

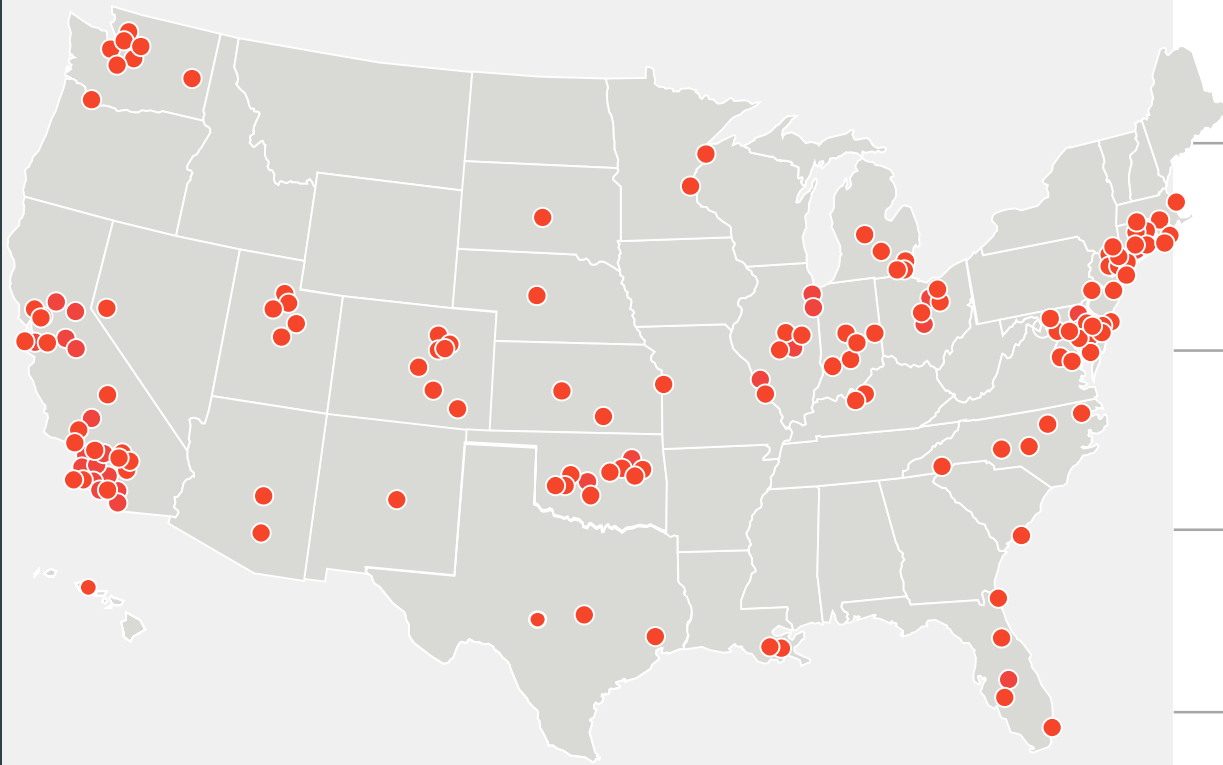


# 2023 ANNUAL MN-WI PUBLIC TRANSIT CONFERENCE

## FEDERAL TRANSIT GRANT PROGRAMS PRESENTATION

OCTOBER 25, 2023

# WSP Grant Experiences



WSP has helped clients secure approximately \$41.8 billion in federal grants & loans for over 270 projects nationwide

WSP's expertise in project funding includes a range of discretionary grant programs, including:

**\$2.4B+**  
Combined awards since 2012

USDOT GRANT PROGRAMS  
RAISE (formerly BUILD/TIGER) • MPDG (RURAL, MEGA, INFRA) • Bridge Investment Program

**\$570M+**  
Combined awards since 2012

FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION (FRA) GRANT PROGRAMS  
Railroad Crossings • CRISI • Fed-State Partnership • State of Good Repair

**\$15B+**  
Combined awards since 2012

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA), CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANT (CIG) PROGRAMS  
New Starts • Core Capacity • Small Starts

**\$670M+**  
Combined awards since 2012

FTA GRANT PROGRAMS  
Low-no Emissions • Buses & Bus Facilities • TOD Planning • Areas of Persistent Poverty • Ferry, etc

