U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
  
GRANT AGREEMENT UNDER THE  
FISCAL YEAR 2025 RAISE PROGRAM

This agreement is between the United States Department of Transportation (the “**USDOT**”) and the [insert full name of applicant] (the “**Recipient**”).

This agreement reflects the selection of the Recipient to receive a RAISE Grant for the [insert project name].

The parties therefore agree to the following:

1. General Terms and Conditions.

General Terms and Conditions.

(a) In this agreement, “**General Terms and Conditions**” means the content of the document titled “General Terms and Conditions Under the Fiscal Year 2025 RAISE Program: FRA Projects,” dated January 10, 2025, which is attached to this agreement. The General Terms and Conditions reference the information contained in the schedules to this agreement. The General Terms and Conditions are part of this agreement. For convenience, the General Terms and Conditions are also available at <https://www.transportation.gov/policy-initiatives/raise/raise-grant-agreements>, but if there are any differences between the version attached to this agreement and the version available at that hyperlink, only the version attached to this agreement is applicable.

(b) The Recipient states that it has knowledge of the General Terms and Conditions.

(c) The Recipient acknowledges that the General Terms and Conditions impose obligations on the Recipient and that the Recipient’s non-compliance with the General Terms and Conditions may result in remedial action, terminating of the RAISE Grant, disallowing costs incurred for the Project, requiring the Recipient to refund to the USDOT the RAISE Grant, and reporting the non-compliance in the Federal-government-wide integrity and performance system.

1. Special Terms and Conditions.

[Choose the appropriate one of these two alternatives.]

[**Alternative #1:** If there are no special terms and conditions, then use the following:]

There are no special terms for this award.

[**Alternative #2:** If there are special terms and conditions, repeat and modify the following as needed:]

[Special Term Title].

[special term text]

1. Schedule A  
   Administrative Information
   1. Application.

Application Title: [insert full title of submitted application]

Application Date: [insert the date in box 3 of the SF-424]

* 1. Recipient’s Unique Entity Identifier.

See section 28.3 of the General Terms and Conditions.

* 1. Recipient Contact(s).

Name

Title

Agency

Mailing Address

Phone Number

Email Address

* 1. Recipient Key Personnel.

None.

* 1. USDOT Project Contact(s).

Name

Title

Agency

Mailing Address

Phone Number

Email Address

* 1. Payment System.

USDOT Payment System: Delphi eInvoicing System

* 1. Office for Subaward and Contract Authorization.

USDOT Office for Subaward and Contract Authorization: None

* 1. Federal Award Identification Number.

See section 28.2 of the General Terms and Conditions.

1. Schedule B  
   Project Activities
   1. General Project Description.

[Insert text from decision memo with any necessary corrections.]

* 1. Statement of Work.

1. BACKGROUND

Instructions: This section also provides high-level overview information regarding the project and applicant/Recipient. Approximately 3–4 paragraph in length.

[**if applicable**:] All necessary planning, preliminary engineering (PE) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements have been completed.

1. OBJECTIVE

Instructions: This section is intended to provide a clear description of the purpose, underlying transportation problem that the project will address; the work that will be accomplished under the agreement; the end-state of the project, and the public benefits that the project is intended to achieve.

1. PROJECT LOCATION

Instructions: This section of the SOW is intended to provide information related to the geographic scope of the project, as well as to identify important related intercity corridors or service. The project location should be specific and detailed. Planning projects should note where the project is likely to be deployed.

1. DESCRIPTION OF WORK

Instructions: This section breaks the scope of work for the project into discrete and delineable tasks. If the project funded under this agreement is part of a larger effort, describe that larger effort, but link tasks specifically to the RAISE-funded portion of the project. Be clear regarding the work to be done in each task and be sure tasks can be linked to deliverables and timelines. Use the guidance below to develop this section.

