

JOINT GRANT WORKSHOP OF

Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways

And

Cook County Department of Planning and Development

February 1, 2023

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Invest in Cook 2023 Application Presentation

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
2023 Capital Improvement Application Presentation

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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2023 Public Service and ESG Application Presentation

Invest in Cook / CDBG 2023 Applicant Webinar



1:00 – 2:00 pm:

Invest in Cook presentation and Q & A

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CDBG – Capital Improvements presentation and Q & A

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HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT
COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



**CONNECTING
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2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

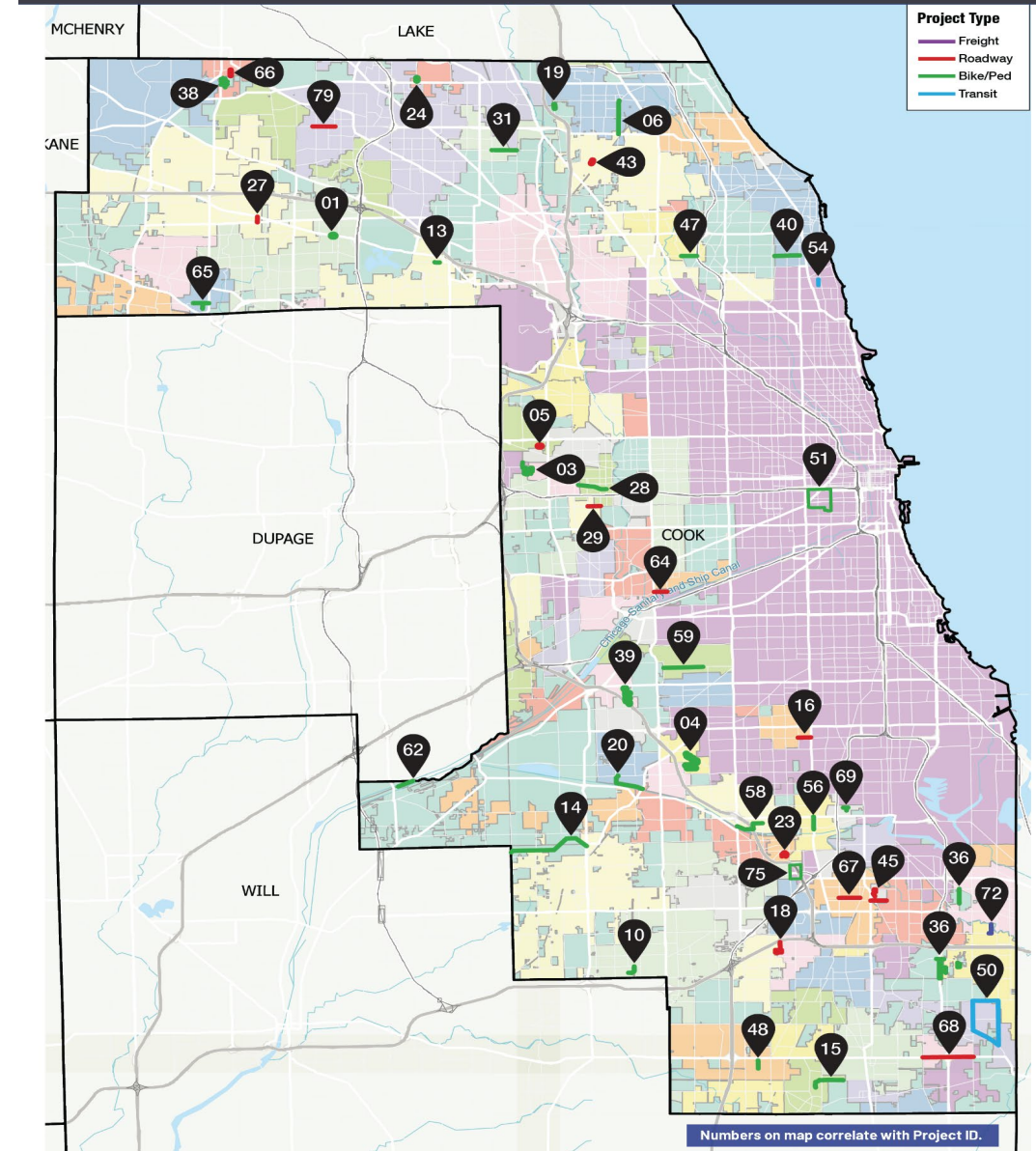
Connecting Cook County

The Long-Range Transportation Plan set five goals for DoTH's work:

