



# TOWN OF ELIZABETH

PATRICK G. DAVIDSON, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

TO: Honorable Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Members of the Board of Trustees  
FROM: Patrick Davidson, Town Administrator  
DATED: January 14, 2024  
SUBJECT: RAISE Grant Program [Federal/CDOT Grant]

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## BACKGROUND

During the Board's meeting on December 10, 2024, the Board instructed Staff to seek grant funding through the RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) Grant Program.

The specific requirements of the Grant(s) are as follows:

Application: The Grant application is completed through ECCOG's grant specialists.  
Administration: The Grant is administered through ECCOG.  
Match: As a designated rural area, there is no match required from the Town of Elizabeth.  
Funding: The minimum award size is \$1M, with each applicant submitting up to three (3) applications for \$1M each.  
The maximum award size is \$25M with each applicant submitting up to three (3) applications for \$25M each.  
Uses: Planning and/or construction of surface transportation infrastructure including streets, sidewalks, bridges, rail transportation, replace/rehabilitate culverts for stormwater runoff, and related matters.  
Funding: Funds committed by September 2029 and expended by 2034.  
Due Date: Submission by January 30, 2025, with selection in June 2025.

## ANALYSIS

Staff have identified projects which meet the basic requirements for the grants to include:

1. The completion of the construction of South Main Street from E. Walnut Street to E. Maple Street; the completion of E. Maple Street from S. Banner Street to S. Main Street. The completion of these sections of street will create continuity for both E. Maple Street and S. Main Street; provide enhanced emergency vehicle access; provide additional sidewalks; and complete the Main Street Streetscape Project.
2. The completion of sidewalks along E. Kiowa Ave. [HWY 86] from Running Creek Bridge westward on E. Kiowa Ave. to North Garland Street; the completion of sidewalks along E. Kiowa Ave. [HWY 86] from Running Creek Bridge eastward on E. Kiowa Ave. to County Road 17.
3. The completion of W. Beverly Street from the roundabout located at County Road 136 eastward to the Elizabeth Pines and the Plains Library [subject to appropriate easements from the associated property owner].



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## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The RAISE Grant provides a unique opportunity as it requires no matching funds. There appears to be no prohibition of committing funds before the 2029 deadline, and while spending by the Town could enhance the above-mentioned projects, there is no mandatory match for the funds.

Staff respectfully requests that the Board support applications for all three (3) projects identified above, with each application seeking a minimum of \$1M for a project, with no single project to exceed \$3M using solely grant funds.<sup>1</sup>

## BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Initially, there are no budget considerations, nor does the award of any grant require matching funds as a condition of grant acceptance. Staff would anticipate that the award of any grant would trigger additional discussions as to the ultimate scope and nature of any project. In the event of an award of a grant, the Board of Trustees would have approximately four (4) years to finalize the design of the project and ten (10) years in which to formally complete the project.