Task 1: Detailed Project Work Plan, Budget, and Schedule

The Recipient shall prepare a Detailed Project Work Plan, Budget, and Schedule for the following tasks, which may result in amendments to this Agreement. The Detailed Project Budget will be consistent with the Approved Project Budget but will provide a greater level of detail. The Detailed Project Work Plan will describe, in detail, the activities and steps necessary to complete the tasks outlined in this Statement of Work. The Detailed Project Work Plan will also include information about the project management approach (including team organization, team decision-making, roles and responsibilities and interaction with FRA), as well as address quality assurance and quality control procedures. In addition, the Detailed Project Work Plan will include the Project Schedule (with Recipient and agency review durations), a detailed Project Budget, [**if applicable:** and the environmental class of action.] Similarly, the Detailed Work Plan should include agreements governing the construction, operation and maintenance of the Project. The FRA will review and approve the Detailed Project Work Plan, Budget, and Schedule.

Unless expressly permitted by pre-award authority in section 5 of schedule D of this agreement, The Recipient shall not begin work on subsequent tasks until (1) the Recipient has completed and submitted to FRA the Detailed Project Work Plan, Budget (including estimated costs for Alternate Task, if provided) and (2) the FRA provides the Recipient with written approval to proceed with subsequent tasks. The FRA will not reimburse the Recipient for costs incurred in contravention of this requirement.

Task 1 Deliverables:

* Detailed Project Work Plan, Budget, and Schedule
* Project Agreements (if applicable)

Task 2: [insert task name]

[insert a description of the task and the deliverables that will be completed under the task]

Task 2 Deliverables:

* [insert names of required deliverables to be completed under this task]

Alternate Task: [insert task name]

The Recipient shall not perform this task unless (1) all other work under this Agreement is complete and (2) the FRA the provides the Recipient with written approval to proceed with this Alternate Task.

[insert a description of the task, the deliverables, and estimated budget for work that is in addition to the other Tasks in the SOW, that is within the scope of the Technical Application, and that Recipient [will/may] accomplish, depending on the available funds, if all other Tasks in this SOW are completed under budget.]

Alternate Task Deliverables:

* [insert names of required deliverables to be completed under this task]

Task 3: [insert task name]

[insert a description of the task and the deliverables that will be completed under the task]

Task 3 Deliverables:

* [insert names of required deliverables to be completed under this task]
* Final Performance Report (the final deliverable listed in the “description of work” section of the SOW must be the Final Performance Report. The Recipient shall submit this report as required by section 7.2 of the General Terms and Conditions, and the report should describe the cumulative activities of the project, including a complete description of the Recipient’s achievements with respect to the project objectives and milestones)

1. PROJECT COORDINATION

Instructions: This section identifies all the project partners, and other entities that possess responsibility for the implementation of the project. Per Task 1 guidance, the coordination strategy may evolve and require updating over time. Use the format below to discuss project coordination:

The Recipient shall perform all tasks required for the Project through a coordinated process, which will involve affected railroad owners, operators, and funding partners, including:

* [list parties other than the Recipient]
* FRA

1. PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Instructions: This section identifies all actions the Recipient will perform to ensure the effective management and oversight of the project. Use the guidance below to develop a project management approach.

The Recipient shall facilitate the coordination of all activities necessary for implementation of the Project. Upon award of the Project, the Recipient shall monitor and evaluate the Project’s progress through regular meetings scheduled throughout the period of performance. The Recipient shall:

* Participate in a project kickoff meeting with FRA
* Complete necessary steps to hire a qualified consultant/contractor to perform required Project work, as necessary
* Hold regularly scheduled Project meetings with FRA
* Inspect and approve work as it is completed
* Review and approve invoices as appropriate for completed work
* Perform Project close-out audit to ensure contractual compliance and issue close-out report
* Submit to FRA all required Project deliverables and documentation on-time and according to schedule, including periodic receipts and invoices
* Comply with all FRA Project reporting requirements, including, but not limited to:

1. Status of project by task breakdown and percent complete
2. Changes and reason for changes in and updated versions of Detailed Project Work Plan, Budget, and Schedule
3. Description of unanticipated problems and any resolution since the immediately preceding progress report
4. Summary of work scheduled for the next progress period

* Read and understand the Terms and Conditions of this Agreement
* Notify FRA of changes to this Agreement that require written approval or modification to the Agreement
* [list any other project management activities that may be necessary for the Project]
  1. Documents Describing Mitigation Activities.

