

**Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)
2023 Discretionary Grant**

This is only a summary; applicants should not rely on it to meet application requirements. Study the full grant opportunity announcement before applying for any federal grant.

Program Description – RAISE Grants are for investments in surface transportation that will have a significant local or regional impact, invest efficiently and equitably, promote the competitiveness of the U.S. economy, improve job opportunities by focusing on high labor standards, strengthen infrastructure resilience to all hazards including climate change, and to effectively coordinate with State, local, Tribal, and territorial government partners.

Opportunity Numbers – DTOS59-23-RA-RAISE		Agency – USDOT			
Available Funding: FY23 - \$1.5 Billion total. Capital Projects – Rural – 50% / Urban – 50% Min Award: \$1 million / Max Award: \$25 million Planning Projects - \$75 million total Min Award: Rural - \$1 million / Urban - \$5 million (At least \$15 million for HDC and APP areas.)		NOFO – https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=344667			
		BCA Required? Yes			
		Closing – 02/28/2023 11:59 PM EST			
Award Announcement by: 06/28/2023		Obligation Through: 09/30/2027		Expend By: 09/30/2032	
Required Cost Share: (pg 11) 80/20 (<i>RAISE Grant Request+Other Federal Funds</i>)/ <i>Total Project Cost = Federal Cost Share</i>) Unless in a rural area, a historically disadvantaged community (HDC), or area of persistent poverty (APP).					
Eligible Applicants: (pg 10/11) States; District of Columbia; any territory or possession of the United States; local government; a public agency or publicly chartered authority; a special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function; a federally recognized Indian Tribe; a transit agency; and a multi-State or multijurisdictional group of entities.					
Eligible Capital Projects (pg 13-14): (1) highway, bridge, or other road projects; (2) public transportation projects; (3) passenger and freight rail transportation projects; (4) port infrastructure investments; (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; (8) projects investing in surface transportation facilities on Tribal land; and (9) any other surface transportation infrastructure project that the Secretary considers to be necessary to advance the goals of the program including non-motorized projects and intermodal projects. Eligible Planning Projects (pg 15): Funding for planning, preparation, or design (environmental analysis), equity analysis, community engagement, feasibility studies, and other pre-construction activities. DOT will not evaluate the benefits and costs or environmental risks of planning projects.					
Primary Merit Criteria for Selection (NOFO Pages 25–26 & 38 - 57): The DOT will consider whether the benefits are clear, direct, data-driven, and significant, which will result in a rating of “high, “medium,” “low,” or “non-responsive.					
Safety	Environmental Sustainability	Quality of Life	Improves Mobility & Community Connectivity	Economic Competitiveness & Opportunity	State of Good Repair
The DOT seeks to fund projects that target at least 40 percent of resources and benefits towards low-income communities, disadvantaged communities, communities underserved by affordable transportation, or overburdened communities.					

Application & Narrative Requirements

Each lead applicant may submit no more than 3 applications. Application files must be prepared with standard formatting preferences (a single-spaced document, 12-point font such as Times New Roman, with 1-inch margins) and all documents should be submitted in PDF, unless otherwise specified. Refer to the table on page 20 of the NOFO for specific page submission requirements. This round requires narrative sections to be broken into individual specific documents.

