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DISCRETIONARY TRANSPORTATION GRANTS

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Presentation Outline

What Federal Grant Programs are available in the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill

What is the application process?

INFRA and RAISE – What we know

How are Applications evaluated?

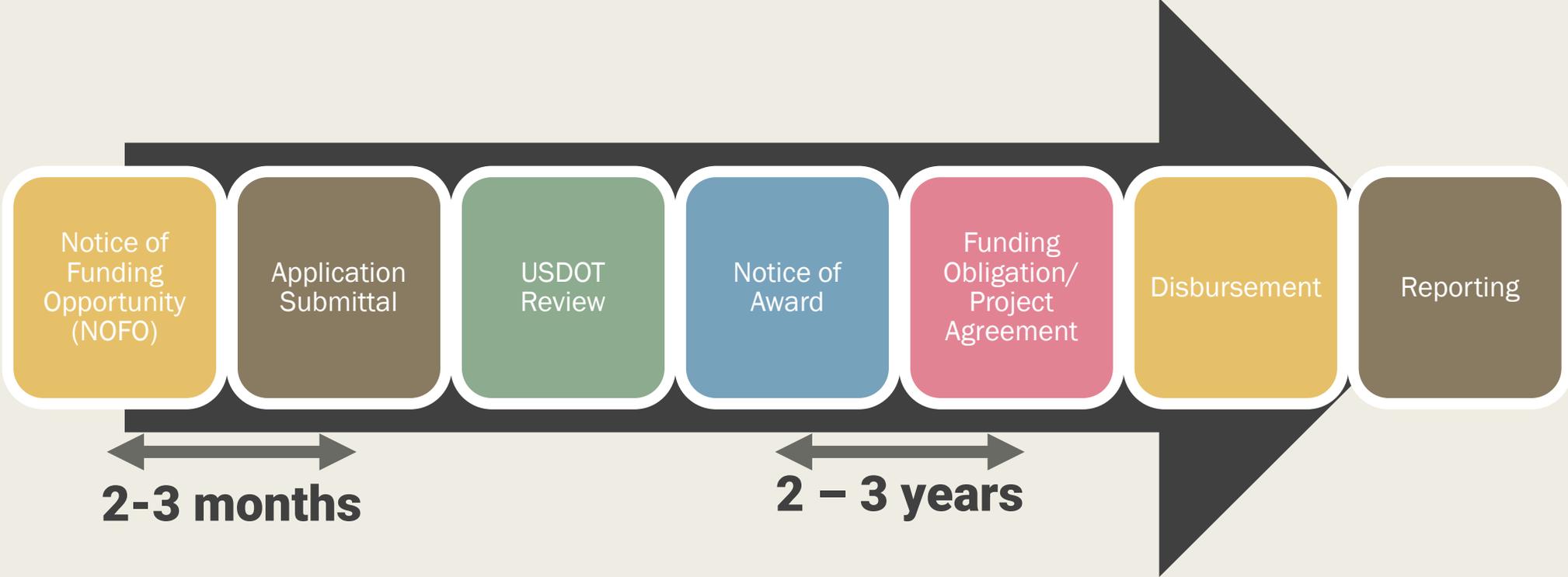
Requesting Letter of Support from MoDOT

What are the future opportunities in BIL?

Federal Grant Programs

- Two primary FHWA grant programs
 - *INFRA – Infrastructure for Rebuilding America*
 - *RAISE – Rebuilding America’s Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity*
- Other US DOT grants and loans
 - *FTA grants*
 - *FRA grants*
 - *AIP (FAA) grants*
 - *Port Infrastructure Development Program*
 - *TIFIA/RRIF loans*
- Other agency grants that can fund transportation projects
 - *FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Administration*
 - *EDA – Economic Development Administration*

Application Process



INFRA Grants



Intended For

- Freight projects of national or regional significance
- Projects must be on National Highway Freight Network or National Highway System
- Grade crossing/separation
- Intermodal/rail or port (limited)

