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What Happens After Being Selected for Award?

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Agenda

- Timeline and Actions Post-Award Announcement
- RAISE and Other Federal Requirements for Grant Recipients
- Operating Administration Specific Requirements for Grant Recipients
- Q&A



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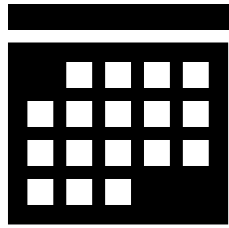
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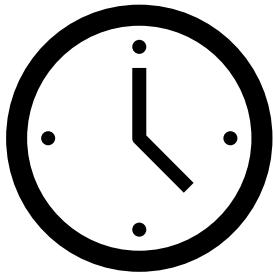
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Notice of Funding Opportunity is **OPEN**

Grants.gov Opportunity Number: [DTOS59-24-RA-RAISE](#)

Assistance Listing: 20.933



APPLY by **February 28, 2024**, at 11:59 pm Eastern

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RAISE Location Designations (January 4, 2024)

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How to Draft Merit Criteria Narrative (January 18, 2024)

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How to Compete for RAISE Grants: Rural and Tribal Applicants (January 23, 2024)

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What Happens After Award (Today)



Timeline and Actions Post-Award Announcement

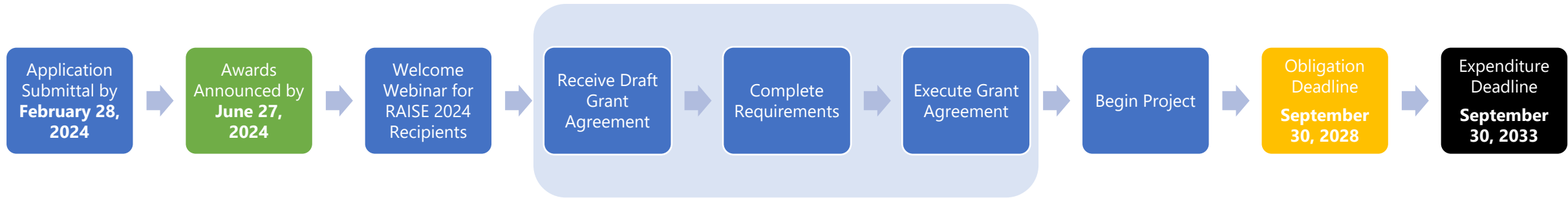


Timeline and Actions Post-Award Announcement





Executing a Grant Agreement



A grant agreement must be executed prior to beginning your project.

What is a grant agreement?

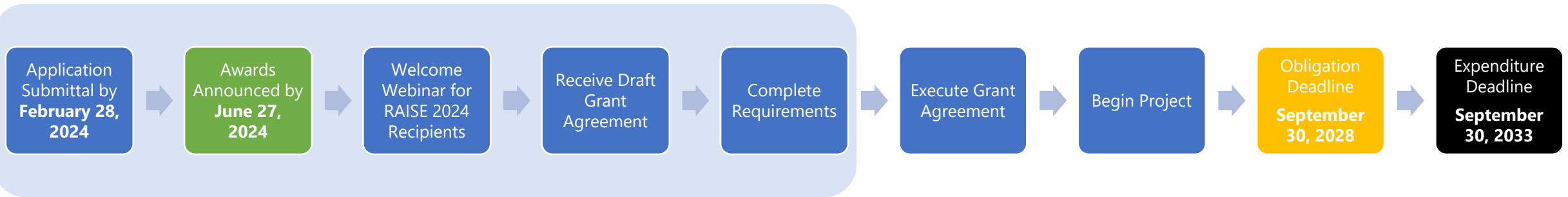
- A written agreement between the recipient and the Department that outlines item such as the award amount, scope, schedule, budget, requirements, and other terms and conditions. **The scope, schedule, and budget that is included in your grant agreement should match what was described in the application.**

Drafting the Grant Agreement

- The RAISE team will email you a partially populated draft of the grant agreement.
- USDOT Operating Administrations will then work with you to satisfy applicable requirements.



