

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTY-FIFTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-23-153 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Tammy Fiebelkorn, by request

1 RESOLUTION
2 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO
3 REBUILD THE UPTOWN TRANSIT CENTER AS A JOINT DEVELOPMENT
4 PROJECT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION “REBUILDING
5 AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY” (RAISE)
6 GRANT PROGRAM AND PROVIDING FOR AN APPROPRIATION TO THE TRANSIT
7 DEPARTMENT.

8 WHEREAS, the Administrator of the U.S. Department of Transportation has
9 made federal funds from the RAISE Grant Program available to the City of
10 Albuquerque in the total of \$25,000,000 for the Uptown Transit Center Joint
11 Development project; and

12 WHEREAS, the Uptown Transit Center and Joint Development is a project
13 identified in the 2018-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that will
14 support reconstruction of an aging asset along with a private development of
15 related uses that will serve as amenities for transit riders and new affordable
16 housing that will grow the transit ridership base; and

17 WHEREAS, the above project supports the desired community condition
18 for safe and affordable integrated transportation options associated with Goal 3 -
19 Public Infrastructure on the City’s Five-Year Goals Plan; and

20 WHEREAS, the City will apply for these funds.

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
22 ALBUQUERQUE:

23 Section 1. That the attached application to aid for financing of public
24 transportation projects pursuant to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) of the
25 U.S. Department of Transportation in the amount of \$25,000,000 is hereby

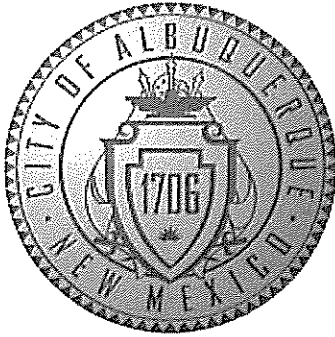
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1 approved, and its acceptance and filing with the appropriate official or office is in
2 all respects approved.

3 Section 2. That upon award, funds in the amount of \$25,000,000 in federal
4 funds from the US Department of Transportation is hereby appropriated to the
5 Transit Grant fund 665 for Fiscal Year 2024.

6 Section 3. That in the event this grant is obligated, upon execution of an
7 agreement of the parties, the amounts indicated above will be appropriated in
8 their respective fund, with the provision the amount will be adjusted to reflect
9 actual Federal participation and the corresponding percentage of required local
10 matching funds.

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Tim Keller, Mayor


CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Office of the Mayor

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

July 25, 2023

TO: Pat Davis, President, City Council

FROM: Timothy M. Keller, Mayor 

SUBJECT: Funding for 2023 RAISE Grant 

The City of Albuquerque is requesting the filing of a grant application for \$25,000,000 with the US Department of Transportation National Infrastructure Investment funds for a Joint Development Project. A local match is not required for this grant award as the as the RAISE discretionary program provides 100 percent Federal Cost Share.

The grant provides funding for a public-private joint development project and will allow the Transit Department to acquire needed right-of-way, and pay for planning, design, construction, project management and technical assistance expenses.

A resolution has been prepared and is forwarded to City Council for approval.

Legislation Title: Funding for 2023 RAISE Grant

Approved:



Lawrence Rael Date
Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:

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Lauren Keefe Date
City Attorney

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Leslie Keener Date
Director

Cover Analysis

1. What is it?

This action approves the 2023 RAISE Grant and provides for an appropriation to the Transit Department.

2. What will this piece of legislation do?

This legislation authorizes the Transit Department to apply for US Department of Transportation National Infrastructure Investment funds for **Uptown Connect Joint Development** and appropriates those funds to the Transit Department.

3. Why is this project needed?

The project is needed to satisfy the terms of the original 1998 FTA grant to purchase the Uptown Transit Center, which was to pursue a Transit Oriented Development to intensify land uses on the property. This funding will go towards the land acquisition, design, and construction of an enhanced transit plaza, a limited number of underground parking spaces, and commercial shell construction.

