



Technical Assistance Program FAQ

Office Hours for the Main Streets Allegheny Technical Assistance Program were held on Thursday, August 13, from 2:30-4pm and Thursday, August 20, from 9-10:30am.

Below are summaries of the questions that were received and the answers from the program providers:

- **Question: How specific do you want us to be in the application in regards to existing planning efforts, background information, and narrative about our current efforts?**
 - Answer: The application is intended to assess eligibility and program readiness. There is no need to craft complex narratives or share background documents. Most questions ask for short responses or rating your business district. Applicants have the opportunity to describe any current or future planned collaborative work within the municipality and/or with surrounding municipalities. At the end of the application is an opportunity to add additional information which can include short bullet points about existing business district or other municipal efforts.
 - Clarifying questions may be asked of applicants if needed.
- **Question: Can you provide a document of the full application for us to access to prepare our full application at once?**
 - Answer: The full application is now available to view via download [here](#), but applications must still be submitted via the online form. Questions and assistance can be directed to tap@mainstreetsallegheny.com.
- **Question: How many applicants will you be accepting?**
 - Answer: We plan to admit 6 applicants to the program, although that may include more than 6 municipalities if we receive multi-municipal applications. The total number of municipalities accepted may vary depending on the resources needed, as well as existing documentation and planning efforts.
- **Question: What if there is no existing community development or economic development organization in the community?**
 - Answer: The Primary Applicant can be either the municipality or a non-profit organization. If there is an existing non-profit economic development organization that is supporting the application a letter of support should be included, but that is not a requirement. It is assumed the Coordinator and Business District Advisory Committee will be volunteer community

stakeholders, although in some cases the municipal manager may choose to be the coordinator.

- **Question: Can municipalities apply to and receive assistance through the Technical Assistance Program if they already have funding from a similar Main Street program (For example, DCED Main Street Matters Planning Grant)?**
 - Answer: It depends. If you choose to apply, please include the timeline for concurrent planning, specifically when it will conclude to help us evaluate if it would align with the TAP program

Further questions can be directed to tap@mainstreetsallegheny.com. Applications can be found [here](#) and are due on Friday, August 28 at 5pm.