[Choose the appropriate one of these alternatives.]

[**Alternative #1:** Insert applicable environmental compliance language here, unless it is covered completely in a funded task above.]

[**Alternative #2:** If there are mitigation requirements in the NEPA document or the SHPO MOA/other correspondence:]

| Document Description | Date |
| --- | --- |
| [insert environmental documentation type] | [insert date of decision] |
| [insert applicable MOA/other correspondence with SHPO] | [insert date of MOA/correspondence] |

[**Alternative #3:**]

None.

1. Schedule C  
   Award Dates and Project Schedule
   1. Award Dates.

Budget Period End Date: See section 28.4 of the General Terms and Conditions

Period of Performance End Date: See section 28.5 of the General Terms and Conditions

* 1. Estimated Project Schedule.

| Milestone | Schedule Date |
| --- | --- |
| Planned Preliminary Engineering/NEPA Completion Date: | [insert date] |
| Planned Final Design Completion Date: | [insert date] |
| Planned Construction Start Date: | [insert date] |
| Planned Construction Substantial Completion Date: | [insert date] |

* 1. Special Milestone Deadlines.

[Choose the appropriate one of these two alternatives.]

[**Alternative #1:** If the only critical dates are completion dates, then use the following:]

None.

[**Alternative #2:** If there are additional critical dates, use this table and insert a row for each date. The milestone must be described in enough detail that there is no ambiguity about when it is met. Each of these milestones is intended to establish a clear trigger for USDOT to terminate the award or amend the terms of this agreement.  
  
If additional activities are required under schedules H, I, or J, milestones are required here for those activities.]

| Milestone | Deadline Date |
| --- | --- |
| [Insert milestone] | [insert date] |

1. Schedule D  
   Award and Project Financial Information
   1. Award Amount.

RAISE Grant Amount: [$XXX]

* 1. Federal Obligation Information.

Federal Obligation Type: Single

* 1. Approved Project Budget.

Project Budget by Task

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Task #** | **Task Name** | **RAISE Funds** | **Other Federal Funds** | **Non-Federal Funds** | **Total Cost** |
| 1 |  | $ | $ | $ | $ |
| **Total** | | **$** | **$** | **$** | **$** |

Project Budget by Source

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Funding Source** | **Project Contribution Amount** | **Percentage of Total Project Cost** |
| RAISE Funds | $ | % |
| Other Federal Funds |  |  |
| Non-Federal Funds | $ | % |
| **Total Eligible Project Costs** | **$** | **100%** |

In ¶ 11 of the agreement cover sheet, the amount listed in the “Federal” column is the “RAISE Funds” amount in this schedule D

* 1. Cost Classification Table.

**Omitted.** The Recipient shall provide a project budget by FRA standard cost category with the detailed project budget that is part of Task #1, as described in section 2 of schedule B.

* 1. Approved Pre-award Costs

[Choose the appropriate oneof these two alternatives.]

[**Alternative #1:** If pre-award authority has not been approved by OST:]

**None.** The USDOT has not approved under this award any pre-award costs under 2 C.F.R. 200.458. Because unapproved costs incurred before the date of this agreement are not allowable costs under this award, the USDOT will neither reimburse those costs under this award nor consider them as a non-Federal cost sharing contribution to this award. Costs incurred before the date of this agreement are allowable costs under this award only if approved in writing by USDOT before being included in the Project costs and documented in this section 5. See section 18.3(b) of the General Terms and Conditions.

[**Alternative #2:** If pre-award authority has been approved by OST:]

On [insert date], the USDOT approved [Recipient’s] request to allow the following pre-award costs.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Task #** | **Task Name** | **RAISE Funds** | **Other Federal Funds** | **Non-Federal Funds** | **Total Cost** |
| 1 |  | $ | $ | $ | $ |
| **Total** | | **$** | **$** | **$** | **$** |

The above pre-award costs were necessary for efficient and timely performance of the scope of work in schedule B and were incurred directly pursuant to the negotiation and in anticipation of this agreement.

