## Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program Fact Sheet 2024

Agency: US. 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 multi-jurisdictional group of entities that are separately eligible.

## Total IIJA Funding: \$7.5 billion for FYs22-26

**Overview:** Based on the <u>FY24 NOFO</u>, the RAISE grant program will fund the planning for, or construction of, local and regional surface transportation infrastructure projects that 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.

**FY25 Grant Funding:** TBD. For reference, the FY24 NOFO offered <u>\$1.5 billion</u> to RAISE applicants.

**Match Requirements:** Based on the <u>FY24 NOFO</u>, applicants will be required to match 20% of overall project costs unless the project is located in a rural area, a historically disadvantaged community (HDC), or an area of persistent poverty (APP), as defined in the NOFO.

**Key Dates:** The FY25 NOFO is anticipated to be released in Fall 2024. Based on the <u>FY24</u> <u>NOFO</u>, the deadline to apply for FY25 will be January 13, 2025.

**Key Funding Criteria:** Based on the <u>FY24 NOFO</u>, 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.

**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.

**Eligible Activities:** Based on the <u>FY24 NOFO</u>, RAISE grants can be used for planning or capital construction projects.

**Planning Projects** are related to the planning, preparation, or design— for example environmental analysis, equity analysis, community engagement, feasibility studies, benefit-cost analysis, and other pre-construction activities—of eligible surface transportation capital projects.

- 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

Capital Projects are surface transportation capital activities related to:

- Highway, bridge, or other road projects
- Public transportation projects
- Passenger and freight rail transportation projects
- Port infrastructure investments (including inland port infrastructure and land ports of entry)
- 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, including:
  - Transit-oriented development projects
  - Mobility on-demand projects that expand access and reduce transportation cost burden
  - Intermodal projects

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Additional Information: Program information is available on the <u>RAISE</u> webpage.