Tips to Remember Prior to Executing a Grant Agreement



Incurring Costs

- Unless authorized by the Department in writing after announcement of FY 2024 RAISE awards, **any costs incurred prior to the Department's obligation of funds for a project ("pre-award costs") are ineligible for reimbursement.**
 - Ensure that any costs that your project will incur between the submittal of your application and the execution of your grant agreement are not included in your RAISE Total Project Cost.

Non-Federal Funding

- The terms of the award will require the recipient to complete the project using at least the level of non-Federal funding that was specified in the application.

See RAISE [NOFO](#) page 8-10



RAISE and Other Federal Requirements for Grant Recipients



Congratulations! – You Were Awarded a RAISE Grant. Now What?

- Recipients of U.S Department of Transportation RAISE grants must comply with Federal requirements to successfully access and use their grant funds
- It is important to educate yourself about these requirements during the RAISE application process

**In administering its
grant programs,
USDOT is
committed to**

Communication

Coordination

Collaboration



What requirements need to be completed for your project?

- Federal Contracting and Procurement Regulations
- Transportation Planning Requirements
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Federal Funding Requirements
- Other U.S. DOT Operating Administration (OA) specific requirements
 - FHWA, FTA, FRA, MARAD



What requirements need to be completed for your project?

- [Project Readiness Checklist for DOT Discretionary Grant Applicants](#)
- [Federal 2 CFR 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principals, and Audit Requirements](#) that governs all U.S. DOT awards.
- [Buy America](#)
- [Title VI / Civil Rights Act of 1964](#)
- [American with Disabilities Act \(ADA\)](#)
- [Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act](#)
- [Davis Bacon Act](#) – [FHWA](#) / [FTA](#) Resources

Transportation Planning Requirements

- The Transportation Planning process must consider significant projects before Federal Funds will be Authorized for construction.
- Add or Amend the project in the local MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) or State DOT's State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