1. Schedule E  
   Changes from Application

**Scope**:

[ If the activities described in schedule B differ from the scope presented in the application, describe the changes here and explain the need for those changes. If there are no changes, state that there are no changes. ]

**Schedule**:

[ If any dates listed in sections 2–3 of schedule C differ from the estimated schedule presented in the application, describe the changes here and provide an explanation of the cause of those changes. If there are no changes, state that there are no changes and remove the milestone table below. ]

The table below compares the Project milestone dates.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Milestone | Application | Schedule C |
| Planned Preliminary Engineering/NEPA Completion Date: | [insert date] | [insert date] |
| Planned Final Design Completion Date: | [insert date] | [insert date] |
| Planned Construction Start Date: | [insert date] | [insert date] |
| Planned Construction Substantial Completion Date: | [insert date] | [insert date] |

**Budget**:

[ If any amounts listed in sections 3–4 of schedule D differ from the budget presented in the application, describe the changes here and provide an explanation of the cause of those changes. If there are no changes, state that there are no changes and remove the budget table below. This section should also identify Department approved budget changes that occurred after application submittal and prior to award announcement. ]

The table below provides a summary comparison of the Project budget.

| **Fund Source** | **Application** | | **Schedule D** | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| $ | % | $ | % |
| **Previously Incurred Costs** |  |  |  |  |
| Federal Funds |  |  |  |  |
| Non-Federal Funds |  |  |  |  |
| Total Previously Incurred Costs |  |  |  |  |
| **Future Eligible Project Costs** |  |  |  |  |
| RAISE Funds |  |  |  |  |
| Other Federal Funds |  |  |  |  |
| Non-Federal Funds |  |  |  |  |
| Total Future Eligible Project Costs |  |  |  |  |
| Total Project Costs |  |  |  |  |

**Other:**

[ If there are notable changes in aspects of the Project other than scope, schedule, and budget (*e.g.,* recipient changes), then describe those changes here. If there are not, then state that there are no other notable changes from the application. ]

1. Schedule F  
   RAISE Program Designations
   1. Urban or Rural Designation.

Urban-Rural Designation: [Urban] [Rural]

* 1. Capital or Planning Designation.

Capital-Planning Designation: Capital

* 1. Historically Disadvantaged Community or Area of Persistent Poverty Designation.

HDC or APP Designation: [Yes] [No]

* 1. Funding Act.

Funding Act: [IIJA]

* 1. Security Risk Designation.

Security Risk Designation: [Low] [Elevated]

1. Schedule G  
   RAISE Performance Measurement Information

**Study Area:** [Insert description of area to be studied]

**Baseline Measurement Date:** [insert date]

**Baseline Report Date:** [insert date]

Table 1: Performance Measure Table

| Performance Measure | Unit Reported |
| --- | --- |
| [Insert the selected **Performance Measure**] | [Insert the **Unit Reported** associated with the selected performance measure] |
| [Insert the selected **Performance Measure**] | [Insert the **Unit Reported** associated with the selected performance measure] |

1. Schedule H  
   Climate Change and Environmental Justice Impacts
   1. Consideration of Climate Change and Environmental Justice Impacts.

