

Complete Neighborhoods Technical Assistance

Frequently Asked Questions

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Below are the responses to some frequently asked questions about the Complete Neighborhoods Technical Assistance program.

Q: Can multiple jurisdictions apply jointly for a project that covers both jurisdictions?

A: Yes. The application will have a section to add multiple jurisdictions. If applying jointly, a letter of support signed by all parties is required. Please note: multi-jurisdictional projects would still be subject to the \$50,000 project maximum.

Q: Are regional planning agencies (RPAs) eligible to apply on behalf of communities in their region?

A: Since RPAs can potentially be a service provider for the program, they are not eligible to apply. As a service provider to the program, RPAs can leverage their state's Direct Local Technical Assistance funding (DLTA) or other resources to supplement the program. That said, RPAs can support communities in preparing their application.

Q: Is there a minimum size requirement or distance from transit for a proposed project?

A: No, the program does not impose limits on the size of projects or their distances from transit service. However, we do recommend applicants consider areas that have been identified in previous planning efforts as priority investment areas for housing near mobility infrastructure and/or have ongoing projects that cannot be advanced but for the support of CN's resources.

Q: Our community does not have transit service. Can we still apply?

A: Communities that do not have existing transit service are eligible to apply if their project is located in a densely developed neighborhood and has access to mobility infrastructure such as sidewalks and bicycle infrastructure. These projects should also be helping to increase density that will create the economic conditions needed to sustain future transit service in a community.

Q: Is there an affordability requirement for projects receiving technical assistance?

A: Yes, site-specific technical assistance awards must be used to promote the development of affordable rental housing. To be considered affordable, planned

development should achieve the following: At least 20% of the units must be affordable to households earning at or below 80% of the area median Income (“AMI”) through a recorded restriction. Alternatively, for developments approved pursuant to an inclusionary zoning requirement, Housing Development Incentive Program (HDIP), or other municipal zoning requirement, at least 10% of the units must be affordable to households earning less than 80% AMI.

Q: Is this funding only available for projects that are new construction?

A: No. While projects receiving technical assistance must advance the creation of new housing units, projects that are seeking predevelopment assistance can be new construction or the rehabilitation of existing structures to create new housing units.

Q: What are example documents that can demonstrate community support?

A: We are looking for evidence of political will or history of community engagement exercises that paint a compelling picture of community buy-in for the proposed projects. This evidence should be paired with narrative that explains how MHP’s resources can advance the community and CNP’s shared goals. Community support can be demonstrated in a number of ways:

- Letter of support from the legislative body (Select Board, City Council, etc.)
- Letter of support from the town executive (Town Administrator, etc.)
- Qualitative and/or quantitative data showing public support for specific programs/initiatives (survey results, feedback from public meetings, etc.)
- Evidence of public investment in dollar amounts or in-kind services

Q: Is there a required commitment –either financial or in-kind-- from applicants seeking to apply?

A: This technical assistance does not require communities to provide a financial match. Applicants are, however, required to provide the necessary capacity needed to complete the technical assistance requested. This would include coordinating and attending meetings with consultants, providing necessary data and information for projects, etc. MHP staff will also remain actively engaged with project management.

Q: Our municipality is seeking technical assistance that will exceed the \$50,000 per project limit. Are we able to provide MHP with the funding to cover the difference in costs?

A: No. At this time, MHP is unable to accept financial contributions from applicants to assist in supporting the technical assistance projects. However, awards exceeding \$50,000 may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Q: Can funding be used for public realm improvements?

A: No. This technical assistance cannot be used for the planning, design or construction of public realm improvements. All funds deployed through this technical assistance program must have a direct connection to the development of affordable housing. Further, this funding cannot be used for capital costs even when associated with the development of housing.

Q: How quickly can technical assistance be deployed once a project has been selected?

A: We anticipate that it will take a few weeks from project award to commencement. Once a project is selected and the scope of work is refined, MHP staff will use their pre-qualified list of technical assistance providers to select a firm that is able to complete the established scope of work. MHP will then need to contract directly with the selected provider before work can commence.

Q: Can the Complete Neighborhoods Technical Assistance fund predevelopment activities that were contracted and started prior to technical assistance award?

A: No. Complete Neighborhood Technical Assistance funding cannot be used to reimburse the costs of predevelopment activities that were incurred prior to project selection and technical assistance award.

Q: Can I have a PDF copy of the application form?

A: The PDF version of the application form is available to download [via this link](#). Please note that the PDF form is for discussion and planning purposes only; applications must be submitted using the [online form](#), which can be saved as you populate the fields.

PDF Application.

Q. Who can I speak to and where can I get more information about this program?

A. Feel free to reach out to Ashley Eaton, MHP Senior Planner at aeaton@mhp.net or 857-317-8533. You can also [download the presentation](#).

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