

STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: December 3, 2024

DEPARTMENT: City Manager

TITLE:

Application for Federal Highway Administration's (FHA) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant

SUMMARY:

The City is seeking permission to the apply for the Federal Highway Administration's (FHA) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant to support surface transportation projects that enhance safety, sustainability, resilience, and equitable access in historically disadvantaged communities..

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

The Federal Highway Administration's (FHA) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant which is designed to support surface transportation projects that enhance safety, sustainability, resilience, and equitable access.

The City of Lake Worth Beach meets the criteria to be exempt from the cost match requirement for this Grant. These exemptions are applicable to areas of historically disadvantaged communities, and persistent poverty areas. In such cases, the federal cost share can be up to 100%, meaning no local match is required

The City will select projects which meet the federal criteria:

1. **Resilience:** Projects that address vulnerabilities to flooding or other climate-related risks are encouraged. If roadway flooding is a recurring issue, a project aimed at mitigating this can qualify under resilience goals.
2. **Safety:** Repairing flooding issues on roadways can improve public safety by reducing accidents and disruptions caused by water on roads.
3. **Sustainability:** Projects that incorporate environmentally sound solutions, such as stormwater management systems, green infrastructure, or permeable pavement, align with the sustainability objectives of RAISE.
4. **Equity:** If the flooding disproportionately affects underserved or disadvantaged communities, addressing it could support equity goals.
5. **Multimodal Impact:** If the roadway serves multiple modes of transportation (e.g., cars, bicycles, public transit, pedestrians), this could strengthen the case for funding.

Eligible Activities:

- Construction, rehabilitation, or replacement of transportation infrastructure.
- Design and planning activities directly related to resilience and safety improvements.
- Implementing drainage systems, culverts, or other infrastructure to manage stormwater effectively.

Application Requirements:

- A detailed description of the problem and how the project will address it.

- Demonstration of alignment with the program's merit criteria, including resilience and equity.
- A cost-benefit analysis showing the long-term benefits of the repair work.

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove applying for Federal Highway Administration's (FHA) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant

ATTACHMENT(S):

Fiscal Impact – N/A
RAISE Grant