

## **Drinking Water 1-2-3 Academy**

### **Technical Assistance Application Form**

As part of the [Drinking Water 1-2-3 Academy](#), the Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) is accepting applications for targeted assistance and on-the-ground implementation of critical best practices in drinking water management. Up to three projects will be selected for technical assistance with a coordinated team of experts. Project selections will be made in late 2021, with projects taking place in 2022.

The deadline for application is **Thursday, October 28, 2021**. Proposed projects should align with best practices featured in the [Drinking Water 1-2-3 guide](#). Applicants must be representatives of a municipality or a municipal partnership (i.e., multiple municipalities or a municipality with a park district, non-profit organization, etc.) within northeastern Illinois. Applicant(s) must have the authority and ability to implement project initiative(s).

**1. Primary Applicant Municipality:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Applicant Contact Person:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Type of Applicant:**

- Individual municipality
- Municipal partnership (Please list)

**4. Geographic Scope:**

In what geographic area would the proposed project take place? Can also attach a map.

**5. Proposed Project Type:**

What type of water best management practice(s) does the proposed project address? The priorities for the 2022 Technical Assistance program are water affordability and lead service line replacement, but other project types will be considered.

- Addressing affordability and/or conservation in water rate setting
- Assistance creating a community plan for lead service line education & remediation
- Incorporating water supply needs & goals into community comprehensive plans
- Exploring service sharing and/or joint procurement for cost savings
- Public education & engagement to reduce drinking water demand
- Water loss control best management practices
- Implementing sensible salting practices
- Other, please specify:

**6. Problem Statement:**

Provide a detailed description of the proposed project and what assistance is required.

**7. Statement of Need:**

Identify obstacles, barriers or constraints which make the project otherwise infeasible for the applicant(s) to complete without technical assistance.

**8. Local Commitment:**

A commitment of time and effort from the applicant(s) is required; submission of an application constitutes acceptance of this stipulation. Specify key officials and staff who will lead, work on, and/or support this project, if selected.

**9. Supplemental Material – Letter(s) of Commitment:**

In addition to this application form, a Letter of Commitment is required from the top elected official representing the primary applicant. If the proposed project involves a partnership or multijurisdictional group, a Letter of Support is also required from the senior-most official representing each project partner. Please attach.

Send completed applications to [academy@metroplanning.org](mailto:academy@metroplanning.org). Applicants are encouraged to contact Justin Keller ([jkeller@metroplanning.org](mailto:jkeller@metroplanning.org); (312) 863-6033) with any questions prior to submitting an application.

A committee of advisors will assist MPC in reviewing submissions. The project selection process may include follow-up calls and/or site visits. If selected, a Memorandum of Understanding with the primary applicant and any partner applicants, if applicable, will be required.