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MEMORANDUM

To: Erin Aleman, Executive Director

From: CMAP Staff

Date: February 2025

Re: CMAP Technical Assistance Program Contributions

In 2015, CMAP implemented a policy to require a program contribution for technical assistance through CMAP. This financial contribution to the Technical Assistance Program Contribution Fund has helped demonstrate local commitment and has increased local ownership of the projects.

The Technical Assistance Program Contribution Fund supports the goals and policies of ON TO 2050. The contribution shall be expended to address the development and transportation challenges in the northeastern Illinois region and to support those functions and programs consistent with the Regional Planning Act (70 ILCS 1707). This includes but is not limited to, technical assistance programs, policy development, research and data collection, engagement, and planning in areas such as land use, housing, economic development, preservation of natural resources, transportation, water supply, flood control, sewers, and governance in the form of model ordinances and best practices that may be enacted by local governments.

To provide transparency, predictability, and consistency in the contribution amounts a schedule of "Program Contributions by Project Type" (Attachment A) has been established. It may be revised and re-published from time to time as deemed necessary. The contribution amounts are based on typical project costs and assessed on a sliding scale based on the community cohort. Some types of technical assistance have no associated program contribution; typically, these are new technical assistance offerings that CMAP is piloting.

Project Type
This memo covers the project types CMAP is offering for the 2025 Call for Projects. This list will be updated annually.

Community Cohort
Annually, Community Cohorts are established by grouping communities throughout the CMAP region based on data or factors such as population, income, tax base per capita, and percent of population located in an economically disconnected or disinvested area (EDA). The amount of the program contribution for technical assistance is on a sliding scale based on the Community Cohort designation of the benefiting area.

- Community Cohort 1: High capacity / Low and very low need communities (largest contribution)
- Community Cohort 2: High capacity / Moderate need communities
- Community Cohort 3: Low capacity / High need communities
- Community Cohort 4: Low capacity / Very high need communities (smallest contribution)

Attachment A
Local contributions by project type

Technical Assistance Program Contributions by Project Type

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Project Type	Sub-Types	Program Contribution Amounts			
		Cohort 1	Cohort 2	Cohort 3	Cohort 4
ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plans		Pilot Program. No Program Contribution Assessed.			
Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans		$ 20,000.00	$ 15,000.00	$ 10,000.00	$ 5,000.00
Capital Improvement Plans		$ 8,000.00	$ 6,000.00	$ 4,000.00	$ 2,000.00
Corridor Plans		$ 24,000.00	$ 18,000.00	$ 12,000.00	$ 6,000.00
Grant Readiness Assistance		$ 4,000.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 1,000.00
Housing Readiness		Pilot Program. No Program Contribution Assessed.			
Transportation Safety Plans		$ 8,000.00	$ 6,000.00	$ 4,000.00	$ 2,000.00
NEXT - Plan Implementation Assistance		$ 4,000.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 1,000.00
Pavement Management plans		$ 4,000.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 1,000.00
Site Planning Pilot		Pilot Program. No Program Contribution Assessed.			

Note: Treatment of projects sponsored by nongovernmental organizations. In some cases, applicants are not units of government at all. This is particularly common in the City of Chicago, where many applications are submitted by nonprofit organizations. In these cases, need scores will be calculated based on the geography of the target project. For example, a community-based organization with a project focusing on a single neighborhood in the City of Chicago would calculate need based on the demographics of that neighborhood, while a larger nonprofit with a project that benefits a multi-community area would calculate need based on the average need scores of the communities that it serves.

In the cases of nonprofit applicants, the nonprofit organization itself is responsible for providing the local match. They could get this match from various sources – including philanthropic organizations, larger umbrella nonprofits, or public sources, like contributions from the municipality in which they are located.