The Recipient states that rows marked with “X” in the following table are accurate:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | The Project significantly reduces transportation-related pollution, like air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. *(Describe the expected reductions and how they are achieved in the supporting narrative below.)* |
|  | The Project aligns with an applicable State, regional, or local carbon-reduction plan. *(Identify the plan in the supporting narrative below.)* |
|  | The Project addresses the disproportionate negative environmental impacts of transportation, such as exposure to elevated levels of air, water, and noise pollution. *(Describe how in the supporting narrative below.)* |
|  | The Project implements transportation-efficient land use and design, such as drawing on the features of historic towns and villages that had a mix of land uses, compact and walkable development patterns, accessible green space, and neighborhood centers. *(Describe how in the supporting narrative below.)* |
|  | The Project shifts freight to lower-carbon travel modes to reduce emissions. *(Describe how in the supporting narrative below.)* |
|  | The Project improves the resiliency of at-risk infrastructure to withstand extreme weather events and natural disasters caused by climate change, such as by using best-available climate data sets, information resources, and decision-support tools, and incorporating best practices identified by the Department (for example, in the Department’s Nature-Based Solutions for Coastal Highway Resilience Implementation Guide). *(Identify the at-risk infrastructure and describe how the project improves its resiliency in the supporting narrative below.)* |
|  | The Project incorporates energy efficient investments, such as electrification or zero emission vehicle infrastructure. *(Describe the energy efficient investments in the supporting narrative below.)* |
|  | The Project redevelops brownfield sites. *(Identify the brownfield sites and describe the redevelopment in the supporting narrative below.)* |
|  | The Project removes, replaces, or restores culverts to improve passage of aquatic species. *(Identify the affected culverts and describe how the changes will improve the passage of aquatic species in the supporting narrative below.)* |
|  | The Project avoids adverse impacts to air or water quality, wetlands, and endangered species. *(Describe how in the supporting narrative below.)* |
|  | The Project includes floodplain upgrades consistent with the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard in Executive Orders 14030 and 13690. *(Describe those floodplain upgrades in the supporting narrative below.)* |
|  | The Recipient or a project partner has taken other actions to consider climate change and environmental justice impacts of the Project. *(Describe those actions in the supporting narrative below.)* |
|  | The Recipient or a project partner has not yet taken actions to consider climate change and environmental justice impacts of the Project but, before beginning construction of the Project, will take relevant actions described in schedule B. *(Identify the relevant actions from schedule B in the supporting narrative below.)* |
|  | The Recipient or a project partner has not taken actions to consider climate change and environmental justice impacts of the Project and will not take those actions under this award. |

* 1. Supporting Narrative.

[ Insert supporting text, as described in the table above. ]

1. Schedule I  
   Racial Equity and Barriers to Opportunity
   1. Efforts to Improve Racial Equity and Reduce Barriers to Opportunity.

The Recipient states that rows marked with “X” in the following table are accurate:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | The Project increases affordable transportation choices. (*Describe how in the supporting narrative below.*) |
|  | The Project expands active transportation usage. (*Describe how in the supporting narrative below.*) |
|  | The Project significantly reduces vehicle dependence. (*Describe how in the supporting narrative below.*) |
|  | The Project reduces transportation and housing cost burdens by integrating mixed use development and a diversity of housing types (including affordable housing) with multimodal transportation infrastructure. (*Describe how in the supporting narrative below.*) |
|  | The Project coordinates and integrates land use, affordable housing, and transportation planning to create more livable communities and expand travel choices. (*Describe how in the supporting narrative below.*) |
|  | The Project reduces vehicle dependence and improves access to daily destinations, such as jobs, healthcare, grocery store, schools, places of worship, recreation, or parks, such as by adding new facilities that promote walking or biking. (*Describe how in the supporting narrative below.*) |
|  | The Project implements transit-oriented development that benefits existing residents and businesses. (*Describe how in the supporting narrative below, including a specific description of the benefits to existing residents and businesses.*) |
|  | The Project mitigates urban heat islands to protect the health of at-risk residents, outdoor workers, and others. (*Describe how in the supporting narrative below.*) |
|  | The Project proactively addresses racial equity. (*Describe how in the supporting narrative below.*) |
|  | The Recipient or a project partner has taken other actions related to the Project to improve racial equity and reduce barriers to opportunity. *(Describe those actions in the supporting narrative below.)* |
|  | The Recipient or a project partner has not yet taken actions related to the Project to improve racial equity and reduce barriers to opportunity but, before beginning construction of the Project, will take relevant actions described in schedule B. *(Identify the relevant actions from schedule B in the supporting narrative below.)* |
|  | The Recipient or a project partner has not taken actions related to the Project to improve racial equity and reduce barriers to opportunity and will not take those actions under this award. |

* 1. Supporting Narrative.

