

**Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)
2024 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 – DTOS59-24-RA-RAISE		Agency – USDOT	
Available Funding: (pg 7) FY24 - \$1.5 Billion total.		NOFO – https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/351205	
Capital Projects – Rural – 50% / Urban – 50%		BCA Required? Yes (Capital Projects)	
Min Award: \$1 million / Max Award: \$25 million		Closing – 02/28/2024 11:59 PM EST	
Planning Projects - \$75 million total			
Min Award: None / Max Award: \$25 million			
(At least \$15 million for HDC and APP areas.)			
Award Announcement by: 06/27/24	Obligation Deadline: 09/30/2028	Expend Deadline: 09/30/2033	
Required Cost Share: (pg 9) 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 9) 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.			
Capital Projects (pg 10-11): (1) highway, bridge, or other road 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) surface transportation infrastructure projects that advance the goals of the program to include intermodal and non-motorized projects.			
Planning Projects (pg 11-12): (1) development of master, comprehensive, transportation corridor plans, and integrated economic development, land use, housing, and transportation plans; (2) zero emissions plan for transit fleet; (3) multimodal freight corridor plan; (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.			
Merit Criteria for Selection (pgs 27- 41): 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	Mobility & Community Connectivity
Economic Competitiveness & Opportunity	State of Good Repair	Partnership and Collaboration	Innovation
The RAISE program set the goal that 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain climate, clean energy, and other covered Federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities.			

Application & Narrative Requirements (pgs 14-15):

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. SF-424 required