NEW ENERGY PORTFOLIO  
Department of Energy  
IRA /BIL & IIJA Incentives  
State level infrastructure incentives  
Ports, Transit, Energy Production  
Energy Transition focus

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) GRANT PROGRAMS  
Pre-disaster Mitigation Program • Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities (BRIC) • Port/Transit Security



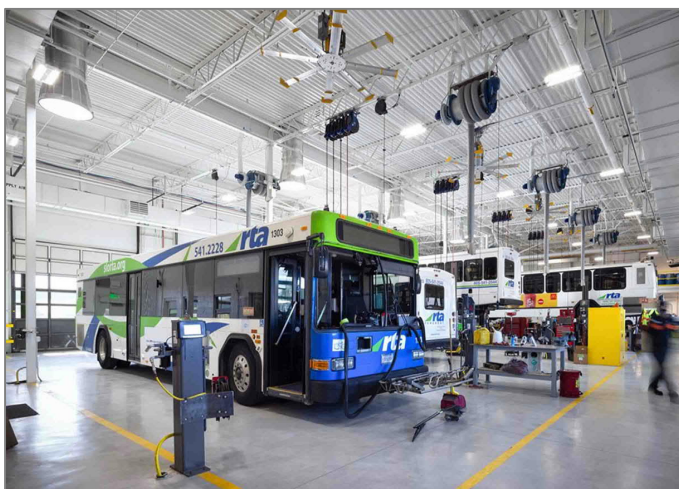
- Securing loans: TIFIA , DOE LPO
- Executing Full Funding Grant Agreements (FFGA)

# Introduction and Agenda

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Overview
- FTA Formula and Discretionary Programs
- Grant Writing Tips/Tricks
- Q and A



# What's your greatest need(s)?



# Bipartisan Infrastructure Law [BIL]:

- In 2021, the BIL enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act [IIJA] was signed into law by President Biden.
- BIL/IIJA is the largest federal investment in public transportation.
- The legislation authorized up to \$108 billion to support public transportation programs with \$91 billion in guaranteed funding.
- Several new discretionary funding programs



# Competitive Environment

- RAISE Program (2023)
  - \$2.2B Available
  - 1,100 Total Applications
  - \$15B in Total Requests
  - 162 Awarded Projects
  - **14.7% Success Rate**
- Safe Streets for All (SS4A) (2022)
  - \$800M Available
  - 673 Total Applications
  - \$13.3B in Total Requests
  - 510 Awarded Projects (Some Partial)
  - **28% Success Rate**
- Reconnecting Communities (2022)
  - \$185M Available
  - 414 Total Applications
  - \$1.9B in Total Requests
  - 45 Awarded Projects
  - **11% Success Rate**
- INFRA
  - \$1.5B Available
  - 329 Total Applications
  - \$28.9B in Total Requests
  - 26 Awarded Projects
  - **8% Success Rate**

## Grant Programs:

- The BIL/IIJA Legislation:
  - Authorized surface transportation programs from FY2022 through FY2026.
  - Provided advanced appropriations for various grant programs.
- The following summarizes grant programs that fund public transportation services including:

# FTA Transit Formula Grant Programs





## FTA Formula Grant Programs:

GRANT PROGRAM	GRANT TYPE	FUND UTILIZATION
Section 5307	Formula (Urbanized Area Formula Funds)	Funds capital and transit operations in urbanized areas. Apportioned annually. <input type="checkbox"/> FTA match 80%, operating 50% <input type="checkbox"/> Local match 20%, operating 50%
Section 5310	Formula (Enhanced Mobility Seniors & Persons with Disabilities)	Funds capital, transit operations, and mobility management for seniors & disabled. Apportioned annually. <input type="checkbox"/> FTA match 80%, operating 50% <input type="checkbox"/> Local match 20%, operating 50%
Section 5311	Formula (Rural Area Formula Funds)	Funds capital and transit operations in rural areas and interstate commuter service. Apportioned annually <input type="checkbox"/> FTA match 80%, operating 50% <input type="checkbox"/> Local match 20%, operating 50%