1. Prioritize transit and other transportation alternatives
2. Support the region's role as North America's freight capital
3. Promote equal access to opportunities
4. Maintain and modernize what already exists
5. Increase Investments in transportation

Invest in Cook

- Over 200 project awards supporting *Connecting Cook County*
- Multimodal
- Funds projects from early-stage studies and pilots to construction
- \$8.5 million annually
- Roughly 32 projects funded per year
- Average award size: **\$233,000**
- Average award rate: **45%**



Project Eligibility

- Any phase of a transportation project, including land acquisition
- Projects impacting any transportation asset under local, County, or State jurisdiction
- MFT eligible transportation related improvements to communities within Cook County
- Not staff salaries, equipment purchase, or standalone lighting and streetscaping



Applicant Eligibility

- Local governments, including municipalities, township road districts, park districts, and school districts
- Regional transit agencies
- Natural resource or public land agencies
- Private entities, including nonprofits – in partnership with a public sponsor
- One application per municipal and township applicant

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Invest in Cook

2023 Application

Applying for Invest in Cook, 2023

Go to www.cookcountyil.gov/investincook

- Download PDF **application** and **project schedule** forms
 - Note: Work should begin within one year of award
- Prepare supporting documents, detailed in the application:
 - Signed cover letter from the CEO/executive director
 - Map of the project area
 - Most recent financial report or proof of financial standing
 - Recent photos of the project area
 - Cost estimate
 - Funding resolutions
 - Additional studies or reports

Submitting your Invest in Cook Application

Go to www.cookcountyil.gov/investincook

- **When ready:**

- Scroll to the bottom of the page to find the link where you can submit the application and required documents

Deadlines and How to Apply

The call for applications opens on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 and ends at 5 p.m. on Friday, March 17, 2023.

1. Please read the [Program Description](#).
2. Download and complete the [Application Form](#) and [Project Schedule Template](#).
3. Submit both documents along with required items using the [Submission Form](#).

Please only submit your application when all documents are complete as progress will not be saved when filling out the form.

- Fill out all fields in the [online submission form](#)
- Upload all supporting documents at the time you submit the application.
- PLEASE DO NOT UPLOAD A SCANNED APPLICATION
- Have questions or issues? InvestInCook.CC@cookcountyil.gov

Application and project assistance

Email investincook.CC@cookcountyil.gov

Pre-award

- Need-based **application** assistance:
 - Engineering cost estimates, data gathering, etc.

Post-award

- **Project management** assistance if applicant not in a position to lead
- **Project implementation** assistance
 - Grant writing
 - Engineering or planning reviews
- Staff assistance based on availability

Application Project Evaluation

Quantitative Evaluation Metrics

Priorities	Measures
Transit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of users served• Equity of project benefits• Transit access to jobs• Facility condition• Improved ADA accessibility
Bicycle and Pedestrian	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improving access to low-stress bike facilities• Equity of project benefits• Increase in access to jobs and other key destinations• Filling gaps in bike and pedestrian network• Number of users served• Improved ADA accessibility
Freight Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Benefits to employers• Truck and/or train traffic count• Equity of project benefits• Traffic safety• Facility condition
Roadways	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facility condition• Traffic safety and operational improvements• Equity of project benefits• Improved ADA accessibility

Qualitative Evaluation

Teams of DOTH staff will facilitate interviews with all applicants

- Review of project readiness/feasibility
- Review of project benefits
- Review community impacts

The Invest in Cook 2023 program will:

