

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program



Est. application deadline¹: January 2025



Est. total funding for 2025¹: \$1.5B

Est. rural funding for 2025¹: \$750M

Source: Estimated based on [RAISE NOFO 2024](#); subject to change when NOFO is released. NOFO estimated to be released November 2024.

RAISE supports investments in surface transportation infrastructure that will have a significant local or regional impact



Goals and merit criteria for RAISE grants:

Grants will be awarded for surface transportation infrastructure projects (roads, bridges, rail, ports, transit, EV) that will improve:

- equity,
- safety;
- environmental sustainability;
- quality of life;
- mobility and community connectivity;
- economic competitiveness and opportunity including tourism;
- state of good repair;
- partnership and collaboration;
- innovation.

RAISE Program Details

RAISE is a competitive grant program (~15% award rate) for infrastructure construction and planning projects, with the majority of funding going towards large capital projects

Match funding requirement: 0-20%¹

Direct Pay applicability: Yes³

	Capital grants	Planning grants
Description	Construction or physical modifications for infrastructure	Planning, preparation, or design of eligible pre-construction surface transportation projects
Eligible grant uses	Highway, bridge, or other road projects	Environmental analysis
	Public transportation projects	Equity analysis
	Passenger and freight rail transportation projects	Community engagement
	Intermodal projects	Feasibility studies & cost-benefit analyses
Award amounts:	<i>Minimum award</i>	\$1M for rural, \$5M for urban areas ²
	<i>Maximum award</i>	\$25M for both types
	<i>Award location distributions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50% of funding will be allocated to urban and rural localities, respectively Minimum of 11% to historically disadvantaged areas
	<i>Award type set aside</i>	A minimum of 5% of grant funds (\$75M)
Previous awards (national)	2023 Awards (1100 applications)	113 capital grants (\$2B total)
	2022 Awards (900 applications)	121 capital grants (\$2B total)
Previous awards (MI)	2023 awards (33 applications)	3 capital grants (\$6.7M, \$8.5M, \$16.3M)
	2022 awards (20 applications)	2 capital grants (\$20M, \$25M)

1. No match required for rural areas, historically disadvantaged communities (HDC), or areas of persistent poverty (APP) as defined by CEJST. Other entities may have a match requirement of 20%.

2. A project is designated as urban if it is located within (or on the boundary of) a Census-designated urban area that had a population greater than 200K in the 2020 Census. A project is designated as rural if it is located outside a Census-designated urban area that had a population greater than 200K in the 2020 Census.

3. A previous awardee in Michigan, Truck Stop of Future, intended to install solar canopies and serve as prototype for transition to electric vehicles.

What you will need to apply for a RAISE grant

RAISE applications are open to government entities and transit agencies, and require a thorough application package with additional components for capital grants



Eligible Entities

- States and the District of Columbia
- Local government
- Public agency or publicly chartered authority
- Special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority
- Federally recognized Indian Tribe or a consortium of such Indian Tribes
- Transit agency
- Multi-State or multijurisdictional group of entities



Key Grant Application Components¹

30-page application limit²

- Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)
- Project description
- Statement of work
- Project location file identifying impacted location (e.g., ShapeFile, GeoJSON)
- Project budget
- Narrative of merit goals and criteria met
- Project readiness narrative
 - Project schedule and milestones
 - Technical Assessment
 - Demonstrate experience with federal funding, project planning, and project delivery
 - Financial Completeness Assessment
 - Present full accounting of funding sources for the project budget and contingencies for cost overruns

Additional requirements for capital grants

- Environmental Risk Assessment
 - Demonstrate project is reasonably expected to begin construction in a timely manner upon release of funds, and consistent with applicable local, State, and Federal requirements
- Benefit-Cost Analysis

1. Not the requirements to apply for TAC support. Not inclusive of all documents required to apply; please refer to NOFO for the full requirements and details

2. Excluding supporting documents

Examples of past winners in Michigan



Pike Street Clinton River Trail Connector (2023)

Applicant: City of Pontiac

Impacted locality: City of Pontiac (urban)

Funding: \$16.3M (capital grant)

Project description: This project will make pedestrian improvements along approximately four miles of road in Pontiac and will install the North Spur Trail (NST).

RAISE goals and merit criteria addressed:

- Impacts underserved community
- Improves safety
- Reduces transportation-related air pollution
- Eliminates gaps in the existing bicycle and pedestrian network through ADA and universal design improvements
- Increases accessible transportation choices
- Improves connectivity to a variety of destinations including jobs, parks, and neighborhoods.



Truck Stop of the Future Initiative (2023)

Applicant: Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity

Impacted locality: Wayne County (urban)

Funding: \$8.5M (capital grant)

Project description: The project will construct electric vehicle charging infrastructure in Redford, Michigan. The project will include multiple Direct Current Fast Chargers (DCFCs), solar canopies, and battery energy storage systems.

RAISE goals and merit criteria addressed:

- Impacts underserved community
- Supports environmental sustainability efforts
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions due to the clean energy investments
- Aligns with the state's decarbonization plan
- Incorporates innovative technologies such as a solar roof and waste reduction strategies
- Serves as a prototype for the region's transition to zero-emission electric vehicles



Downtown Kalamazoo Transportation Network (2022)

Applicant: City of Kalamazoo

Impacted locality: City of Kalamazoo (urban)

Funding: \$6M (planning grant)

Project description: This planning grant will redesign the Downtown Kalamazoo Transportation Network to be more walkable based upon a complete streets design, including converting Kalamazoo Avenue from a one-way street to a two-way street.

RAISE goals and merit criteria addressed:

- Impacts underserved community by addressing corridor of downtown that has separated neighborhoods and perpetuated old "redline district" boundaries
- Improves safety in corridor with speed-related crash rates historically higher per million vehicles than I-94
- Supports partnership and collaboration by utilizing the City's Public Participation Plan to implement a diverse community engagement process during design and construction