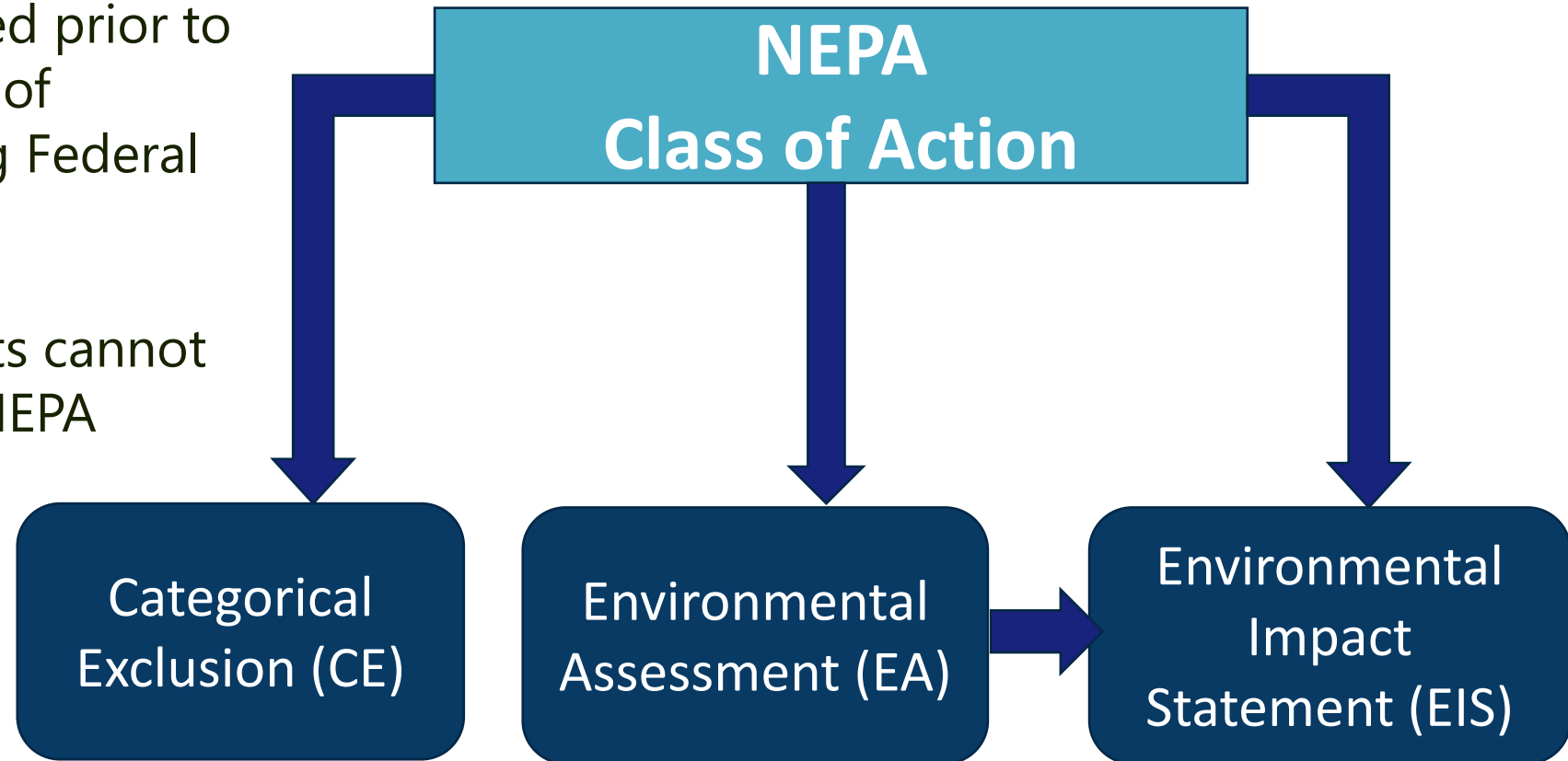




Environmental Permitting: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

The **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**, is the environmental law that establishes the decision-making process that must be followed prior to the design and construction of transportation projects using Federal funding

In most cases, capital projects cannot start construction until the NEPA process has been completed

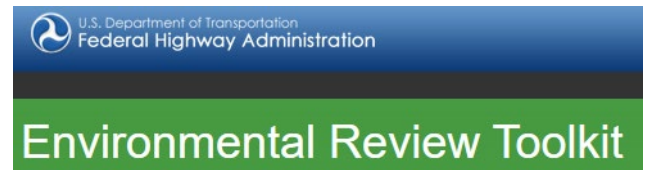
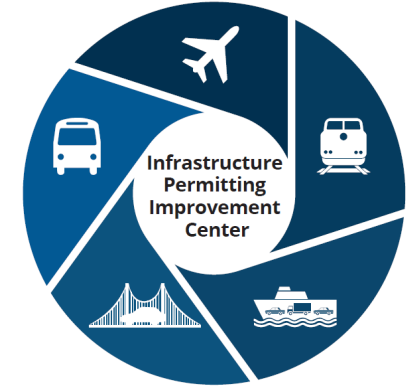




Environmental Permitting: National Environmental Policy Act Resources

NEPA resources are available at

- [U.S. DOT's NEPA Resources](#)
- [Infrastructure Permitting Improvement Center](#)
- [FHWA's Environmental Review Toolkit](#)
- [FTA's Preparing Environmental Documents Guidance](#)
- [MARAD's Office of the Environment](#)
- [FRA's NEPA Documentation](#)
- Courses offered by the [National Highway Institute](#) and [National Transit Institute](#)
- From your grant point of contact





How will you pay for the project?