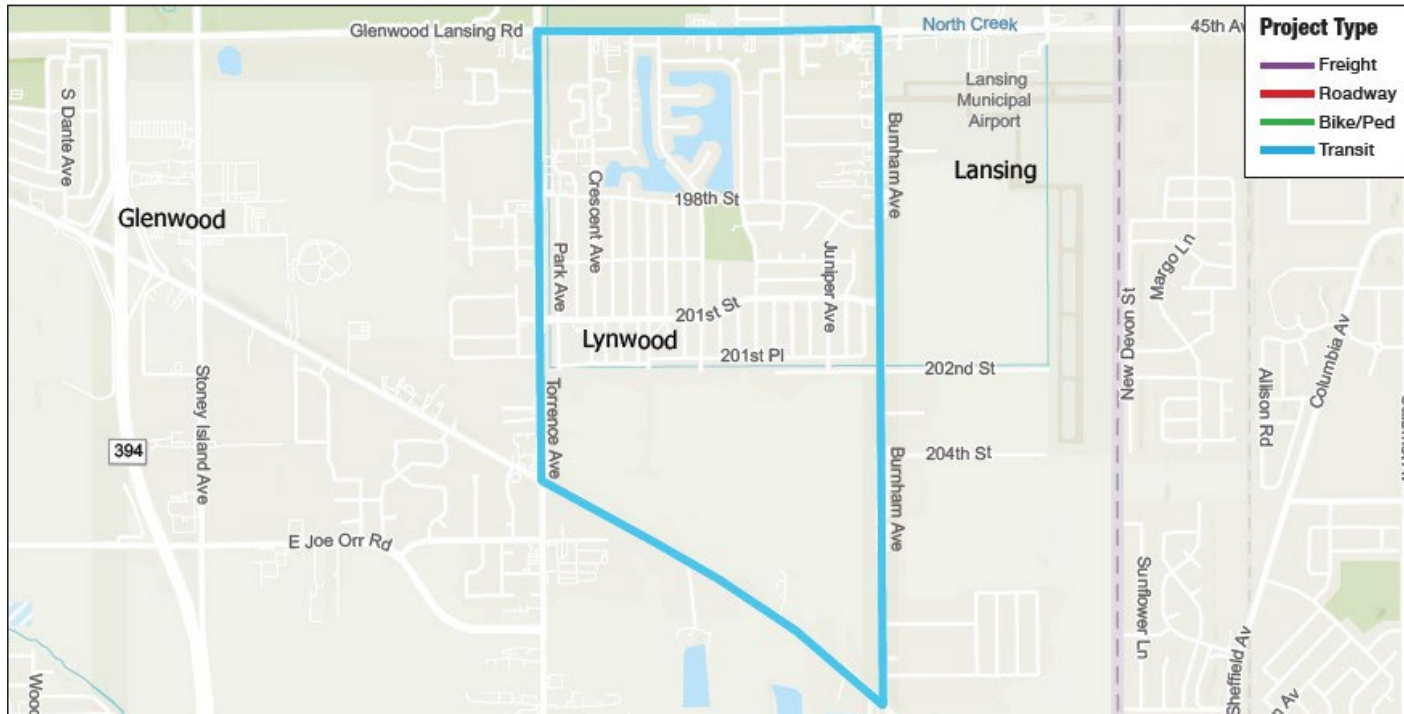
- Distribute project awards across phases, modes, and geography
- Prioritize positive equity impacts
- Consider amount of local match or other funding secured for the project

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Example Projects

Transportation Alternatives –Mobility Study

Project Applicant	Project Type	Phase	Grant Award	Total Phase Cost
Lynwood	Transit	Planning	\$150,000	\$150,000



- Transit connections do not currently exist for Village residents who want to access nearby Pace and Metra options
- Goal: make transit connections feasible for the municipality while identifying biking and pedestrian infrastructure improvements.

