

Local Infrastructure Hub

Winning Project: Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program

The Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program was created under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to equitably improve roadway safety and sustainability.

The first round of RAISE grants awarded more than \$2.2 billion to 166 projects in urban and rural communities across the country to improve the safety and sustainability of transportation infrastructure in communities across the country. The \$2.2 billion RAISE 2023 awards fund 162 projects across 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Northern Mariana Islands, and Puerto Rico.

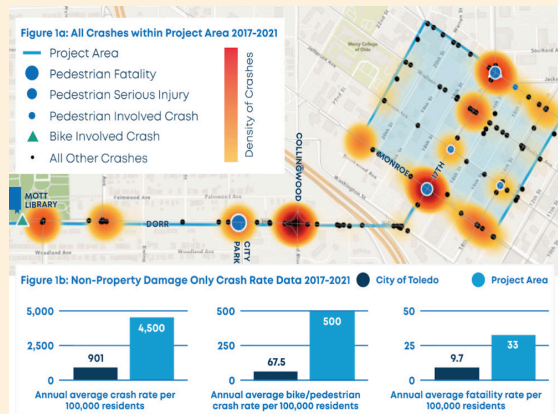
Cities can use the case study below to submit a competitive application for the forthcoming funding opportunity. View more 2023 RAISE winning applications [here](#).

Toledo, Ohio: Connecting Toledo Neighborhoods to Opportunity, From Redlining to Green Streets

Capital, Urban Grant – Awarded at \$20,000,000 • See Toledo's [winning application](#)

Toledo, Ohio received funding to reconnect two disadvantaged, historically Black communities to Toledo's downtown economic center. The project will modernize 38 city blocks with new sidewalks, streetscapes, an enhanced tree canopy, and new water utilities. It will also construct a new transit hub for public buses.

Making the Case: Highway construction in the 1960s and 70s cut off a thriving historically Black neighborhood from Toledo's economic center and demolished residents' homes and businesses. This redlining hampered walkability and road safety, and led to economic decline. This project will address these challenges by promoting infrastructure improvements that enhance connectivity and road safety, for example by improving sidewalks and installing a new transit hub that connects the neighborhoods to downtown Toledo.



Key Application Features:

Using Data to Tell a Story	The application effectively uses data to craft a narrative of the challenges facing the neighborhoods and how the project will address those challenges. For example, it details elevated crash data, analyzes roadway infrastructure through an analysis of pavement conditions , and illuminates how the neighborhoods are disconnected by showing the percentage of households without access to a car.
Workforce Development	The project includes equitable workforce development provisions, including Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) with preferences for workers from the local community, as well as Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC). It also includes provisions for BIPOC contractors , and has prevailing wage requirements to ensure that workers are adequately compensated.
Community Engagement	The planning phase of the project convened 100 stakeholders – including residents, businesses, service providers, non-profits, and government agencies – to guide the project's implementation and promote equity for the communities affected by the project.
Addressing Long Term Inequity	This project is focused on addressing the redlining and urban renewal that transformed two thriving historically Black neighborhoods into disadvantaged communities. The focus on providing options for pedestrians and public transit users also supports individuals without access to a vehicle, who are disproportionately lower-income.