[ Insert supporting text, as described in the table above. ]

1. Schedule J  
   Labor and Work
   1. Efforts to Support Good-Paying Jobs and Strong Labor Standards

The Recipient states that rows marked with “X” in the following table are accurate:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | The Recipient or a project partner has adopted the use of project labor agreements in the overall delivery and implementation of the Project. *(Identify the relevant agreements and describe the scope of activities they cover in the supporting narrative below.)* |
|  | The Recipient or a project partner has adopted the use of local and economic hiring preferences in the overall delivery and implementation of the Project, subject to all applicable State and local laws, policies, and procedures. *(Describe the relevant provisions in the supporting narrative below.)* |
|  | The Recipient or a project partner has adopted the use of registered apprenticeships in the overall delivery and implementation of the Project. *(Describe the use of registered apprenticeship in the supporting narrative below.)* |
|  | The Recipient or a project partner will provide training and placement programs for underrepresented workers in the overall delivery and implementation of the Project. *(Describe the training programs in the supporting narrative below.)* |
|  | The Recipient or a project partner will support free and fair choice to join a union in the overall delivery and implementation of the Project by investing in workforce development services offered by labor-management training partnerships or setting expectations for contractors to develop labor-management training programs. *(Describe the workforce development services offered by labor-management training partnerships in the supporting narrative below.)* |
|  | The Recipient or a project partner will provide supportive services and cash assistance to address systemic barriers to employment to be able to participate and thrive in training and employment, including childcare, emergency cash assistance for items such as tools, work clothing, application fees and other costs of apprenticeship or required pre-employment training, transportation and travel to training and work sites, and services aimed at helping to retain underrepresented groups like mentoring, support groups, and peer networking. *(Describe the supportive services and/or cash assistance provided to trainees and employees in the supporting narrative below.)* |
|  | The Recipient or a project partner has documented agreements or ordinances in place to hire from certain workforce programs that serve underrepresented groups. *(Identify the relevant agreements and describe the scope of activities they cover in the supporting narrative below.)* |
|  | * 1. The Recipient or a project partner participates in a State/Regional/Local comprehensive plan to promote equal opportunity, including removing barriers to hire and preventing harassment on work sites, and that plan demonstrates action to create an inclusive environment with a commitment to equal opportunity, including:   affirmative efforts to remove barriers to equal employment opportunity above and beyond complying with Federal law;  proactive partnerships with the U.S. Department of Labor’s Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs to promote compliance with EO 11246 Equal Employment Opportunity requirements;  no discriminatory use of criminal background screens and affirmative steps to recruit and include those with former justice involvement, in accordance with the Fair Chance Act and equal opportunity requirements;  efforts to prevent harassment based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and national origin;  training on anti-harassment and third-party reporting procedures covering employees and contractors; and  maintaining robust anti-retaliation measures covering employees and contractors.  *(Describe the equal opportunity plan in the supporting narrative below.)* |
|  | The Recipient or a project partner has taken other actions related to the Project to create good-paying jobs with the free and fair choice to join a union and incorporate strong labor standards. *(Describe those actions in the supporting narrative below.)* |
|  | The Recipient or a project partner has not yet taken actions related to the Project to create good-paying jobs with the free and fair choice to join a union and incorporate strong labor standards but, before beginning construction of the Project, will take relevant actions described in schedule B. *(Identify the relevant actions from schedule B in the supporting narrative below.)* |
|  | The Recipient or a project partner has not taken actions related to the Project to improving good-paying jobs and strong labor standards and will not take those actions under this award. |

* 1. Supporting Narrative.

[ Insert supporting text, as described in the table above. ]

1. Schedule K  
   Civil Rights and Title VI
   1. Recipient Type Designation.

[Choose the appropriate oneof these two alternatives.]

[Alternative #1, if the Recipient has an active award with the same operating administration:]

Recipient Type Designation: Existing

Existing Award Program: [ Assistance Listing Number or Name for grant program ]

[Alternative #2:]

Recipient Type Designation: New

* 1. Title VI Assessment Information.

[Choose the appropriate oneof these two alternatives.]

[Alternative #1, if the Recipient Type Designation is Existing:]

This section is not applicable because the Recipient Type Designation is “Existing.”

[Alternative #2, if the Recipient Type Designation is New:]

Title VI Assessment Completion Date: [ insert date ]