Village of Lynwood Mobility Study



Prioritizes transit and other transportation alternatives



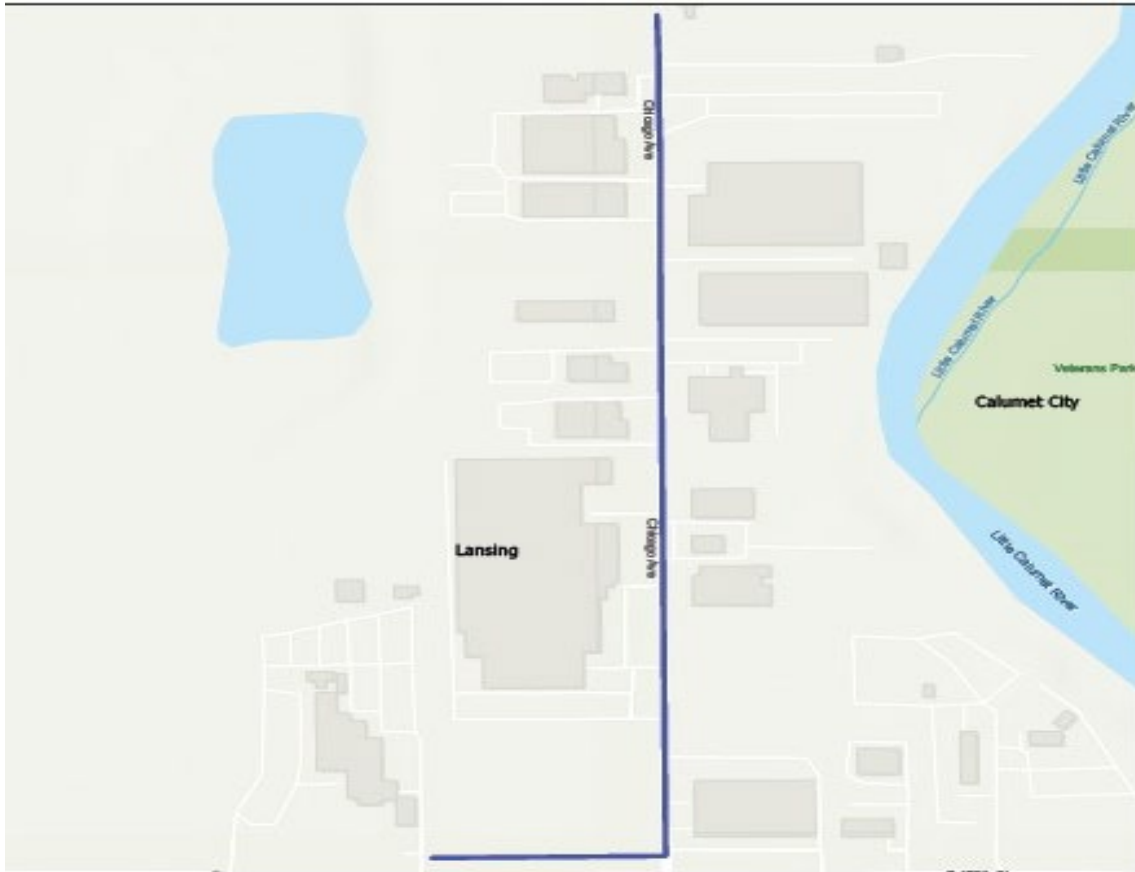
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Freight – Roadway Improvements

Project Applicant	Project Type	Phase	Grant Award	Total Phase Cost
Lansing	Roadway Improvements	Construction	\$400,000	\$1,730,000



