

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)

PCFO IGAP Grant Snapshot

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<u>Agency:</u> Department of Transportation (DOT)	<u>Bureau:</u> Office of the Secretary of Transportation
<u>Application Deadline:</u> February 28, 2023	<u>Max Award:</u> \$25 million

Description

The Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program funds surface transportation infrastructure projects that will improve: safety; environmental sustainability; quality of life; mobility and community connectivity; economic competitiveness and opportunity including tourism; state of good repair; partnership and collaboration; and innovation. There is also a \$75 million set aside for eligible planning, preparation, or design of projects.

Eligible Recipients

- States and the District of Columbia
- Any territory or possession of the United States
- A unit of local government
- A public agency or publicly chartered authority established by one or more States
- A special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority
- A Federally recognized Indian Tribe or a consortium of such Indian Tribes
- A transit agency
- A multi-State or multijurisdictional group of entities that are separately eligible

Matching Grant Requirements

Federal cost share of an eligible project may not exceed 80%. The following formula should be used to determine cost share:

$$\frac{(\text{RAISE Grant Request} + \text{Other Federal Funds})}{\text{Total Project Cost}} = \text{Federal Cost Share}$$

Cost share requirements don't apply to projects located in a rural area, historically disadvantaged community (HDC), or an area of persistent poverty (APP).

Eligible Projects

Capital Projects

Surface transportation capital projects may include:

- Highway, bridge, or other road projects
- Public transportation projects
- Passenger and freight rail transportation projects
- Port infrastructure investments
- The surface transportation components of an airport project

- Intermodal projects
- Projects to replace or rehabilitate a culvert or prevent stormwater runoff for the purpose of improving habitat for aquatic species while advancing the goals of the RAISE program
- Projects investing in surface transportation facilities that are located on Tribal land and for which title or maintenance responsibility is vested in the Federal Government
- Any other surface transportation infrastructure project that the Secretary considers to be necessary to advance the goals of the program

Planning Projects

Activities eligible for funding under RAISE planning grants are related to the planning, preparation, or design of eligible surface transportation capital projects. Activities include those related to multidisciplinary projects or regional planning, such as:

- Development of master plans, comprehensive plans, transportation corridor plans, and integrated economic development, land use, housing, and transportation plans
- Zero emissions plan for transit fleet
- Planning activities related to the development of a multimodal freight corridor, including those that seek to reduce conflicts with residential areas and with passenger and non-motorized traffic
- Planning activities related to zero emissions goods movement
- Development of port and regional port planning, including State-wide or multi-port planning within a single jurisdiction or region
- Risk assessments and planning to identify vulnerabilities and address the transportation system’s ability to withstand probable occurrence or recurrence of an emergency or major disaster

DOT will award at least \$15 million for projects located in historically disadvantaged communities or areas of persistent poverty. The minimum RAISE grant award is \$5 million in urban areas and \$1 million in rural areas.

New or Existing Program

Existing program

Tips for Being Competitive

DOT has identified 8 Selection Criteria that will be used to evaluate applications: 1) safety, 2) environmental sustainability, 3) quality of life, 4) improves mobility and community connectivity, 5) economic competitiveness and opportunity, 6) state of good repair, 7) partnership and collaboration, and 8) innovation. Competitive applicants will describe how their project aligns with and advances the goals in each selection criteria.

Labor Requirements

Each applicant selected for RAISE grant funding must demonstrate, to the full extent possible consistent with the law, an effort to create good-paying jobs with the free and fair choice to join a union and the incorporation of strong labor standards. RAISE funds may not be used to support or oppose union organizing.

Examples of Prior Award Recipients

In FY2022, the City of Cincinnati received a \$20 million grant for a project that will connect three neighborhoods with street safety improvements, approximately 36 enhanced intersections, new bicycle facilities, and pedestrian amenities on three corridor segments totaling approximately 3.5 linear miles. Linn Street will be restored to a 'great street,' complete with bike and pedestrian enhancements to mitigate the impact of connections that were severed by the construction of Interstate 75 over Queensgate rail yard lines.

Agency Contact

E-mail at RAISEgrants@dot.gov, or call Howard Hill at 202-366-0301. A TDD is available for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing at 202-366-3993.

Upcoming Webinars

DOT plans to host two webinars, but the dates are yet to be announced. Check the [RAISE Webinar Series Page](#) for updates.

Types of Partners Required

"Partnership and Collaboration" is a Selection Criterion that will be used in application evaluation. Competitive applicants will demonstrate plans to support and engage diverse people and communities. Please review the Partnership and Collaboration Selection Criterion in the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

Total Allocation

\$1.5 billion

Anticipated Award Date

FY2023 RAISE funds must be distributed by September 30, 2032.

Links to Grant Opportunity

- [Grant Opportunity on Grants.gov](#)
- [RAISE Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)