- Many RAISE projects require a **non-federal match or cost share** that must be identified in the application and secured by the time of application submission – February 28, 2024.
- RAISE grants are provided as **reimbursable funds**; RAISE funds are not provided as lump sum or upfront payments.
- For additional information on Cost Share
 - [RAISE NOFO, Section C.2](#)
 - [RAISE FAQs](#)
 - [RAISE How to Compete Webinar Recordings](#)



Maximum Federal Cost Share for RAISE Projects Located in **Urban Areas is 80%** *unless the project is located in an APP or HDC.*

Projects located in the following areas are eligible to request up to 100% Federal Funding:

- ***Rural Areas***
- ***Areas of Persistent Poverty***
- ***Historically Disadvantaged Communities***

Cost share is **NOT** used as a competitive selection factor



How long until I can start my project?

- When all necessary environmental approvals and, in many cases, a signed and executed grant agreement in place
- When the Grant Agreement is executed, the project will be federally Obligated

For FY 2024 RAISE grant awards:

- **Obligation deadline** is **September 30, 2028**
 - Obligation occurs when a recipient and DOT enter into a written grant agreement after the recipient has satisfied applicable requirements
- **Expenditure deadline** is **September 30, 2033**
 - Expenditure deadline is the final date by which grant funds must be expended