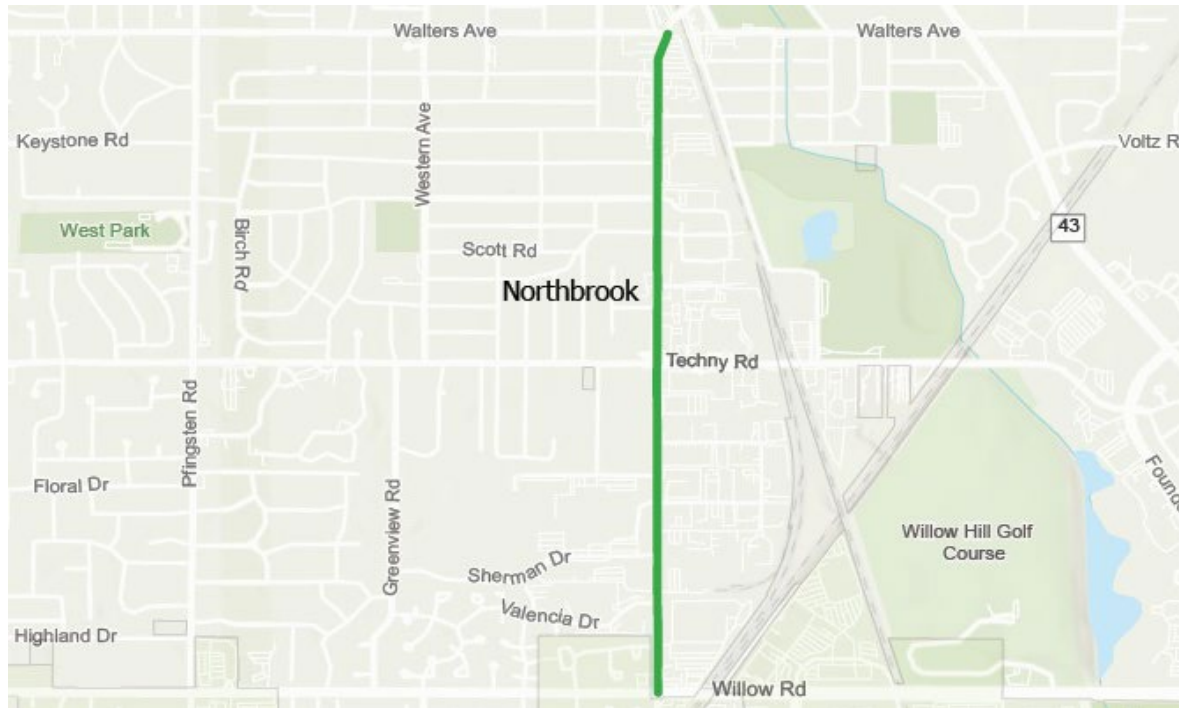
Chicago Avenue Reconstruction

- Reconstruction of Chicago Avenue and addition of new Sidewalks
- Goal: support economic development while supporting existing area businesses and recreational activities.



Expand Regional Trails Network– Phase II Engineering

Project Applicant	Project Type	Phase	Grant Award	Total Phase Cost
Northbrook	Bike	Design Engineering	\$250,000	\$500,000



- Shermer Road currently does not have safe cycling facilities
- Goal: create safer connections between regional cycling trails, transit options, and area schools

Shermer Road Sidepath



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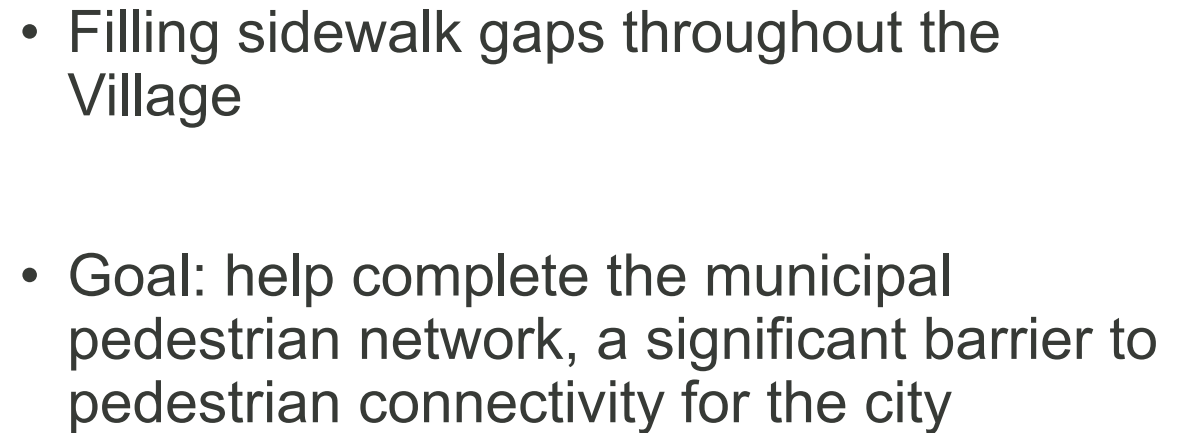