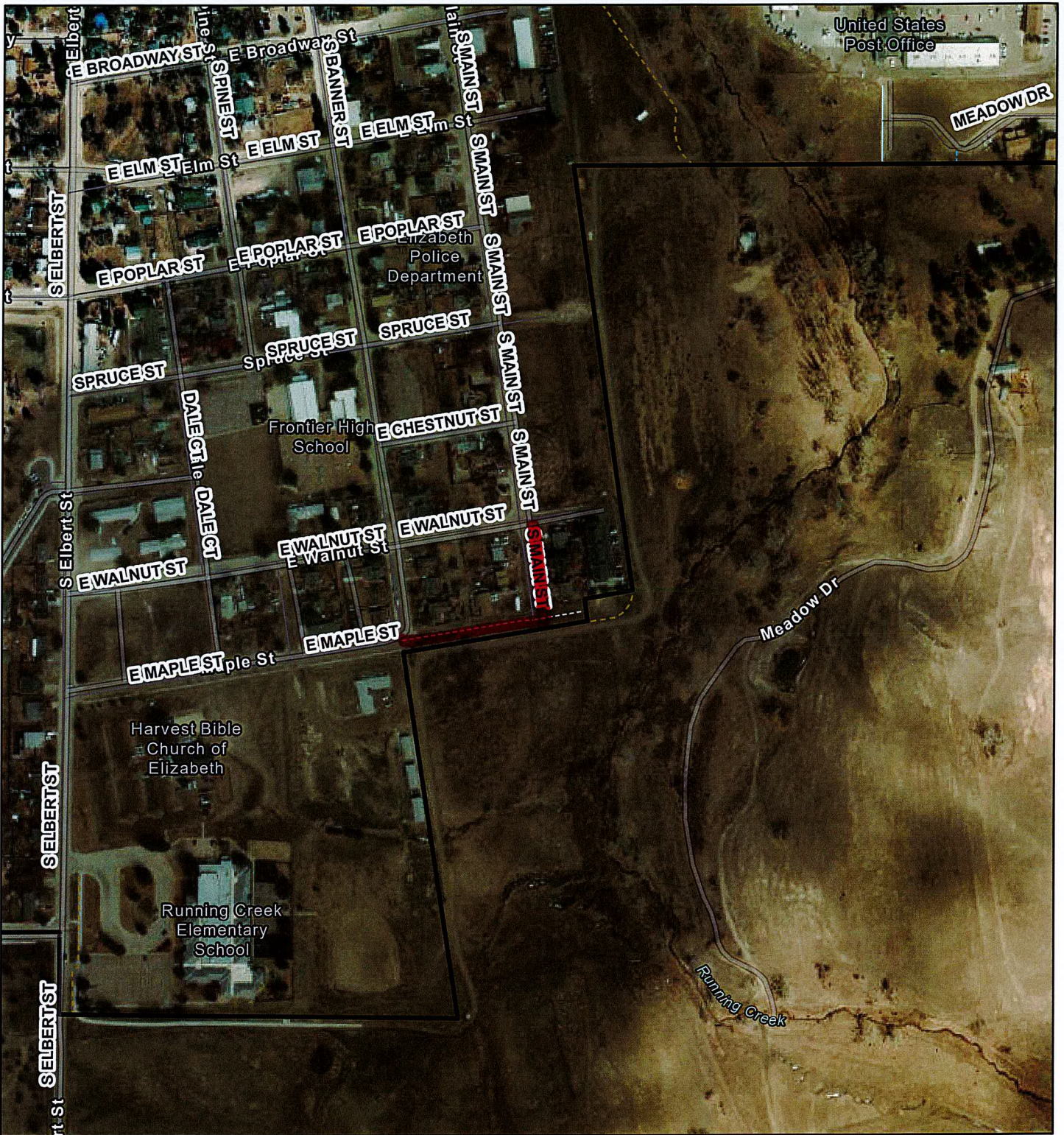
## ATTACHMENTS

Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and/or Town Administrator to Execute All Required and Necessary Documents for Grant Applications to the RAISE Grant Program


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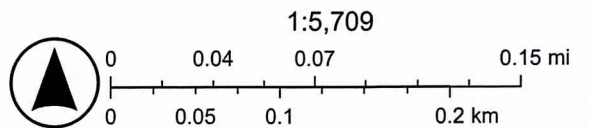
<sup>1</sup> Federal grants, such as this, require compliance with all federal laws involving the National Environmental Protection Act [NEPA], specialized labor laws, bidding preferences, and related burdens. The grant application will likely include an additional 25% above what the Board might be accustomed to for these kinds of projects due to Federal requirements. Those costs will be built-in to the final application, and are to be considered part of the grant administration and construction costs.

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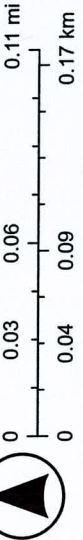
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



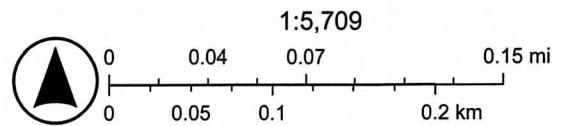
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**RESOLUTION 25R04**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ALL REQUIRED AND NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE RAISE GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, under the U.S. Department of Transportation Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program, grant funding is available for the Town of Elizabeth; and

WHEREAS the RAISE Grant Program authorizes the Town of Elizabeth to seek grant funding of between \$1,000,000 and \$25,000,000 for up to three (3) separate grant applications within Elizabeth; and

WHEREAS, Staff and the Board have identified three (3) specific projects for consideration, including (1) the completion of construction of South Main Street and East Maple Street in Elizabeth; (2) the completion of sidewalks along E. Kiowa Ave. [HWY 86] from approximately North Garland Street to County Road 17; and (3) the completion of West Beverly Street; and

WHEREAS applications will be submitted seeking funding of no less than \$1,000,000 and no more than \$3,000,000 for each of the projects previously identified; and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor of the Town of Elizabeth and/or the Town Administrator to execute and submit all required and necessary documents for grant applications to the RAISE Grant Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF ELIZABETH, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:

The Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor of the Town of Elizabeth and/or the Town Administrator to execute and submit all required documents for grant applications to the RAISE Grant Program.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 14th day of January 2025, by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Elizabeth, Colorado, on first and final reading, by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ for and \_\_\_\_\_ against.

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Angela Ternus, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Michelle M. Oeser, Town Clerk