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February 7, 2023



RESOLUTION - U.S. DOT RAISE GRANT SUBMITTAL APPROVAL

From the U.S.D.O.T. website:

The U.S. Department of Transportation has published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for \$1.5 billion in grant funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program for 2023. The popular program helps communities around the country carry out projects with significant local or regional impact.

RAISE discretionary grants help project sponsors at the State and local levels, including municipalities, Tribal governments, counties, and others complete critical freight and passenger transportation infrastructure projects. The eligibility requirements of RAISE allow project sponsors to obtain funding for projects that are harder to support through other U.S. DOT grant programs.”

From the U.S.D.O.T. Notice of Funding Opportunity:

“The purpose of this notice is to solicit applications for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grants. Funds for the FY 2023 RAISE grant program. will be awarded on a competitive basis, per statute, for surface transportation infrastructure projects that will improve: safety; environmental sustainability; quality of life; mobility and community connectivity; economic competitiveness and opportunity including tourism; state of good repair; partnership and collaboration; and innovation....

Applications must be submitted by 11:59:59 PM Eastern on February 28, 2023.”

- The minimum award amount for urban projects is \$5 million and for rural projects is \$1 million, regardless of whether the application is for a capital or planning project.
- The maximum award for all projects is \$25 million.
- The Federal share may be up to 100 percent of the costs of a project located in a rural area, a historically disadvantaged community, or an area of persistent poverty.

Awards will be announced no later than June 28, 2023.

It is recommended that the City pursue RAISE grants for the following projects:

- 1) Replacement of railroad bridge located at the 3rd Street underpass to allow 5 lanes of vehicle traffic
- 2) Rail spur extension to Alliance Airport for Intermodal Shipping
- 3) 10th Street Roundabouts at Laramie or Cheyenne, Emerson and Dakota
- 4) Flack Avenue Extension/ Railroad Overpass Bridge construction

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF RAISE GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-09

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance has an opportunity to apply for grant funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT); and

WHEREAS, The Alliance City Council finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Alliance to apply for the U.S. DOT RAISE grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, authorizes the submittal of the U.S. DOT RAISE Grant application with the U.S. Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Mayor is authorized to accept and execute all documents associated with this grant if approved.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 7th day of February, 2023.

Mike Dafney, Mayor

(SEAL)

Attest: _____
Tarah S. Johnson, City Clerk

Approved as to Form and Legality:

Simmons Olsen Law Office, Legal Counsel