

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)

Agency

U.S. Department of Transportation

Category

Roads, Bridges, and Major Projects

Eligible Applicants

States; territories; 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; and a multi-State or multijurisdictional group of entities that are separately eligible.

Total BIL Funding

\$7.5 Billion over five years.

FY24 Grant Funding

FY24 funding levels are TBD.

Key Dates

Based on FY23 dates, the FY24 NOFO should be released in early winter 2023.

Match Requirements

Based on the [FY23 NOFO](#) (Notice of Funding Opportunity), the match requirement is expected to be 20% of the total project cost unless the project is located in a rural area (areas located outside a Census-designated urbanized area with a population of greater than 200,000), a historically disadvantaged community (HDC), or an area of persistent poverty (APP). DOT provides more information on the definition of an HDC and APP [here](#). For projects located in these areas, DOT may increase the federal cost share.

Overview

According to the Department of Transportation, RAISE Grants are for investments in surface transportation that will have a significant local or regional impact. Previously known as BUILD and TIGER, this discretionary transportation infrastructure program allows project sponsors at the State and local levels to obtain funding for multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional projects that are more difficult to support through traditional DOT programs.

Eligible Activities

RAISE grants can be used for planning or capital construction grants. Per the [FY23 NOFO](#):

Planning grant eligible activities include the planning, preparation, or design of eligible capital projects, and activities related to multidisciplinary projects or regional planning, such as

1. Development of master plans, comprehensive plans, transportation corridor plans, and integrated economic development, land use, housing, and transportation plans
2. Zero emissions plan for transit fleet
3. 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
4. Planning activities related to zero emissions goods movement
5. Development of port and regional port planning, including State-wide or multi-port planning within a single jurisdiction or region
6. 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

Capital construction (or a “Capital Project”) grants eligible activities are surface transportation capital projects related to:

1. Highway, bridge, or other road projects
2. Public transportation projects
3. Passenger and freight rail transportation projects
4. Port infrastructure investments (including inland port infrastructure and land ports of entry)
5. The surface transportation components of an airport project
6. Intermodal projects
7. 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
8. 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
9. Any other surface transportation infrastructure project that the Secretary considers to be necessary to advance the goals of the program, including:
 - a. Transit-oriented development projects
 - b. Mobility on-demand projects that expand access and reduce transportation cost burden
 - c. Intermodal projects

Opportunities for Climate and Racial Wealth Equity

RAISE is a Justice40 program and DOT seeks to improve equity and environmental justice by addressing transportation-related disparities and climate change-related consequences. Specifically, RAISE will fund projects that, to the extent possible, target at least 40% of resources and benefits towards low-income communities, disadvantaged communities, communities underserved by affordable transportation, or overburdened communities.

Key Funding Criteria

Based on the [FY23 NOFO](#), applicants can expect to be evaluated on the project’s impact on safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, mobility and community connectivity, economic competitiveness and opportunity, state of good repair, partnership and collaboration, and innovation.

Additional Information

Based on the [FY23 NOFO](#), no more than 15% of RAISE funding available each year may be allocated to projects in a single state.

This information is sourced from the Department of Transportation RAISE [website](#) and from the [FY23 NOFO](#).