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: FTA Projects,” dated January 10, 2025, which is available at <https://www.transportation.gov/policy-initiatives/raise/raise-grant-agreements>. 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.

(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.

Recipient’s Unique Entity Identifier: [insert UEI].

* 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: ECHO

* 1. Office for Subaward and Contract Authorization.

USDOT Office for Subaward and Contract Authorization: None

* 1. Federal Award Identification Number.

Federal Award Identification Number: [insert FAIN]

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

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

* 1. Statement of Work.

[Insert statement of work.]

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

Budget Period End Date: [insert date]

Period of Performance End Date: [insert date]

* 1. Estimated Project Schedule.

| Milestone | Schedule Date |
| --- | --- |
| Planned Construction Start Date: | [insert date] |
| Planned Construction Substantial Completion Date: | [insert date] |
| Planned Revenue Service or Planned Project 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.

Eligible Project Costs

|  | [Component 1] | [Component 2] | Total |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| RAISE Funds: | [$XXX] | [$XXX] | [$XXX] |
| Other Federal Funds: | [$XXX] | [$XXX] | [$XXX] |
| Non-Federal Funds: | [$XXX] | [$XXX] | [$XXX] |
| Total: | [$XXX] | [$XXX] | [$XXX] |

* 1. Cost Classification Table.

Reserved.

* 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.

[To the extent possible, this Schedule D should identify the scope and cost of the approved pre-award activities.]

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 Construction Start Date: | [insert date] | [insert date] |
| Planned Construction Substantial Completion Date: | [insert date] | [insert date] |
| Planned Revenue Service or Planned Project 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:

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| --- | --- |
|  | 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; andmaintaining 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 ]

1. Recipient Signature Page

The Recipient, intending to be legally bound, is signing this agreement on the date stated opposite that party’s signature.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | [insert full name of Recipient’s organization] |
| Date | By: | Signature of Recipient’s Authorized Representative[insert name]Name[insert title]Title |

USDOT Signature Page

The USDOT, intending to be legally bound, is signing this agreement on the date stated opposite that party’s signature.

|  |  |
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|  | UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION |
| Date | By: | Signature of USDOT’s Authorized Representative[insert name]Name[insert title]Title |