## FTA Formula Grant Programs:

GRANT PROGRAM	GRANT TYPE	FUND UTILIZATION
Section 5337 (State of Good Repair)	Formula	Provides capital assistance for maintenance, replacement, and rehabilitation projects to help transit agencies maintain assets in a state of good repair in urbanized areas. Apportioned annually. <input type="checkbox"/> FTA match 80%, Local match 20%
Section 5339(a) (Buses & Bus Facilities)	Formula	Funds capital projects to replace, rehab and purchase buses and bus-related equipment, and construct bus-related facilities. <input type="checkbox"/> Apportioned annually <input type="checkbox"/> FTA match 80%, Local match 20%

FTA Transit  
Discretionary  
Grant  
Programs



## FTA Competitive Grant Programs:

GRANT PROGRAM	GRANT TYPE	FUND UTILIZATION
Accelerating Innovative Mobility	Competitive	Funds advance transit innovative projects. <input type="checkbox"/> NOFO issued annually <input type="checkbox"/> FTA match 80%, Local match 20%
All Stations Accessibility Program	Competitive	Funds capital improvement projects at legacy stations or passenger facilities or planning studies to develop plans for public transportation projects. ADA improvements <input type="checkbox"/> NOFO issued annually <input type="checkbox"/> FTA match 80% & planning 50% <input type="checkbox"/> Local match 20% & planning 50%
Areas of Persistent Poverty	Competitive	Funds planning studies or financial plans to improve transit services in distressed areas. <input type="checkbox"/> NOFO issued annually <input type="checkbox"/> FTA match 80%, Local match 20%

## FTA Competitive Grant Programs:

GRANT PROGRAM	GRANT TYPE	FUND UTILIZATION
Enhancing Mobility Innovation	Competitive	Funds technology projects to advance and promote mobility and accessible services focusing on passenger experience. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> NOFO issued annually</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> FTA match 80%, Local match 20%</li> </ul>
Ferry Programs	Competitive	Funds passenger ferry, electric or Low No Ferry, and Rural ferry projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> NOFO issued annually</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> FTA match 80%, Local match 20%</li> </ul>

## FTA Competitive Grant Programs:

GRANT PROGRAM	GRANT TYPE	FUND UTILIZATION
Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Grants	Competitive	Funds innovative capital projects to improve and coordinate services for disadvantaged and non-emergency medical transportation services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> NOFO issued annually</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> FTA match 80%, Local 20%</li> </ul>
Buses and Bus Facilities Program (Section 5339[b])	Competitive	Provides funding to purchase transit buses and related facilities and equipment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> NOFO issued annually</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> FTA match 80%, Local 20%</li> </ul>

## FTA Competitive Grant Programs:

GRANT PROGRAM	GRANT TYPE	FUND UTILIZATION
Low or No Emission Vehicle (Section 5339[c])	Competitive	<p>Funds the purchase or lease of low or no emission transit buses and related facilities and equipment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> NOFO issued annually</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> FTA match 80%, Local 20%</li> </ul>
Section 5312 (Mobility on Demand Sandbox Demonstration Program)	Competitive	<p>Innovative projects that deliver high-quality, seamless, and equitable mobility options for all travelers. (bike/car share, on-demand bus)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> NOFO issued annually</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> FTA match 80%, Local 20%</li> </ul>

# FTA Tribal Transit Grant Programs





## FTA Tribal Formula & Competitive Grant Programs:

GRANT PROGRAM	GRANT TYPE	FUND UTILIZATION
Tribal Transit Formula Grants (5311[c][1][B])	Formula	Funds public transportation service operations on and around Indian reservations or tribal land in rural areas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Apportioned annually</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Federal/local match 50%/50% (operating)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Federal/Local match 80%/20% (capital)</li> </ul>
Tribal Transit Grants (5311[c][1][B])	Competitive	Twenty percent of 5311 formula funds distributed on a competitive basis. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> NOFO issued annually</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Federal/Local match 80%/20%</li> </ul>

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## RAISE Grant Program

- Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant funds capital investments in, and planning and design for, surface transportation infrastructure that has significant local or regional impact.
- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is issued annually.
- RAISE Grant program criteria include:
  - Safety
  - Environmental Sustainability
  - Quality of Life
  - Improves Mobility and Community Connectivity



