

JADA Grants Workshop

WORKBOOK OF
EXERCISES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2024



Pick your project:



Identify a project in your jurisdiction that is eligible for a RAISE grant based on the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

- highway or bridge projects eligible under title 23, United States Code
- public transportation projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code
- passenger and freight rail transportation projects eligible under title 49
- port infrastructure investments (including inland port infrastructure and land ports of entry)
- the surface transportation components of an airport project eligible for assistance under part B of subtitle VII of title 49, United States Code
- intermodal projects whose components are otherwise an eligible project type
- projects to replace or rehabilitate a culvert or prevent stormwater runoff for the purpose of improving habitat for aquatic species while advancing the goals of the RAISE program
- projects investing in surface transportation facilities that are located on Tribal land and for which title or maintenance responsibility is vested in the Federal Government
- any other surface transportation infrastructure project that the Secretary considers to be necessary to advance the goals of the program

Create an outline for your RAISE application

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See NOFO

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Focus on Section D
Application and
Submission
Information and
Section E.1. Criteria

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Include a description
of the project you
have chosen

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Be sure to identify any
information you will
need to complete
your application (e.g.,
GIS information, data
support, etc.)

Draft a One-Page Project Outline

Will County Laraway Road Corridor Project Nelson Road to Cedar Road Intersection with Cedar Road

Project Overview

- Add through lanes and dedicated turn lanes at the intersection of Cedar Road and Laraway Road
- Address the capacity issues on Laraway Road to accommodate future traffic demands while ensuring safe and efficient traffic flows
- Provide 2 lanes in each direction with full width paved shoulders



Project Benefits

- Provide increased access to Laraway Road Metra station for commuters which will reduce congestion on Interstate 55 between Joliet and Chicago
- Modernize intersection with added capacity and increased safety to address projects 77% - 130% increase in traffic volumes over the next 20 years
- Improve access to 2 elementary schools and a high school
- Grant allows County to address additional system priorities to increase safety, reduce congestion, improve freight mobility and address state of good repair

Project Status

- Cedar Road at Laraway Road Intersection Reconstruction
 - Phase II Complete
 - ROW - 2 remaining parcels
- Laraway Road from Cedar Road to Nelson Road
 - Phase II 50% complete
 - ROW - Negotiations with property owners has begun

Project Costs

- Total Cost: \$27.3 million
- BUILD Funds: \$12.0 million (44.0%)
- Other Federal Funds: \$7.3 million (26.7%)
- Will County Funds: \$8.0 million (29.3%)

June 2019

Draft a Letter of Support Template

Secretary Buttigieg
USDOT
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

Date

Dear Secretary|Buttigieg,
I am writing in support of

This grant will provide much needed funding to

This project will benefit

I strongly urge your consideration of

Thank you.

Where are you
with your
Project's
readiness?

Project Status



Preliminary Engineering

NEPA Status

•if complete, approved?

•if so, how?

Environmental permitting

Utility coordination

RR agreements

Design engineering

Policies / procedures complete

Draft Risk Matrix for your Project

Potential Risk Area	Risk Type	Current Status/ Proposed Mitigation	Risk Level
Technical Feasibility	Feasibility	Based on 30% engineering	High/Medium/Low
Design Standards Conformance	Feasibility		
Partner Approvals	Schedule		
Local Jurisdiction Approvals	Schedule		
Environmental Approvals	Cost, schedule		
Permitting	Schedule		
Public and Stakeholder Support	Cost, schedule		
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Compliance with Federal Requirements

Requirements



- Title VI
- ADA
- Domestic Preferences
- Critical Infrastructure Security and Cyber Security
- Federal Contract Compliance