COMMUNITY APPLICATION



ELIGIBILITY:

Incorporated Illinois municipalities under 20,000 population within Compeer Financials' Illinois territory. (See territory map on page 5.)

TIMELINE:

Applications open Nov. 17, 2025 • **Deadline: Dec. 17, 2025 at 5 PM** Announcement: First week of January 2026

INSTRUCTIONS:

Municipality Name:

Complete all sections and submit application as pdfs to info@hometownconsultants.com with subject "SCI Application - [Community Name]"

SECTION 1 - COMMUNITY INFORMATION

County:	Population:	
Email:		
Website:		
SECTION 2 - CONTACTS		
Primary Contact Name:		
Title:	Phone:	
Email:		
(Optional) Secondary Contact Name:		
Title:	Phone:	
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SECTION 3 - LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Form of Government (Mayor-Council / Village Board / Commission / Other):					
Number of Administrative Staff:	Dedicated Economic Development Staff: ☐ YES ☐ NO				
Departments/Partners involved in S	SCI:				
(List municipal departments and any external p support SCI participation.)	partners such as engineers, planners, consultants, or local organizations who will				
SECTION 4 - CHALLENGE. (A separate document may be attached to the	S & OPPORTUNITIES email submission if needed to answer questions. Please reference section				
numbers in the document.)					
Identify your top 2–3 challenges fac	ing the community:				
Describe any recent momentum or v	wins that demonstrate community progress:				





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SECTION 5 – PRIORITY FOCUS AREAS

Select up to three of the following Priority Focus Areas:				
Governance & Organizational Structure	Economic Development Readiness			
Public Engagement & Communications	☐ Business Retention & Expansion			
Grant Readiness				
SECTION 6 – ENGAGEMENT & COM	MITMENT			
SCI requires commitment and engagement by the selected	d communities.			
Is your community committed to engaging in period complete this program? YES NO	odic meetings with HTC in order to successfully			
Will your community participate in the SCI Capste (Participation is optional but highly encouraged.)	one Event (Spring 2026)? YES NO			
SECTION 7 – NARRATIVE RESPONS	SES			
(A separate document may be attached to the email submission numbers in the document.)	if needed to answer questions. Please reference section			
A.) Vision & Priorities				
Describe the vision for your community and the to development over the next five years. Is this part				





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B.) Program Relevance

Explain how participation in SCI will address your community's most significant challenges or opportunities.
C.) Readiness and Momentum Describe the readiness and momentum your community currently has to support successful participation (e.g., leadership alignment, ongoing projects, or recent wins).





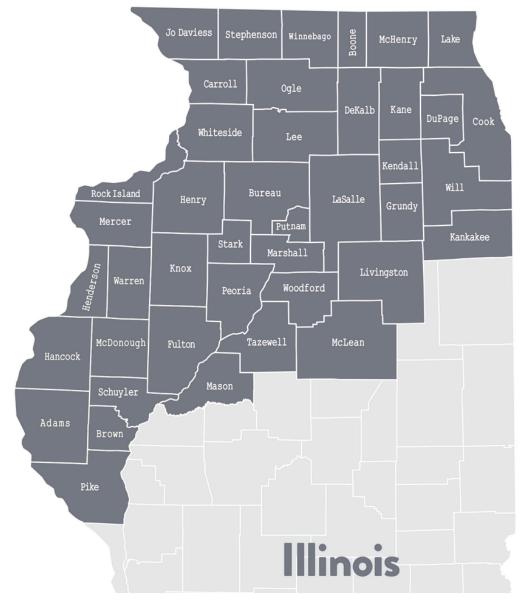


CERTIFICATION

I certify that I am authorized to submit this application on behalf of the governing body and that the information provided is accurate.

Signature:			
Title <u>:</u>			
Date:			

COMPEER FINANCIAL TERRITORY - ILLINOIS ELIGIBILITY MAP







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