## RAISE Grant Program

- RAISE Grant program criteria include:
  - Economic Competitiveness and Opportunity: Applicants must ensure their projects align with the economic competitiveness opportunity criterion in the NOFO.
  - State of Good Repair: Elements of applicants' state of good repair policies and procedures must be included in the application.
  - Partnership and Collaboration: Applicants must address partnership and collaborative efforts with project partners to meet this criterion
  - Innovation: This criterion could include innovative technology or financing

# RAISE Grant Program

- Grant Eligible Projects/Types:
  - Highway & Bridge, public transportation
  - Passenger and freight rail and port infrastructure
  - Surface transportation facilities located on Tribal lands (where Federal Government is responsible for maintenance, planning and design activities).
  - Surface transportation components of an airport project
  - Replace/rehabilitate of a culvert or prevent stormwater runoff to improve habitat for aquatic species.
- Grant Funding Min/Max:
  - Minimum award in urban areas is \$5 million and \$1 million for rural areas
  - No minimum award for planning projects
- Cost Sharing/Matching:
  - Exactly 50% of funds split between urban and rural projects
  - Federal share 80% and can be increased in rural areas, historically disadvantaged communities or areas of persistent poverty).



## Safe Streets for All (SS4A)

- Safe Streets for All (SS4A) funds roadway safety improvements to reduce or eliminate roadway fatalities and serious injuries through safety action plan development, refinement, and implementation for all users.
- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is issued annually.
- SS4A Grant program criteria includes:
  - Safety Impact – show significant reduction or elimination of roadway fatalities and serious injuries
  - Equity, Engagement, and Collaboration – supports legislative requirements to assess the extent to which equitable investments in the safety needs of underserved communities.
  - Effective Practices and Strategies – DOT will assess the extent to which the applicant demonstrates how the application responds to policies, guidelines, standards, and practices to promote systemic safety improvements.
  - Other DOT strategic Goals – demonstrate how equity and safety show significant reduction or elimination in roadway fatalities and serious injuries.



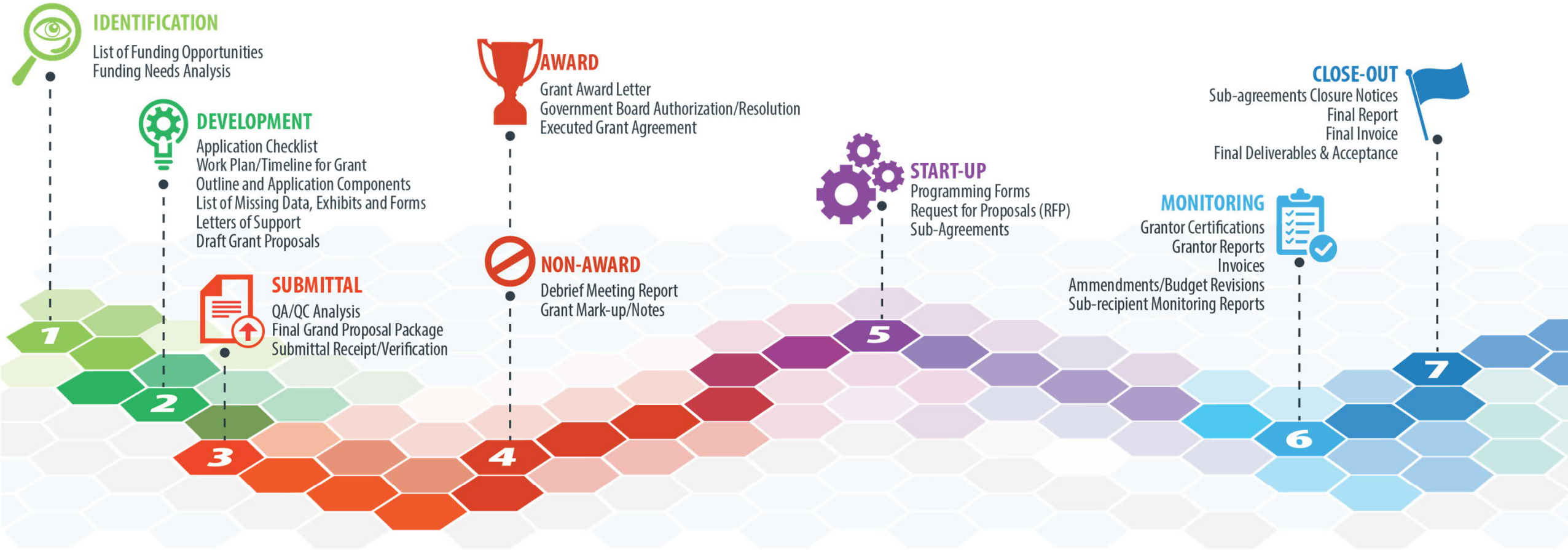
## Safe Streets for All (SS4A)

