



City of Missoula, Montana
City Council Committee Agenda Item

Committee: Public Works and Mobility

Item: Presentation and Resolution supporting the City of Missoula's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grant 2023 Application

Date: February 15, 2023

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Ward(s) Affected:

- Ward 1
- Ward 2
- Ward 3
- All Wards
- Ward 4
- Ward 5
- Ward 6
- N/A

Action Required:

Support the *Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)* grant application for the Missoula Downtown Safety and Multimodal Connectivity Project.

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: Adopt and authorize the Mayor to sign a Resolution to support the intent of and project contained in the 2023 RAISE grant application, and commit to providing \$_____ in local funds as match.

Timeline:

Committee discussion: February 15, 2023
 Council action (or sets hearing): February 27, 2023
 Public Hearing (if required): N/A
 Final Consideration: N/A
 Deadline: N/A

Background and Alternatives Explored:

The Public Works & Mobility Department is requesting the Missoula City Council to approve a Resolution to support the intent of and project contained in the 2023 RAISE grant application. The proposed grant applicant includes the Front/Main two-way restoration, Higgins Avenue Corridor improvements, and Riverfront accessibility improvements.

The Missoula Downtown Safety and Multimodal Connectivity Project meets all the eligibility requirements as described on pages 11-12 of the Notice of Funding Opportunity document. The application deadline is February 28, 2023.

Copied from USDOT website (link below):

The Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity, or RAISE Discretionary Grant program, provides a unique opportunity for the DOT to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives. Previously known as the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) and Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary

Grants, Congress has dedicated nearly \$12.1 billion for fourteen rounds of National Infrastructure Investments to fund projects that have a significant local or regional impact.

In each competition, DOT receives hundreds of applications to build and repair critical pieces of our freight and passenger transportation networks. The RAISE program enables DOT to examine these projects on their merits to help ensure that taxpayers are getting the highest value for every dollar invested.

The eligibility requirements of RAISE allow project sponsors at the State and local levels to obtain funding for multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional projects that are more difficult to support through traditional DOT programs. RAISE can provide funding directly to any public entity, including municipalities, counties, port authorities, tribal governments, MPOs, or others in contrast to traditional Federal programs which provide funding to very specific groups of applicants (mostly State DOTs and transit agencies). This flexibility allows RAISE and our traditional partners at the State and local levels to work directly with a host of entities that own, operate, and maintain much of our transportation infrastructure, but otherwise cannot turn to the Federal government for support.”

Financial Implications:

\$ [redacted] in local match split between [redacted]. MDA is expected to [redacted]

Links to external websites:

NOFO:

<https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2023-02/RAISE%202023%20NOFO%20Amendment2.pdf>

USDOT About RAISE:

<https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants/about>