, and other quality-of-life issues.

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The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is the unit of local government charged with financial oversight, funding, and regional transit planning for the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra, and Pace bus and Pace's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Paratransit Service. The RTA system serves two million riders each weekday with 145 CTA rail stations, 240 Metra commuter rail stations, 350 bus routes, with a combined 7,200 transit route miles throughout Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will Counties of northeastern Illinois.