

PCFO IGAP Grant Snapshot RAISE GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Grant Name: Local and Regional Project Assistance Grants (RAISE)	
Agency: Department of Transportation	Bureau: Office of the Secretary
Max Award: \$25 million	Matching grant requirements: Yes, 20% matching.No matching required for projects in rural areas, Historically Disadvantaged Communities, or Areas of Persistent Poverty.

Application Deadline: 04/14/2022 at 5:00PM ET

Letters of Support Accepted: Send to <u>RAISEgrants@dot.gov</u> (letters accepted before grant application submission as well as after, due to the extent possible)

Eligible Recipients:

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

Description: RAISE is a competitive grant program for surface transportation infrastructure projects that will have a significant local or regional impact. At least \$15 million in funding is guaranteed to go towards projects located in Areas of Persistent Poverty or Historically Disadvantaged Communities.

The minimum RAISE grant award for urban areas is \$5 million and \$1 million for rural areas.

Eligible Projects: Surface transportation projects - both for project planning and for infrastructure development

Capital projects including but not limited to:

highway, bridge, or other road projects

- public transportation projects eligible
- passenger and freight rail transportation projects
- port infrastructure investments (including inland port infrastructure and land ports of entry)
- the surface transportation components of airport projects
- intermodal projects
- a project to replace or rehabilitate a culvert or prevent stormwater runoff for the purpose of improving habitat for aquatic species
- 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 are also eligible and include planning, preparation, or design of eligible surface transportation capital projects.

For additional details on eligibility, please view the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

New or Existing Program: Existing; formerly known as Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE), TIGER, and BUILD Transportation Grants

Tips for being competitive: The Department is interested in projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, include design elements to address climate change, promote energy efficiency, address environmental justice and racial equity, and support the creation of good-paying jobs. The Department is also interested in projects that align with the President's environmental goals to promote energy efficiency, support fiscally responsible land use and transportation efficient design, increase use of lower-carbon travel modes such as transit and active transportation, incorporate electrification or zero-emission vehicle infrastructure, increase climate resilience, support domestic manufacturing, incorporate lower-carbon pavement and construction materials, reduce pollution, and recycle or redevelop brownfield sites.

Examples of prior award recipients: The Maumee Watershed Conservancy District in Findlay, OH received over \$7.1 million for the Blanchard River Norfolk Southern Bridge Replacement project. The project will replace a railroad bridge, increasing community resilience by making transportation infrastructure more reliable for emergency services and reducing the risk of flooding.

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Upcoming webinars/info sessions:

- <u>February 28, 1-3pm</u>: "How to Compete for RAISE Grants- Environmental Justice Communities, Areas of Persistent Poverty, and Historically Disadvantaged Communities"
- March 4, 1-3pm: "How to Compete for RAISE Grants"

Types of partners required? None required

Total Allocation: \$1.5 billion for FY2022

Resources and Grant Opportunity:

- Grant Opportunity on Grants.gov
- Notice of Funding Opportunity
- RAISE Application Instructions
- RAISE Webinar Series
- RAISE Grants Capital Awards in FY2021