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FY 2025 RAISE - Round 1

FY 2024 Projects of Merit

November 7, 2024



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FY 2025 RAISE Notice of Funding Opportunity



FY 2025 RAISE Notice of Funding Opportunity

FY 2025 RAISE	Round 1	Round 2
Who Can Apply:	<u>Only</u> FY 2024 Projects of Merit*	New applications
Available Funding:	A portion of the \$1.5 billion	A portion of the \$1.5 billion and <u>potential</u> FY 2025 Appropriations
Deadline:	December 2, 2024 at 11:59 pm	January 30, 2025 at 11:59 pm EST
Submission Process:	Reply to email from RAISEgrants@dot.gov	Grants.gov
Award Announcement:	By January 13, 2025	By June 28, 2025

* Highly Rated applications not selected in FY 2024 RAISE.



Round 1 Overview



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The FY 2024 RAISE NOFO stated Projects of Merit would be carried over into the FY 2025 round

Reducing the burden and saving applicants time and resources spent revising and resubmitting applications the Department previously designated Highly Rated

Round 1 of the FY 2025 RAISE NOFO is the process by which FY 2024 Projects of Merit will be considered for selection



Round 1 – FY 2024 Projects of Merit

What is a Project of Merit?

- Projects that advanced to the Highly Rated List but were not selected for award

How do I know if my FY 2024 RAISE application was designated a Project of Merit?

- The Department notified all FY 2024 Projects of Merit of their designation via email on July 30, 2024 and November 1, 2024

How should I decide whether to be reconsidered under Round 1 of the FY 2025 round?

- If project is largely the same, no material changes
- Do not if project was already funded



Round 1 – Submission Process

What is the submission process?

- Simply **reply to the November 1, 2024 email** from RAISEgrants@dot.gov to be considered under Round 1 of the FY 2025 RAISE NOFO
 - **Replies are due by December 2, 2024 at 11:59 pm.**
 - **Only** FY 2024 RAISE Projects of Merit that **reply and confirm** will be considered for award under Round 1.
 - Emails were sent to the contacts listed on the SF-424. If your organization did not receive an email, please email RAISEgrants@dot.gov.
 - The RAISE team will confirm receipt of your email.
- New files, information, or letters of support will **not** be accepted.





Round 1 – Selection Process

Selection Process

- FY 2024 RAISE Projects of Merit wishing to be reconsidered in Round 1 will be advanced to the Secretary for potential selection.
- **The Secretary will select projects consistent with the FY 2024 RAISE selection criteria and statutory requirements for geographic and modal diversity.** The Secretary may, depending on the pool of qualified applications, seek to award at least one project per state or territory.

Funding Restriction	Amount
Per State:	No more than 15%
Rural Projects:	No more than 50%
Urban Projects:	No more than 50%
Planning Projects:	At least 5%
Projects Located in APP or HDC*:	At least 1%

* APP = Area of Persistent Poverty; HDC = Historically Disadvantaged Community



Round 1 - Frequently Asked Questions

Frequently Asked Questions

- **If selected in Round 1, when is the obligation and expenditure deadlines?**
 - The obligation deadline is September 30, 2029 and the expenditure deadline is September 30, 2034.
- **How many applications can an applicant submit to Round 1 and Round 2?**
 - A max of 3 applications per applicant can be submitted to Round 1 and 2 combined.
- **If I don't reply to the November 1, 2024 submission email from the RAISE team, will my FY 2024 application automatically be removed from consideration in Round 1?**
 - Yes.
- **Can project contact information be updated for Round 1 applicants?**
 - Yes. Please provide updated project contact information when you reply to the November 1, 2024 submission email.



Round 1 – Frequently Asked Questions

Frequently Asked Questions (continued)

- **Will my FY 2024 RAISE location designations apply? Or will I receive new location designations for FY 2025 RAISE?**
 - FY 2024 RAISE locations designations will apply to projects selected in Round 1.
- **If my project is not selected in Round 1, will I be offered a debrief?**
 - Debriefs will only be offered to Round 1 applicants if the project did not receive a debrief in FY 2024 RAISE.
- **Will projects not selected in Round 1 be carried to Round 2?**
 - No, projects not selected in Round 1 will not be carried to Round 2. However, projects applying to Round 1 can also apply to Round 2.



Next Steps

- Confirm Round 1 whether you want your application reconsidered by **replying to the November 1, 2024 email** from RAISEgrants@dot.gov.
- Only FY 2024 RAISE Projects of Merit that reply and confirm they wish to be reconsidered under Round 1 will be considered. **Replies are due by December 2, 2024 at 11:59 pm**
- Email questions to RAISEgrants@dot.gov or search the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on our website.
- If applying to Round 2, feel welcome to attend our December 5th webinar on How to Compete.



Thank you!