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

*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.

Please list the members of the group (including government and nongovernmental organizations):
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 request is for updating our Comprehensive Plan which applies to the entire Village. Our current plan was last updated in 2009.
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).

Our Comprehensive Plan was last updated in 2009, and has reached the end of its useful life. Our current plan even recommends a complete update of the entire Comprehensive Plan every 5 to 9 years. Additionally, there have been many changes to the Village during this time. Not the least of which was the zoning ordinance update which last had seen a comprehensive update in 1970.

An update to the Comprehensive Plan would allow the Village to mesh the recently updated Zoning Ordinance to the Comprehensive Plan in a fashion that furthers successful implementation. The update to the Zoning Ordinance was significant and to have a comprehensive plan that links the two documents would be supremely beneficial.

The Village has implemented many of the goals contained in the existing comprehensive plan, but it is time to re-evaluate the focus and add goals based on current conditions and the CMAP “On to 2050” Plan. Also, the Village wishes to continue the momentum generated by the recognition by Money Magazine as one to the best places to live, and the significant amount of redevelopment that has occurred along North Avenue and the South Villa Business District.

The Village seeks the assistance from CMAP and the RTA in updating our Comprehensive Plan to continue moving forward in a positive fashion, maintain our existing relationships with our regional partners and promote development that furthers local, as well as metropolitan goals. We very much appreciate the support we have received in the past and hope that CMAP and the RTA see the value in assisting the Village in this update.
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.
- [X] Updating an existing plan.
- [ ] Implementation of a previous plan.
- [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 addresses ON TO 2050 and/or Invest In Transit in other ways.

**ON TO 2050 ALIGNMENT**
(Please check all that apply)

- [X] Inclusive Growth
- [X] Prioritized Investment
- [X] 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