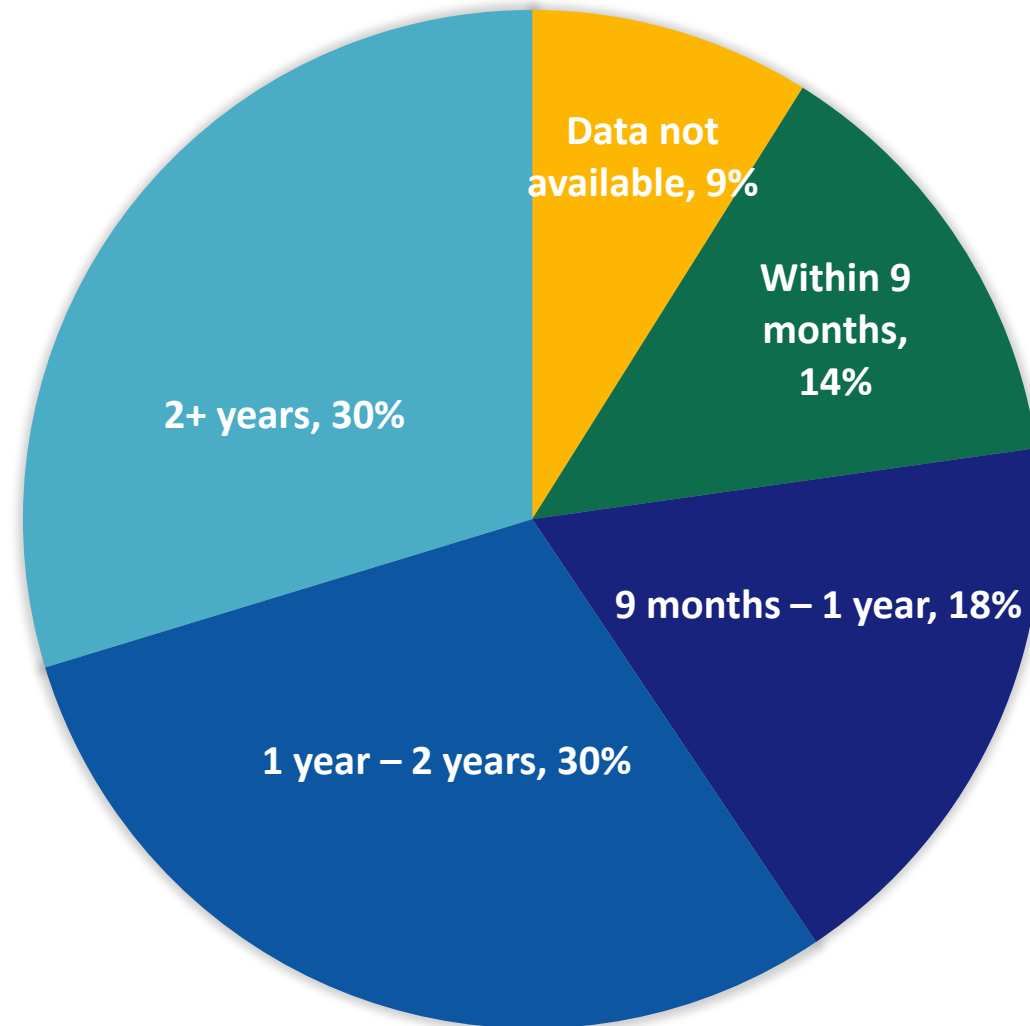


The strongest RAISE grant applications are for projects that can comfortably be completed within the financial deadlines

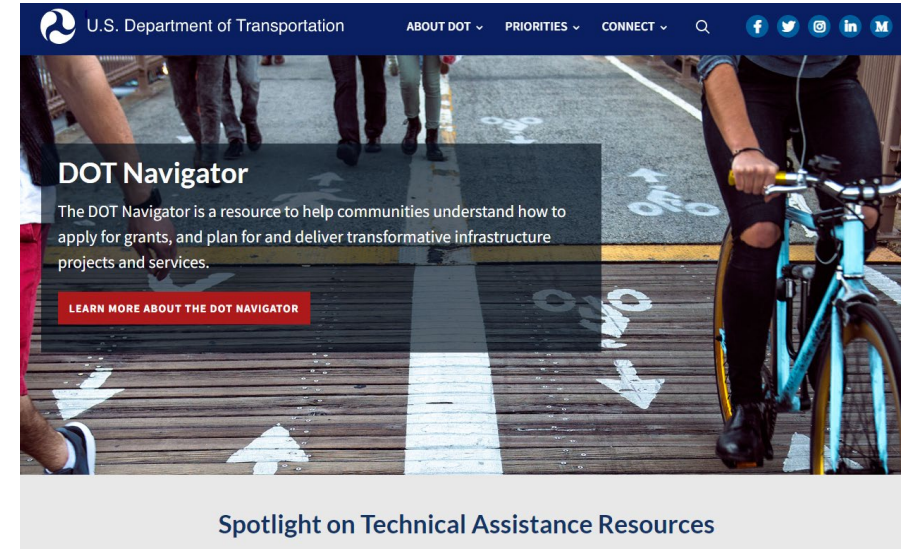


Federal Funding Requirements - When can I start my project and what is Federal Obligation?

Estimated Time from
Award to Construction
for the 113 Capital
Projects Selected for
FY 2023 RAISE Awards



- U.S. DOT Navigator
 - [Grant Project Readiness Checklist](#)
- RAISE Resources
 - [RAISE Grant Agreement Templates](#)
 - RAISE Terms & Conditions
 - [FHWA](#)
 - [FTA](#)
 - [FRA](#)
 - [MARAD](#)
- National Highway Institute (NHI)
 - [Uniform Guidance for Federal Awards](#)



RAISE Resources





Operating Administration Specific Requirements & Resources for Grant Recipients

Types of RAISE Project Recipients

1. Direct State DOT

Designated by the State Governor to receive federal transportation funds (typically as State DOT)