History

- Originally FASTLANE – authorized by FAST Act of 2015 (\$4.5 billion over 5 years, FY 2016-2020)
- Became INFRA in 2017 with new criteria
- Continuing Appropriations Act authorized \$1 billion in 2021 with new criteria

Awards (2021)

- 157 applications from 42 states and Guam
- Total amount requested: \$6.8 billion
- Total amount awarded: \$905.25 million (44% to rural projects)
- 24 projects in 18 states
- Approx. 15% success rate
- Fewer, larger awards

INFRA Eligible Applicants

- States
- MPO with >200,000 population
- Local Government
- Political subdivision
- Public authorities (including port authorities) with transportation function
- Federal land management agencies applying jointly with State(s)
- Tribal Governments
- Multi-State or multijurisdictional group of public entities

RAISE Grants



Intended For

- Projects of regional or local significance
- Supports projects improving safety, equity, climate and sustainability
- All surface transportation
- Planning grants available (preconstruction activities)

History

- Originally TIGER – authorized by ARRA in 2009
- Became BUILD in 2018 with new criteria
- Became RAISE in 2021 with new criteria
- \$8.9 billion awarded to 680 projects since 2009
- \$1 billion authorized in 2021
- \$1.5 billion FY 2022

Awards (2021)

- 90 projects in 47 states, District of Columbia and Guam
- \$983 million awarded
- Largest award \$25 million, average award \$11 million
- Nonfederal funds 60%
- Even split urban rural and 16 planning grants

RAISE Eligibility

Eligible Applicants

- States
- Local Government
- Public Agency
- Public authorities (including port authorities) with transportation function
- Transit agency
- Tribal Governments
- Multi-State or multijurisdictional group of public entities

Eligible Projects

- Highway, bridge or other road project
- Public transit
- Passenger Rail
- Port infrastructure
- Some Airport improvements
- Intermodal projects
- Culvert or stormwater runoff for aquatic habitat
- Planning and pre-construction for any of the above

RAISE Evaluation Consideration

Does the project align well with merit criteria?

How do the project benefits compare to its costs?

Does the project demonstrate readiness:

Environmental risk and permitting

Tech assessment of feasibility and capacity to deliver project

Financial completeness

RAISE Merit Criteria

Each of the 8 criteria receives a rating of:

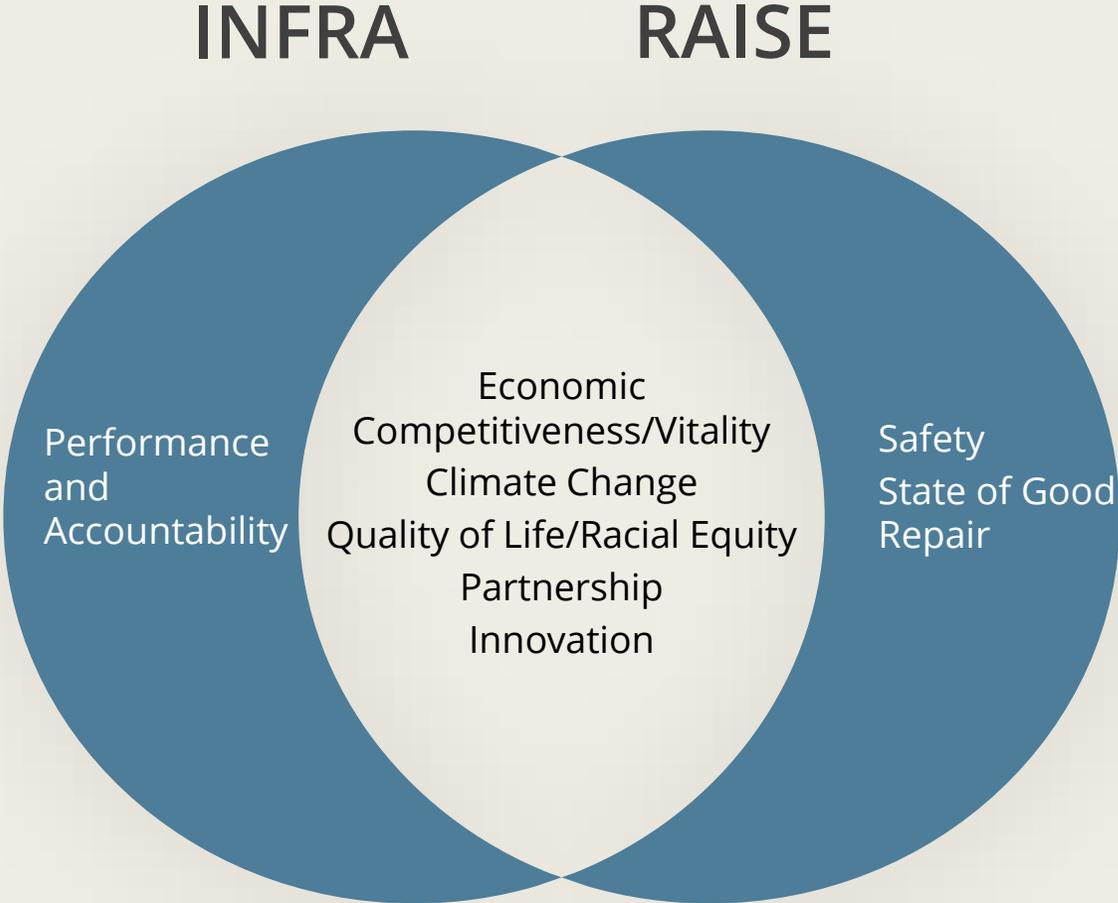
- high
- medium
- low or
- non-responsive



Merit Criteria

*based on 2021 NOFO

- Economic Vitality / Competitiveness
- Safety
- Climate Change / Environmental Justice
- Quality of Life / Racial Equity
- Partnership / Leveraging Federal Funds
- Innovation
- Performance and Accountability
- State of Good Repair



FY 2022 RAISE

Due April 14, 2022 (asking that applicants submit 2 weeks early)

Obligation of funds by Sept. 30, 2026

Expect award announced Aug. 12, 2022

Webinar series held in February – recordings available on DOT website

Significant focus on projects that address climate change, proactively address racial equity and reduce barriers to opportunity

Project Eligibility Overview

Criterion	INFRA* based on 2021 NOFO	RAISE* based on current NOFO
Intention	For freight projects of national or regional significance	For projects of regional or local significance
Project Type	Primarily highway, small set aside for rail, water, intermodal	All surface transportation (capital and planning grants)
Projects	Large: \$100 million + (90% of funding) Small: \$8.3 - \$100 million 25% set aside for rural	50/50 Urban Rural award \$75 million set aside for Planning and Pre-construction \$15 million to areas of persistent poverty or historically disadvantaged communities
Award Size	Large: \$25 million minimum Small: \$5 million minimum No maximum	Urban: \$5 million minimum Rural: \$1 million minimum \$25 million maximum per project \$225 million max award per State
Cost Share	Up to 60% INFRA Up to 80% federal 20% match	Urban: Up to 80% federal, 20% match Rural, persistent poverty, and disadvantaged communities: No minimum match
Eligible Costs	Planning, NEPA, Design, RW, Utilities, Construction (future costs only)	Planning, NEPA, Design, RW, Utilities, Construction (future costs only)
Readiness	Project must be ready to construct within 18 mos. of funding obligation deadline (3 yrs)	Project must be ready to construct “quickly” after funding obligation deadline (3 yrs)

Letters of Support From MoDOT

- Requests must be sent to the District office 3 weeks in advance (March 24, 2022 for RAISE)
- Must include:
 - *a draft letter for MoDOT to review and edit*
 - *copy of draft application with*
 - scope, schedule, budget, environmental and BCA
- District will review and send to Central Office
- MoDOT executive team will review requests for letters of support and deliver back to planning partner 5 business days prior to submission deadline

Future BIL Transportation Funding Opportunities

Improving Highway &
Bridges:
\$33 Billion

Climate Change
& Resilience:
\$4.4 Billion

Rural America:
\$2 Billion

Enhancing
Safety & Equity:
\$7.85 Billion

Multi-Modal:
\$44 Billion

THANK YOU

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