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Good Afternoon,

Next month the USDOT will release the Initial Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the 2023 RAISE Grants. The Final Notice of Funding Opportunity should be available on or before November 30th. The Integrated Mobility Division (IMD) is actively exploring projects that may be strong candidates for RAISE. IMD is particularly interested in identifying projects that increase multimodal access to opportunities and services for low-income and historically marginalized communities. Ultimately, IMD will work with a broader NCDOT team to determine which project(s) NCDOT will submit for the grant opportunity.

We are seeking your assistance in identifying potential projects, programs of projects or combined projects that meet the eligibility criteria for the USDOT RAISE grants. Please review the following considerations and submit potential candidate projects that meet some or all of these conditions, by Friday November 11, 2022, via the following Smartsheet survey: [FY 2023 RAISE Grant Project Candidate Survey](#)

IMD is seeking multimodal projects that improve equitable connections to transit and bicycle & pedestrian facilities. An ideal project should serve historically marginalized and low-income communities that experience transit barriers and low vehicle ownership rates. The ideal project may include a multiuse path or greenway connecting to a complete streets project with multimodal accommodations, connecting to a mobility hub, multimodal transfer center, or transit station; and ideally robust data available to show how the project will enhance quality of life, and ensure safety.

Overall selection criteria for RAISE grants include safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, economic competitiveness, and state of good repair. The secondary selection criteria includes partnerships and innovation. Projects should include components that reduce emissions, promote energy efficiency, increase resiliency, and recycle or redevelop existing infrastructure.

Other project considerations:

- Projects should be further along than the concept/planning stages to allow work to begin expeditiously after grant award. When completing the survey, be sure to attach supporting documents for projects (RAISE applications if you submitted an application in the past, BCA, plans/drawings, letter of support, etc.)
- Funding sources should be identified for the project. NCDOT may be able to provide match for transit components or complete streets components that are already committed in the STIP. Local match (non-Federal and non-state) would be required for independent bicycle & pedestrian projects.
- Projects can be combined into a program of projects, potentially covering a broader region, as long as each project has independent utility.

Below are examples of the types of projects that IMD submitted and awarded RAISE grant funding:

- RAISE 2020, High Point – <https://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/RAISE2021->

[HP_IMD/Documents/Narrative.pdf](#)

- RAISE 2021, Rutherfordton/Spindale – <https://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/RAISE2022-IMD/Documents/PARTNERS%20Narrative.pdf>
- RAISE 2021, Mobility Hubs – <https://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/RAISE-S-Line/Documents/project-narrative.pdf>

If you have projects that you think will meet some or all of these characteristics, please complete the : **FY 2023 RAISE Grant Project Candidate Survey** no later than Friday November 11th. Please reach out to Chisara Brown at ccbrown5@ncdot.gov or Ryan Brumfield at rbrumfield@ncdot.gov with any questions about this request.

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“I have learned that success is to be measured
not so much
by the position that one has reached in life as
by the obstacles
which he has overcome while trying to
succeed.”
-Booker T. Washington

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