



Illinois Department of Transportation

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FEDERAL NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY FY 2022 REBUILD AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE) PROGRAM

COUNTY ENGINEERS / SUPERINTENDENTS OF HIGHWAYS
MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS / DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC WORKS / MAYORS
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS – DIRECTORS
TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS
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The United States Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) has recently announced through the Federal Register they are soliciting project applications through the competitive transportation grant program known as the RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) Grant Program. This program was formerly known as BUILD Transportation Grants.

The NOFO for this program is available here: [RAISE NOFO](#) All applicants should read this notice in its entirety so that they have the information they need to submit eligible and competitive applications. Applicants who are planning to re-apply using materials prepared for prior competitions should ensure that their FY 2022 application fully addresses the criteria and considerations described in this Notice and that all relevant information is up to date.

Fiscal Year 2022 RAISE grants are for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure projects and will be awarded on a competitive basis to projects that will have a significant local or regional impact. The Department seeks to fund projects under the RAISE Program that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and are designed with specific elements to address climate change impacts.

Specifically, the Department is looking to award projects that align with the President's greenhouse gas reduction goals, 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.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117-58, November 15, 2021, "Bipartisan Infrastructure Law," or "BIL") authorized and appropriated \$1.5 billion for National Infrastructure Investments. All projects including

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planning projects have a minimum award of \$5 million for urban projects and \$1 million for rural projects. Grants may not be greater than \$25 million. Not more than fifty percent of the funds shall be awarded to rural projects. Not more than fifty percent of the funds shall be awarded to urban projects. U.S. DOT seeks to fund projects that to the extent possible, target at least 40 percent of resources and benefits toward low-income communities, disadvantaged communities, communities underserved by affordable transportation, or overburdened communities. No more than \$225 million can be awarded to a single State.

Eligible Applicants for RAISE Transportation grants are State, local, and tribal governments, including U.S. territories, transit agencies, port authorities, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and other political subdivisions of State or local governments. **[Interested agencies should apply through Grants.gov by 5:00 PM Eastern on April 14, 2022.](#)**

For further information regarding this notice, please contact the RAISE grant program staff via email at RAISEgrants@dot.gov, or call Howard Hill at (202) 366-0301. A TDD is available for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing at 202-366-3993.

If you have any questions regarding this circular letter, please contact Stephane B. Seck-Birhame, Local Program Development Engineer at (217) 782-3972 or Babilbile.Seck@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,



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