- Grant Eligible Projects/Types:
  - Planning and Demonstration Projects – develop an action plan, conduct supplemental safety planning to enhance and action plan, and carry demonstration activities to inform the development of, or an update to an action plan.
  - Implementation Grants – funding for projects and strategies identified in an action plan that addresses roadway safety problems.
- Project Funding Min/Max size:
  - Planning and Demonstration Projects: \$100,000 (min)/\$10 million (max)
  - Implementation Grant Projects: \$2.5 (min)/\$25 million (max)
- Local match requirements rural vs. urban
  - Federal match requirement – 80%
  - Urban/rural match requirement – no less than 20%

# Grant Development Tips and Tricks







**ON-GOING:**



Search for Funding Opportunities  
Monthly List



Up-to-Date File Sharing  
Record Keeping



Grant Status Reports  
Grant Database Tracking

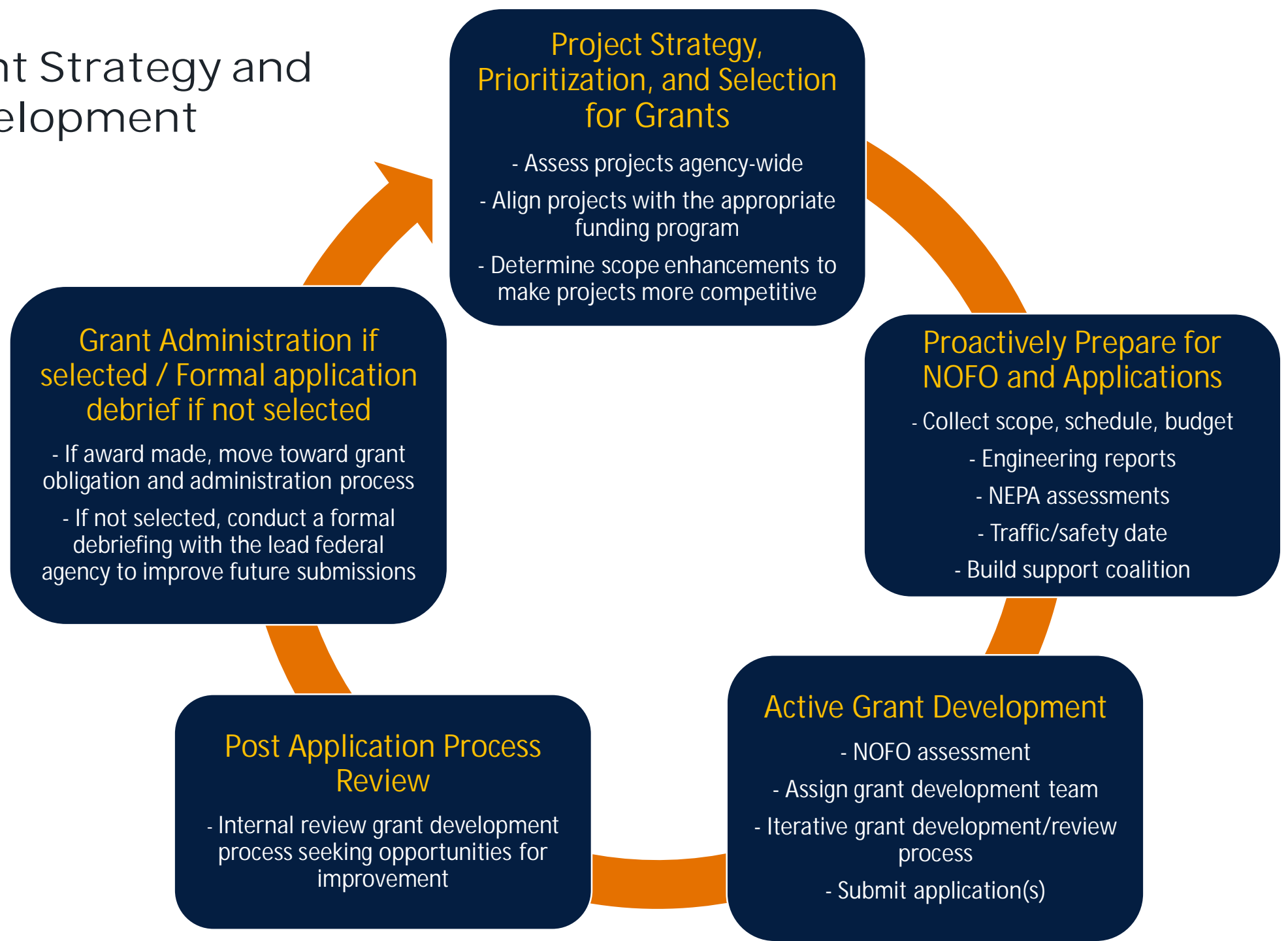


Periodic Meetings  
Grant Coordination Meetings  
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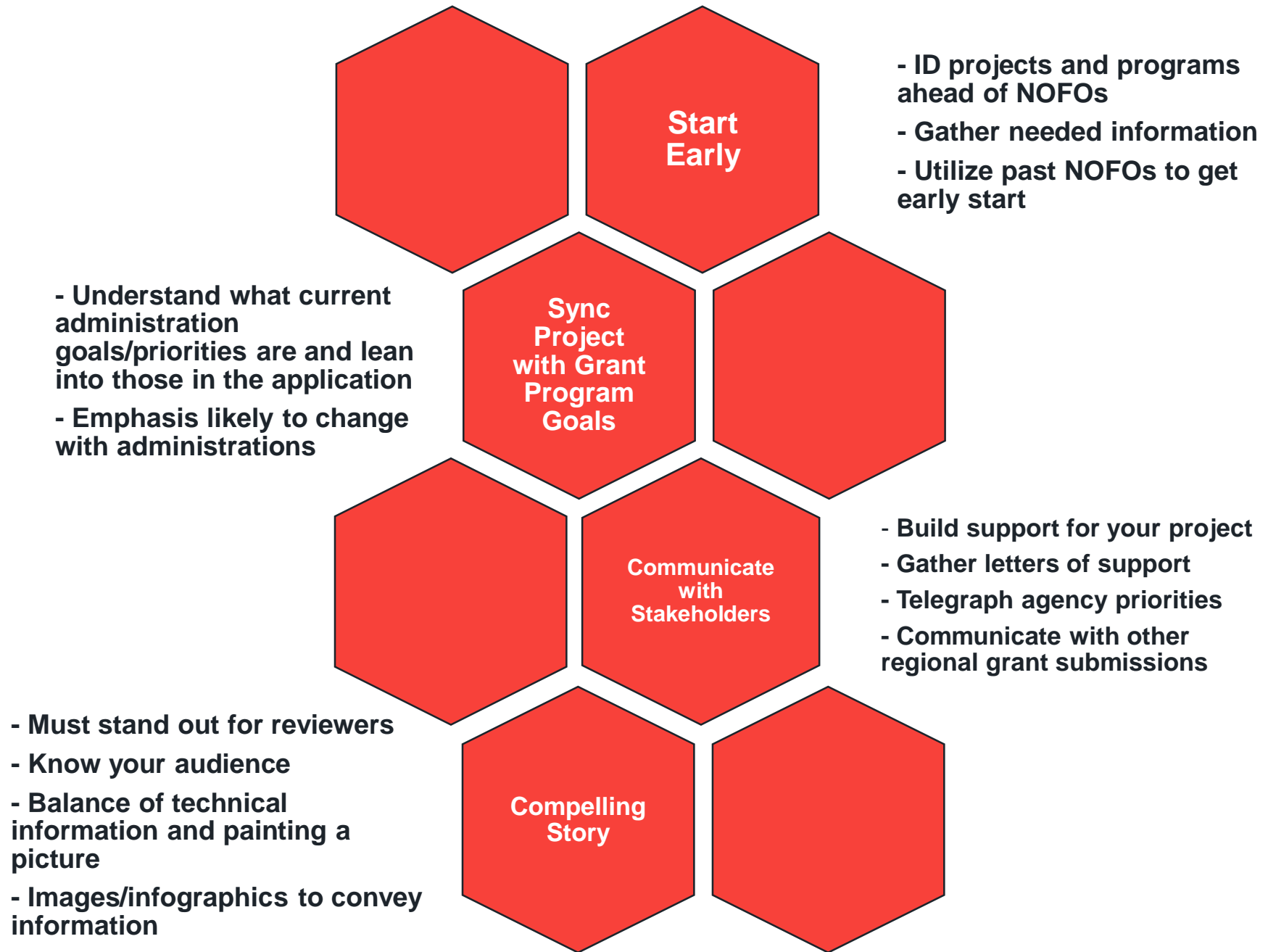