4. How much will it cost and what is the funding source?

The RAISE Grant portion of the Joint Development totals \$25,000,000. Federal Funds in the amount of \$25,000,000 are from the Department of Transportation National Infrastructure Investment Funds. There is no local match as the RAISE discretionary program provides 100 percent Federal Cost Share.

5. Is there a revenue source associated with this contract? If so,

None.

FY 2023 RAISE Project Information Form - All Fields Required

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Field Name	Response	Instructions
Project Name	Uptown Connect: The Uptown Transit Center Joint Development	Enter a concise , descriptive title for the project. This should be the same title used in the Grants.gov SF-424 submission and the application narrative.
Project Description	The Uptown Transit Center currently consists of a 65-space surface parking lot and a 25-foot wide platform containing canopies and drivers' and maintenance rooms. Uptown Connect will reconstruct the platform with a 110 feet-wide "Transit Plaza". With 6 bus docks with protected waiting areas, signage, security features and lighting. The "Plaza" will also have entertainment and retail uses. The parking lot will be converted into a 215 unit affordability-restricted multi-family building on a commercial plinth, with the majority of parking underground.	Describe the project in plain English terms, using no more than 100 words . For example, "The project will fund construction activities for streetcar service from location X to location Y" or " the RAISE grant will redevelop Main street with Complete Streets enhancements, ADA accessible sidewalks, and dedicated bicycle paths from 10th street to 25th street." Do not describe the project's benefits, background, or alignment with the selection criteria in this description field.
RAISE Amount Requested	\$25,000,000	Enter the total amount of RAISE funds requested for this project in this application. <i>[See NOFO Section B.2 for minimum and maximum award size]</i>
Total Project Cost	\$91,385,000	Enter the total cost of the project . This should equal the sum of Total Federal Funding and Total Non-Federal Funding. <i>This value may not be less than the amount requested.</i> <i>Total Project cost means future eligible costs. This cannot include any previously incurred costs.</i>
Total Federal Funding	\$26,100,000	Enter the amount of funds committed to the project from ALL Federal sources including the proposed RAISE amount . <i>This value may not be less than the amount requested.</i> For applications designated as urban , Federal funding cannot exceed 80% of total project cost unless the project is located in a Historically Disadvantaged Community or an Area of Persistent Poverty as defined in the RAISE NOFO. For applications designated as rural , there is no limit to the share of Federal funding.
Total Non-Federal Funding	\$65,285,000	Enter the amount of funds committed to the project from non-Federal sources . For applications designated as urban , the total non-Federal funding amount must be greater than or equal to 20% of the total project cost, unless the project is located in a Historically Disadvantaged Community or an Area of Persistent Poverty as defined in the RAISE NOFO. For applications designated as rural , there is no minimum non-Federal share requirement.
Capital or Planning	Capital	Identify the project as capital or planning . The " capital " designation is for projects that requesting funding for the construction of surface transportation capital infrastructure. <i>(Right-of-way acquisition is capital. Projects that include pre-construction AND right-of-way acquisition, but do <u>not</u> include construction activities will be classified as capital).</i> The " planning " designation is for projects that are requesting funding for planning, preparation, or design of eligible surface transportation capital projects.
Urbanized Area	Albuquerque, NM	Select the Urbanized Area of the project from the drop down, or if the project is located outside an urbanized area, please select "Not located in an Urbanized Area". Reference the "Urban or Rural Designation" tab in this file for assistance. For more information, see https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants/urbanized-areas . <i>Note: The RAISE 2023 urban/rural designation applies 2010 Census Urbanized Areas since 2020 Census Urbanized Areas have not been published at time of NOFO publication.</i>
Urban/Rural	Urban	Identify whether the project is located in a rural or urban area , using the drop-down menu. For RAISE 2023, a project is designated as urban if it is located within (or on the boundary of) a Census-designated urbanized area that had a population greater than 200,000 in the 2010 Census. If a project is located outside a Census-designated urbanized area with a population greater than 200,000, it is designated as a rural project. Reference the "Urban or Rural Designation" tab in this file for assistance. For more information, see https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants/urbanized-areas . <i>Note 1: The RAISE 2023 urban/rural designation applies 2010 Census Urbanized Areas since 2020 Census Urbanized Areas have not been published at time of NOFO publication.</i> <i>Note 2: This designation is based on the Urbanized Area. It is NOT based on the city or county population count.</i>
Project Location Zip Code	87110	Identify the 5-digit zip code of the project location . If the project is located in more than one zip codes, please identify the zip code in which the majority of the project is located. If the project is in a territory that does not have zip codes, leave this field blank. <i>Project location zip code is NOT the applicant organization zip code.</i>
Project Location County	NM - Bernalillo County	Identify the county where the project is located in using the drop-down. If the project is located in more than one county, please identify the county in which the majority of the project is located. If the project is in a territory that does not have county designations, leave this field blank.
Additional Project Counties		Identify additional counties separated by a comma . For instance, if the project additionally runs through Polk County and Butler County, please enter 'Polk County, Butler County' in the cell. If the project is in a territory that does not have county designations, leave this field blank.
Project Location Census Tract	2.07	Identify the census tract number of the project . For example, if the most central tract is Census Tract 93.30, please enter '93.30' into the cell. The last zero may be missing from your response (e.g., 93.30 may display as 93.3). If the project is located in more than one census tract please identify the census tract in which the majority of the project is located. If the project is in a territory that does not have census tract designations, leave this field blank. Please visit USDOT's RAISE webpage (https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants/raise-app-hdc) to review a full list of census tracts by state and county to identify.
Other Project Census Tracts		Identify other census tracts in which the project is located, separated by a comma . For example, if the project is located in Census Tract 93.31, Census Tract 93.32, and Census Tract 94.03, please enter '93.31, 93.32, 94.03' into the cell. If the project is in a territory that does not have census tract designations, leave this field blank.
Project Located in an Area of Persistent Poverty?	No- Project is not located in an Area of Persistent Poverty	Identify if the project is located in an Area of Persistent Poverty based on the definition in the NOFO. The list of counties and census tracts and areas that meet this definition can be found on USDOT's RAISE webpage (https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants/raise-app-hdc).