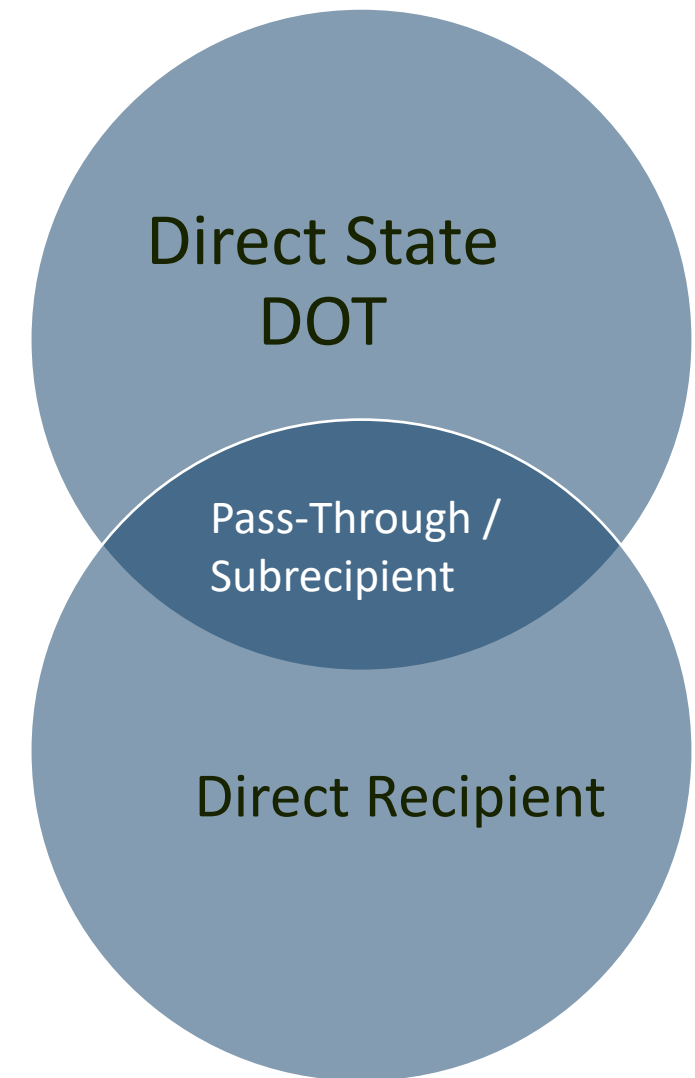
2. Direct Recipient – Non State DOT

Direct recipients receive funding directly from U.S. DOT.

A direct recipient can still work with the State DOT to assist with the delivery of a project associated with a RAISE Grant.

3. Pass-Through / Subrecipients

Non-State DOT recipients may enter into a contractual agreement with their State DOT for assistance with project activities that comply with state law and the applicable procurement standards





Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Resources

[Pedestrian Accessible Design Requirements](#)

[Federal Aid Essentials for Local Public Agencies](#)

[Right-of-Way](#)

[Project Advertisement, Bid Review, and Request for Concurrence in Award](#)

[Project Construction and Contract Administration](#)

[FHWA Field Offices](#)



Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Requirements for New FTA Recipients

- Must become an approved FTA recipient. This requires you to apply for a [Transit Award Management System \(TrAMS\)](#) account.
 - FTA's platform to award and manage federal grants. Recipients use the TrAMS system to create, submit, and track awarded grants.
 - Requires additional documentation to demonstrate legal, technical, and financial capacity.



Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Requirements for All Recipients

- Planning projects need to be in a [Unified Planning Work Program \(UPWP\)](#).
- Capital projects must be programmed in the [TIP/STIP](#) with the recipient's associated Metropolitan Planning Organization, Regional Transportation Planning Organization, and/or State Department of Transportation, as applicable.
- Vehicle procurement
 - Vehicles must be purchased from a registered [Transit Vehicle Manufacturer \(TVM\)](#).
 - [Third-party procurement requirements](#)



**Federal Transit
Administration**



Aviation – Maritime – Rail

Federal Aviation Administration

- Surface Transportation Components of an Airport
- Part of the Airport Plan

Federal Rail Administration

- Written Agreement with a Railroad that owns Rights-of-Way to be used by the project

Maritime Administration

- Lead on NEPA for port projects



**Federal Aviation
Administration**



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Railroad Administration



U.S. Department of Transportation
Maritime Administration



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- See the frequently asked questions on our [website](#) for more answers