Communication Methods:  
In-person, Phone, E-mail, Online, etc.

# Grant Strategy and Development



# Positioning to be Successful with Grants



# You don't have to (and shouldn't) go it alone...

- Get organized and establish a grant development team (Plan the work, then work the plan!)
- Communicate with project leaders/engineers/planners for data, reports, research, and other information needed
- Set a clear application development schedule and assignments

## US 71 RAISE Planning Grant DRAFT 1

		Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
RAISE Grant Section Development	Author	15-Mar	16-Mar	17-Mar	18-Mar	19-Mar	20-Mar	21-Mar	22-Mar	23-Mar	24-Mar	25-Mar
Project Description	Jared	X	X	X								
Project Location	Sean	X	X									
Grant Funds and Sources	Jared						X					
Merit Criteria - Safety	Sean			X								
Merit Criteria - Environmental Sustainability	Jared				X							
Merit Criteria - Quality of Life	Sean							X				
Merit Criteria - Improves Mobility and Community Connectivity	Jared						X					
Merit Criteria - Economic Competitiveness and Opportunity	Sean							X				
Merit Criteria - State of Good Repair	Sean								X			
Merit Criteria - Partnership and Collaboration	Jared								X			
Merit Criteria - Innovation	Jared									X		
Project Readiness - Environmental Risk	Jared									X		
Project Readiness - Project Schedule	Jared									X		
Project Readiness - Required Approvals	Jared										X	
Project Readiness - Project Risks and Mitigation	Jared											X
Cover Letter	Jared							X				
Letters of Support Template	Jared				X							
<b>Draft 1 for Internal QA/QC</b>	<b>Jay</b>											

# Other Useful Tips/Tricks

- READ THE NOFO, then... read it again!
- Initiate Benefit-Cost Analysis ASAP – Get help if needed
- Commit needed local matching funds (No 'check's in the mail')
- Utilize embedded hyperlinks to support assertions
- Refer to other portions of the application to reduce redundancy
- Login to Grants.gov, or another agency submission site several days prior to the deadline
  - Know your DUNS Number, Unique Entity Identifier, or other credentials needed to submit ahead of deadlines
- Schedule grant development process to submit at least 2 days ahead of the deadline
- QA/QC is a critical

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary of Transportation

Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Department of Transportation's National Infrastructure Investments (i.e., the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program) under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ("Bipartisan Infrastructure Law")

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary of Transportation, DOT


ACTION: Notice of Funding Opportunity

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to solicit applications for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grants. Funds for the FY 2022 RAISE grant program are to be awarded on a competitive basis for surface transportation infrastructure projects that will have a significant local or regional impact. This program is referred to as the Local and Regional Project Assistance Program in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ("Bipartisan Infrastructure Law").

DATES: Applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM Eastern on April 14, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted through Grants.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information concerning this notice, please contact the RAISE grant program staff via e-mail at [RAISEgrants@dot.gov](mailto:RAISEgrants@dot.gov), or call Howard Hill at 202-366-0301. A TDD is available for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing at 202-366-3993. In addition, DOT will regularly post answers to questions and requests for clarifications as well as information about webinars for further guidance on DOT's website at [www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants](http://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants).



**US 71**  
Reconnecting  
Neighborhoods

2022 RAISE  
PLANNING GRANT

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