

What is Thriving Communities Technical Assistance?

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) [Thriving Communities Technical Assistance program](#) is designed to help local governments ensure housing needs are considered as part of their larger infrastructure investment plans while also supporting equitable development in disadvantaged communities.



How will Thriving Communities TA support the City of Rockford?

The City of Rockford has two transportation infrastructure projects occurring around the downtown area. Through an MOU with the State of Illinois and the Rockford Mass Transit District, the City is utilizing USDOT Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) funding for the Rockford Complete Streets Revitalization project. This project will connect the east and west of downtown Rockford and bring bicycle and pedestrian improvements. The City was also recently awarded a USDOT Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods grant to support the 6th & 9th Street Two-Way Conversion project, which will bring bicycle and pedestrian enhancements, new open space, and development opportunities.

The City of Rockford, IL has requested Thriving Communities TA to further three key goals:

- Identify **housing needs** and articulate a **housing strategy**
- Create a **shared vision** for housing among elected officials, city staff across agencies, housing developers, and residents that is **feasible and implementable**
- Advance residential development, including on the **City-owned green space** available near the 6th & 9th St Two-way Conversion

Who is part of the Thriving Communities TA Team?



[Abt Global](#) brings data-driven, solutions-oriented technical assistance to their partnerships with governments, organizations, and communities. Using proven collaborative methods and tools, they co-create capacity to achieve sustainable outcomes and advance equity.



[National Housing Trust](#) is meeting the affordable housing crisis by developing new communities and ensuring that existing affordable housing doesn't slip away. They work with colleagues in development, lending, and resident services to bring a comprehensive, resident-led, solutions-oriented lens to the challenges facing affordable housing and the people it serves.



[Alabama A&M University](#) Department of Community and Regional Planning has a long history of providing technical assistance to communities throughout the U.S. in areas ranging from land use planning to historic preservation and economic resilience. As a university-based program, their faculty, staff, and students help bring cutting-edge research and new ideas to solving contemporary problems.



[Equitable Cities](#) is an equity-focused urban planning, public policy, and research firm. They bring deep experience with community engagement and facilitation, street-level and scholarly research, and collaboration with partners and clients at the local, state, regional, and federal levels. They are committed to creating inclusive, sustainable, and thriving communities for all.

Whom can I contact for more information on this effort?

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