

FY 2025 RAISE Grant Summary

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 – Planning and/or constructing surface transportation infrastructure that have a significant local or regional impact.

Opportunity Numbers – DTOS59-25-RA-RAISE		Agency – USDOT	
Obligation Deadline: September 30, 2029		Closing – Round 1 Deadline – Dec 2, 2024 -- 11:59pm Round 2 Deadline – Jan 30, 2025 -- 11:59pm	BCA Required? Yes
Expenditure Deadline: September 30, 2034			
Available Funding: Estimated \$1.5B (subject to funding availability through Congress) Intention for Two Rounds of Funding <u>Round 1</u> – Portion of \$1.5B for Highly Rated apps not selected under FY2024 will automatically be designated ‘Projects of Merit’ and carried over <u>Round 2</u> – Remainder of \$1.5B under FY2025		NOFO & Related – https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/356890 Applicant Award Notification Round 1 Date – Jan 13, 2025 Applicant Award Notification Round 2 Date – no later than June 28, 2025	
Minimum Award: None for Planning Projects; Capital Projects – Rural Areas -- \$1M; Urban Areas -- \$5M Maximum – \$25M; Expected number of awards – 150 Each applicant can submit up to 3 applications		Eligible Project Cost Restrictions: Urban – up to 80% Federal Funding; Rural/Areas of Persistent Poverty/Historically Disadvantaged Areas – up to 100% Federal Funding For each project that receives a RAISE grant award, the terms of the award require the recipient to complete the project using at least the level of non-Federal funding specified in the application. Unless authorized by the Department in writing after award date, Any costs incurred prior to FHWA’s obligation of funds for a project (“pre-award costs”) are ineligible for reimbursement and cost share requirements.	
Statutorily Required Available Funding: Restrictions on Funding: Per State – No more than 15% (\$225M); Rural Projects – No more than 50% (\$750M); Urban Projects – No more than 50% (\$750M), Planning Projects – at least 5% (\$75M), Projects located in Areas of Persistent Poverty and or Historically Disadvantaged Communities – at least 1% (\$15M)			
Safety	Environmental Sustainability	Quality of Life	Mobility and Community Connectivity
Economic Competitiveness and Opportunity	State of Good Repair	Partnership and Collaboration	Innovation

Eligible Applicants –

States and 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 Projects: Capital Projects (1) highway or bridge projects; (2) public transportation projects; (3) passenger and freight rail transportation projects; (4) port infrastructure investments; (5) surface transportation components of an

airport project; (6) intermodal projects; (7) projects to replace or rehabilitate a culvert or prevent stormwater runoff to improve habitat for aquatic species; (8) surface transportation facilities on Tribal land; and (9) any other surface transportation infrastructure projects that Secretary considers necessary to advance the goals of the program.

Planning Projects: (1) Planning, preparation or design of capital projects that would not result in construction with FY 2025 funding; (2) development of master, comprehensive, transportation corridor plans, and integrated economic development, land use, housing, and transportation plans; (3) zero emissions plan for transit fleet; (4) planning activities for zero emissions goods movement; (5) port and regional port planning; and (6) risk assessments and planning to identify the transportation system's vulnerabilities and ability to withstand an emergency or major disaster.

Changes from FY 2024 NOFO – Outline Process to carry forward FY 2024 RAISE Projects of Merit applications for consideration under Round 1; Reserve a portion of FY 2025 Funding for FY 2024 Projects of Merit applications; Update Areas of Persistent Poverty to account for most recent Small Area Income Poverty Estimates; Update references to comply with updated 2 CFR Part 200 Appendix I, Improve organization and clarity of the information the Department uses to assess project readiness.

Administration Priorities -- Safety, Equity, Climate Change and Sustainability, Workforce Development, Job Quality, and Wealth Creation.

Application & Narrative Requirements

Required components include **SF-424, FY 2025 RAISE Project Information Form, Project Description (5 pages), Project Location File, Project Budget (5 pages), Funding Commitment Documentation, Merit Criteria (15 pages), Project Readiness (5 pages), BCA Narrative, BCA Calculations, Letters of Support (Optional). Supporting Documents may be included but are not required to be reviewed.** Standard Formatting: single-spaced, 12-point standard font such as Times New Roman, 1-inch margins. Files should be in PDF unless otherwise specified.