



Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	6/8/2021
AGENDA SECTION:	Consent Calendar
SUBJECT:	Resolution No. 10644 - A Resolution Authorizing the Public Works Department to Submit a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grant Application for the Riley Street Sidewalks Project
FROM:	Public Works Department

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

The Public Works Department recommends that the City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 10644 - A Resolution Authorizing the Public Works Department to Submit a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grant Application for the Riley Street Sidewalks Project.

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

On April 13, 2021, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) issued a call for grant applications for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program. Formerly known as the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) and Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant programs, RAISE supports surface transportation projects that will have significant local or regional impacts. The program has a total funding amount of \$1 billion, with individual awards of up to \$25 million with a local match of 20 percent. Grant applications are due July 12, 2021.

Eligible applicants are State, local, tribal, and U.S. territory governments, including transit agencies, port authorities, metropolitan planning organizations and other political subdivisions of State or local government; therefore, the City of Folsom meets the criteria.

The project for which RAISE funding is requested must be within a census-designated urban area that had a population greater than 200,000 in the 2010 Census; by virtue of being an incorporated City within Sacramento County, the City of Folsom appears to also meet this criterion.

Lastly, the project for which RAISE funding is requested must be within an “Area of Persistent Poverty,” which USDOT has defined as a census tract in which the project is located has a poverty rate of at least 20 percent as measured by the 2014-2018 5-year data series available from the American Community Survey of the Bureau of the Census. Using the lookup tool provided by USDOT, only one census tract in the City of Folsom meets this definition: census tract 84.04, generally described as the Historic District, extending from Lake Natoma on the west and north, Bidwell Street on the south, and Wales Drive on the east.

Based on these criteria, staff has identified that the Riley Street Sidewalk project is eligible for RAISE grant funding. The Riley Street Sidewalk Project will construct sidewalks and curb ramps along Riley Street between Bidwell Street and Sutter Street. This is considered a critical gap closure in the City’s pedestrian network because it links the Central Business District to the Historic District, enhances school age pedestrian safety and provides a transportation alternative for transit dependent residents seeking to access the Historic Folsom Light Rail Station. The total project cost is estimated to be \$5 million, comprised of a \$4 million grant request and a \$1 million local match.

POLICY / RULE

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 10405 Amending Financial Policies of the City of Folsom regarding grant administration on April 14, 2020. Section D – Intergovernmental Revenues, Paragraph A – Grant Applications states, “Grant application shall be the responsibility of the department seeking the grant. Grant applications which require an expenditure of funds by the City of less than or equal to the City Manager contract authority amount may be approved by the City Manager prior to submittal to the grantor. All other grant applications, including any requiring an ongoing commitment of resources or staff, shall be reviewed and approved by the City Council prior to submittal. In circumstances where it is not possible for the City Council to approve the grant application prior to submittal, the City Manager may approve the application subject to the City Council ratification as soon as practicable to do so.

Requests to the City Council or the City Manager for approval of a grant application shall identify anticipated long-term maintenance and/or renovation costs, required City matching funds, and additional personnel that may be needed if the grant is awarded for a capital project. With respect to grants for staffing, the source of funds for long-term staffing after the expiration of the grant shall also be identified in the request for approval of the grant application.

All grant applications on behalf of the City shall be reviewed by the Finance Director before submittal to the City Council or the grantor.”

ANALYSIS

Public Works staff has reviewed the RAISE application and has found it to be complete and accurate for submittal.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact associated with submitting the RAISE grant application. If the City is awarded funding, a local funding match of \$1 million (20 percent) is required. Staff will return to Council to identify the source of the local funding match and accept the grant if approved.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This action is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

ATTACHMENT

1. Resolution No. 10644 - A Resolution Authorizing the Public Works Department to Submit a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grant Application for the Riley Street Sidewalks Project

Submitted,

Dave Nugen, Public Works Director

RESOLUTION NO. 10644

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT A REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE RILEY STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation has issued a call for grant applications for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has determined that the Riley Street Sidewalk Project meets the eligibility criteria and would be a competitive project; and

WHEREAS, the Riley Street Sidewalk Project would install curb ramps and sidewalks along Riley Street between Bidwell Street and Sutter Street, providing a safe pedestrian connection between the Central Business District, Sutter Middle School, the Historic District and the Historic District Light Rail Station; and

WHEREAS, staff intends to request \$4 million in RAISE grant funding to construct the project; and

WHEREAS, if the project is awarded grant funding, staff will return to Council for approval of the source of the required 20 percent match funding of \$1 million.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Folsom authorizes the Public Works Department to submit a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant application for the Riley Street Sidewalk Project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of June 2021, by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s):
NOES: Councilmember(s):
ABSENT: Councilmember(s):
ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s):

Michael D. Kozlowski, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK