

## **Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant Program**

Originally created under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) as the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), also referred to as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), has recreated TIGER as RAISE.

### **Purpose**

Competitive grant program that helps communities carry out projects with significant local or regional impact. Projects are evaluated on statutory criteria of safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, economic competitiveness and opportunity, state of good repair, partnership, and innovation. BIL has added mobility and community connectivity to the list of evaluation criteria.

### **Funding**

\$2.275 billion (FY 2022); at least \$15 million in funding is guaranteed to go towards projects located in Areas of Persistent Poverty or Historically Disadvantaged Communities; expands the number of communities eligible for 100 percent federal share, specifically those in rural communities, Areas of Persistent Poverty, and Historically Disadvantaged Communities. Grant awards: Urban areas: \$5 million - \$25 million; Rural areas: \$1 million - \$25 million

### **Eligible Projects**

- Surface transportation projects (highway, bridge, road, public transportation, passenger and freight rail, port infrastructure, intermodal, airport-components of surface transportation)
- Planning grants

### **Eligible Entities**

- State or political subdivision of a State
- MPO
- Local governments
- Special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function
- Tribal governments
- Transit agencies

### **Other Key Provisions**

- Considered a rural area if population is less than 200,000 even if in an urbanized area
  - La Crosse County and its municipalities are defined as rural
- Up to 100% funded – no match required for rural area projects
- Application deadline April 14, 2022.

See [RAISE Discretionary Grants | US Department of Transportation](#) for more information.