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For which project type are you applying? (Choose one – You may apply for more than one type of assistance by completing a separate application form.)	Special Financing District Study

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Describe the proposed study area boundaries for your project using streets, geographic features, jurisdictional boundaries, etc.:	The Heritage District study area is the primary entrance point into the community. It is also the oldest section of the community, with homes over 100 years old. It is in need of redevelopment and accessibility improvements. An outline is attached below.
Which existing transit services are in the study area? (Name rail station and/or bus routes)	There is a train service area for commercial freight but no passenger station. There is no bus stop although we would like to obtain one if it develops further. The Village does participate in the Ride in Kane Program to fund bus pickups for residents within the community that need help getting to doctor appointments or the grocery store.

Have there been any long-range plans (i.e., comprehensive plan, bicycle pedestrian plan, land use plan, transportation plan, etc.) that identify the need for additional local funds to implement the plan, and recommend establishing a special financing district, such as TIF, SSA, BID? (Include link to plan)	The Village performed a planning study in 2010 but it did not touch on the topic of special district financing. The Goal of redeveloping this area into a vibrant downtown neighborhood is one of the top priorities of the Village. In order to finance the improvements that we think are necessary, special financing in the form of a TIF is likely to be necessary.
What financing districts already exist in your municipality?	There is one TIF currently in the Village, not located in the project area.
What is the goal of this plan? What are you looking to accomplish?	The Village is looking for financial or technical assistance to perform an eligibility study and create a redevelopment plan for the area. The area contains blight and is in need of pedestrian accessibility and safety features considering the proximity of the train tracks and current road design flaws (poorly designed intersections and very narrow streets). The redevelopment plan would consist of components related to public infrastructure improvements, beautification, transportation/pedestrian accessibility improvements (needed to connect it to the pedestrian paths that serve the rest of the community) as well as land acquisition and other economic development efforts.
If selected, do you commit to working with the RTA to ensure all residents have an opportunity to participate during the planning process and that plan recommendations will include equitable solutions to transportation and development policy?	Yes
Is there any additional information you want us to know?	This is a major priority for the Village. The completion of an eligibility study and redevelopment plan is essential for meeting State TIF establishment criteria and will help guide the Village for years to come in improving this area of the community that has long been neglected.
Please upload a map of the proposed study area:	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/16101802725

Closing Questions

How did you find out about the call for projects? (Select all that apply)	Email from my CMAP local government network (LGN) liaison
What resources did you find helpful as you apply for the call? (Select all that apply)	Receiving assistance from CMAP or RTA staff Technical assistance flow chart

How difficult was it to fill out this application?   Very easy