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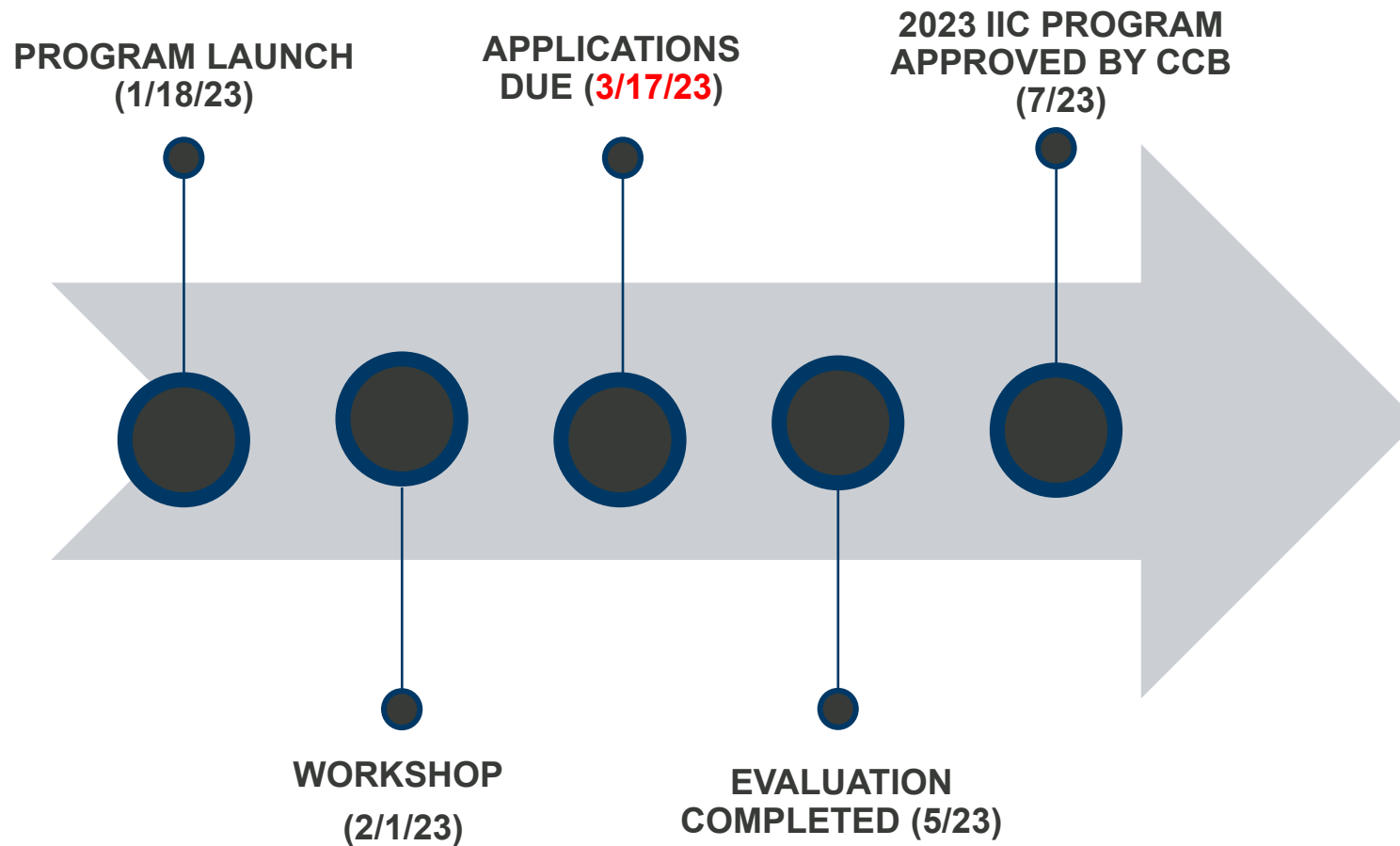
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Project Applicant	Project Type	Phase	Grant Award	Total Phase Cost
Justice	Pedestrian	Construction	\$69,720	\$80,177



Invest in Cook: 2023 Schedule

Milestones



Q&A

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**CDBG Presentation will begin at
2:00pm.**

