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Complete Streets and Active Transportation Plan Call for Projects

Active Transportation Alliance is pleased to announce the second round of the Healthy HotSpot Active Transportation Plan and Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program. Technical assistance grants will be awarded to:

- 3 municipalities to develop an Active Transportation Plan
- 2 municipalities to develop Complete Streets design approaches.

Municipalities must be within suburban Cook County to be eligible. Applications are due on August 1, 2016, and awardees will be notified by August 15, 2016. A conference call will be held on July 13 from 10AM – 11AM to answer any questions. More information about eligibility, the technical assistance, application, and conference call is included below.

Active Transportation Plan Technical Assistance Program

An Active Transportation Plan provides a framework for municipalities to holistically address walking and biking as modes of transportation. It identifies programs, policies, and a network of roadway improvements focused on ensuring that people of all ages can walk or bike to local and regional destinations. Active Transportation Plans include a robust implementation section, identify opportunities for additional funding, and suggest ways to partner with local agencies and organizations on active transportation projects. Municipal staff, engineers, local organizations, elected officials and community members will be asked to attend meetings, workshops and help promote public engagement activities held throughout the planning process.

Active Trans will provide the following technical assistance:

1. Organize a plan steering committee made up of local planners, engineers and other key stakeholders interested in designing a community that promotes active modes of transportation.
2. Work with steering committee to develop a vision and objectives that will guide recommendations in the plan.
3. Develop a customized community engagement strategy focused on reaching out to your community's diverse constituents.
4. Identify a network streets and suggest infrastructure to make pedestrian and bicycle travel safer and more convenient.

5. Create recommendations for additional programs and policies that will support people who currently walk and bike in your community and increase interest in alternate modes of travel.
6. Suggest funding sources and opportunities for multi-jurisdictional collaboration to build out your pedestrian and bicycle network over time.

Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program

This program is designed to provide municipalities with the tools and know-how to design and implement Complete Streets. No two communities approach roadway design in the same way. This initiative is focused on developing a customized approach to Complete Streets that builds off of existing community goals, plans, and procedures. Municipal staff, consulting engineers, and/or elected officials may be asked to participate in meetings and workshops.

Complete Streets technical assistance provided by Active Trans will focus on the following areas:

1. Developing a local Complete Streets team made up of planners, engineers, municipal staff and officials, and other key stakeholders responsible for the design and implementation of roadway projects.
2. Setting and formalizing a vision and objectives for building and maintaining roads that support the needs of all modes of transportation.
3. Training staff, consulting engineers, and elected officials on principles of Complete Streets design and implementation.
4. Creating a process and procedures for incorporating Complete Streets design principles into a community's project delivery process

Award Amount

Winning communities will receive free technical assistance from Active Transportation Alliance. Projects will begin in October 2016 with an anticipated end date of June 2017. Trainings and technical assistance will be provided on an ongoing basis to meet grant criteria and advance local improvements.

The award is not monetary, and a local match is not required for the Healthy HotSpot Technical Assistance Programs. However, awardees must be able to commit about 10-15 hours per month of staff time and effort to the project. Applicants should be prepared to answer questions about availability of key staff.

Eligible Applicants

- Only municipalities within suburban Cook County are eligible to apply.
- You may apply for both Complete Streets and Active Transportation Plan technical assistance.
- Applications should include a letter of support from the Mayor, Village President, Village Board, or City Council.
- A strong preference will be given to identified priority communities of the Healthy HotSpot initiative, of which at least 25% of their census tracts have at least one of the two following criteria: 1) 20% of their population living in poverty or 2) at least 10% living below FPL and at least 20% with no high school diploma by age 25. For a complete list of priority communities, see the bottom of this page.

- Communities with existing Complete Streets policies are not eligible for Complete Streets technical assistance.
- Communities with existing community-wide Active Transportation Plans, bicycle plans or pedestrian plans are not eligible for Active Transportation Plan technical assistance.

How to Apply

- Applicants should complete online survey, available at:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016_ATPCS

Application Timeline

June 15, 2016	Call for proposals issued
July 13, 2016	Information session at 10AM – Call-in: (206) 504-7286 and code: 6790149, RSVP to Hanna Kite at hanna@activetrans.org
August 1, 2016	Proposals due at 5 PM
August 15, 2016	Awardees announced and notified

Supporting Information and Resources

- Complete Streets Fundamentals: www.completestreets.org/complete-streets-fundamentals
- CMAP Complete Streets Handbook: <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/programs-and-resources/local-ordinances-toolkits/complete-streets>

Additional Information

For questions regarding the Healthy HotSpot Active Transportation Plan and Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program or your application, please contact Hanna Kite at hanna@activetrans.org or at (312) 216-0485.

Funding Information

This project is made possible with funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through the Healthy HotSpot initiative. Healthy HotSpot is an initiative led by the Cook County Department of Public Health that aims to build healthy places in suburban Cook County through community partnerships. For more information, visit healthyhotspot.org.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Can multiple communities partner to apply for policies and/or plans jointly?

A: Yes, if the communities are adjacent to one another, they may apply together.

Q: Can communities outside of the 33 priority Healthy HotSpot communities apply?

A: Yes, but priority will be given to those communities. Please see the full list at the end of this page.

Q: Many of my community's streets are managed by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). Don't they already have a Complete Streets policy?

A: Yes, IDOT has a Complete Streets policy, as does the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways. However, these policies only relate to the roads that are controlled by IDOT and Cook County, and not to local roads. To get the maximum impact from a Complete Streets approach, all

roadway jurisdictions should follow the Complete Streets philosophy so that all users may use any road in the community.

Q: How would a local Complete Streets policy help with state or county roads in my community?

A: The state and county must take into consideration the guidelines outlined in the municipality's policy when redesigning or constructing roads. The process of developing Complete Streets also brings together key stakeholders both within a municipality's and from the broader community who are interested in promoting multi-modal networks.

Q: What is the difference between the Complete Streets design approach and Active Transportation Plan opportunities? Should my community apply for one or the other or both?

A: Complete Streets approaches leverage existing funding sources and examine the transportation project delivery process to maximize opportunities to incorporate multi-modal transportation infrastructure. Active Transportation Plans identify a strategy for where and what kind of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure could be built. The two do complement each other well, and municipalities are welcome to apply for both programs.

Q: Does the Active Transportation Plan opportunity require the municipality to provide a local match?

A: No, the Active Transportation Plan the Active Transportation Alliance is offering does not require a local match.

Please contact Hanna Kite with questions at hanna@activetrans.org

What is Healthy HotSpot?



Healthy HotSpot is an initiative that aims to build healthy places in suburban Cook County through community partnership.

As part of the Healthy HotSpot initiative, the Cook County Department of Public Health and Active Transportation Alliance are teaming up to provide technical assistance to suburban Cook County communities through adoption of Complete Streets approaches and active transportation plans.

Participating communities will learn how to design, build and maintain streets that promote walking, biking and public transportation as a way to build more physical activity into peoples' daily lives.

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1. Blue Island
2. Burbank
3. Calumet City
4. Calumet Park
5. Chicago Heights
6. Cicero
7. Countryside
8. Dixmoor
9. Dolton
10. Ford Heights
11. Franklin Park
12. Hanover Park
13. Harvey
14. Hazel Crest
15. Hickory Hills
16. Hogdkins

17. Markham
18. Maywood
19. Melrose Park
20. Midlothian
21. Northlake
22. Park Forest
23. Phoenix
24. Posen
25. Prospect Heights
26. Richton Park
27. Riverdale
28. Robbins
29. Sauk Village
30. Steger
31. Stone Park
32. Summit
33. Wheeling