



WILDLIFE INFRASTRUCTURE AT-A-GLANCE

REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE) (49 USC § 6702)

Next Steps: The FY24 window for applying to the RAISE grant program is now closed. Information provided in this At-A-Glance summary is based on the FY24 Notice of Funding Opportunity, and will be updated upon release of the FY25 Notice, anticipated in Fall 2024.

Key features of the RAISE grant program are described below, including:

- ❖ The total amount of funding allocated to the program for Federal FY22-FY26
- ❖ A summary of eligible wildlife-related projects and eligible applicants
- ❖ An overview of the process for applying for funding
- ❖ The amount of total project costs that can be paid for using Federal funds, and the required match
- ❖ Other program details of potential interest
- ❖ *Additional resources:*
 - [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)
 - [How to Apply for RAISE Grants](#)
 - [RAISE Grants Additional Guidance](#)
 - [FY24 RAISE Webinar Series](#)
 - [FY24 RAISE Application FAQs](#)

Amount: \$7.5B in IIJA funds over FY22-26; \$1.5B available in FY24. ([Notice](#) p. 4)

Eligible wildlife-related projects ([Notice](#) pp. 10-12):

- Capital investments that will have a significant local or regional impact, including wildlife-related highway and bridge projects eligible under Title 23 USC; and projects to improve aquatic connectivity by replacing or rehabilitating culverts, or by preventing stormwater runoff.
- Planning, preparation, or design for eligible projects.

Eligible applicants ([Notice](#) p. 1):

- States and the District of Columbia;
- Territories or possessions of the United States;
- Local governments;
- Public agencies or authorities publicly chartered by one or more States;
- Special purpose districts or public authorities with a transportation function, including ports;
- Federally recognized Indian Tribes or consortia of such Tribes;
- Transit agencies;
- Multi-State or multi-jurisdictional groups that are separately eligible.

Process: Competitive grant. In addition to meeting applicable cost-effectiveness and project readiness requirements, projects will be assessed based on the following merit selection criteria ([Notice](#) pp. 27-43):

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- (1) Safety
- (2) Environmental sustainability
- (3) Quality of life
- (4) Mobility and community connectivity
- (5) Economic competitiveness and opportunity
- (6) State of good repair
- (7) Partnerships and collaboration
- (8) Innovation

Federal-share payable: The Federal-share payable varies depending on project location. Projects located in rural areas, historically disadvantaged communities (HDC), or areas of persistent poverty (APP) may use Federal funds to pay for up to 100% of total projects costs; projects located in urban areas that are not within an HDC or APP may use Federal funds to pay for up to 80% of total project costs ([Notice](#) pp. 9-10).

Additional details of potential interest ([Notice](#) pp. 7, 44):

- Urban and rural areas may each receive up to 50% (\$750M) of the total available funding.
- No single state may receive more than 15% (\$225M) of total available funding.
- At least 5% (\$75 million) of available funding must be awarded to planning proposals.
- At least 11% (\$15 million) of funds will be awarded for projects in HDCs or APPs.
- Grants for capital projects must be at least \$5 million in urban areas, and at least \$1 million in rural areas; there is no minimum size for planning grants. The maximum grant size of \$25 million.
- “Highly rated” projects that do not receive a grant during FY24 will be automatically designated as “Projects of Merit” and carried over for re-consideration during the FY25 cycle.
- RAISE grant awards will be announced by June 27, 2024.

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