



**STAFF REPORT**  
Board Meeting of January 18, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM:** 7-G

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**SUBJECT:**

2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity

**Enclosure:** No

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

**SUMMARY:**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has published a [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) (NOFO) for \$1.5 billion in grant funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program for 2023.

The purpose of the RAISE Program, or the Local and Regional Project Assistance Program, is to support surface transportation infrastructure projects of local and regional significance. The FY 2023 solicitation will make available at least \$1.5 billion in program funding authorized and appropriated by the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law*. The deadline to submit applications will be February 28, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET).

Award sizes will range from \$5 million to \$25 million for projects in urban areas and from \$1 million to \$25 million for projects in rural areas. To ensure equity, no more than 50 percent of funds (or \$750 million) will be awarded to urban projects and no more than 50 percent of funds (or \$750 million) will be allocated to rural projects. DOT will also consider geographic and modal diversity in project selection.

Applicants must provide a non-federal cost share of at least 20 percent of total project costs unless the project is in a rural area, historically disadvantaged community (HDC), or area of persistent poverty (APP). We expect DOT to expand on these cost-share requirements in the full NOFO.

Evaluation criteria for the FY 2023 RAISE Program will include safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, mobility and community connectivity, economic competitiveness and tourism opportunity, state of good repair, partnership and collaboration, and innovation. Additional considerations for funding will include demonstrated project readiness and cost effectiveness.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact to the approved 2022-23 Overall Work Program and Budget.