Project Located in a Historically Disadvantaged Community?	Yes- Project is located in a Census Tract that meets the definition	Identify if the project is located in a Historically Disadvantage Community based on the definition in the NOFO. The list of census tracts and areas that meet this definition can be found on USDOT's RAISE website. (https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants/raise-app-hdc).
Project Location Latitude	35.10330	Provide the project's latitude coordinates. For projects that are not located at a single set of coordinates, please provide a centralized set of coordinates. Tools such as Google Maps, Google Earth (https://earth.google.com/web) or GEOJSON (https://geojson.io/#map=2/0/20) are recommended to identify the project's coordinates.
Project Location Longitude	-106.57120	Please provide the project's longitude coordinates. For projects that are not located at a single set of coordinates, please provide a centralized set of coordinates. Tools such as Google Maps, Google Earth (https://earth.google.com/web) or GEOJSON (https://geojson.io/#map=2/0/20) are recommended to identify the project's coordinates.
Project Type	Transit - Multimodal Center	Identify the Primary and Secondary project type combination that most closely aligns with your project from the choices in the drop-down menu. See the "Project Types" tab in this file for further information and project type definitions.
US DOT FY23 Discretionary Application?		If the applicant has or will submit this exact project to another FY 2023 USDOT discretionary grant program , please list the name of the program(s).
US DOT FY22 Reconnecting Communities Program Identical Application Submission?	No	If this exact project was submitted in the FY 2022 Reconnecting Communities Program , select "Yes" from the drop-down menu.
US DOT FY22 Reconnecting Communities Program "Reconnecting Extra Designation"?		If your RAISE 2023 application was submitted in the FY2022 Reconnecting Communities Program AND you were notified you received the designation of "Reconnecting Extra" , select "Yes" from the drop-down menu. If you are not sure, or this does not apply to you, please leave blank.
Previous Submission to TIGER/BUILD/RAISE		If this exact project was submitted in a previous TIGER, BUILD, or RAISE round, please list the name(s) of the round(s) (e.g TIGER 2015, BUILD 2019, RAISE 2022).
Other Federal Agency Assistance?		If this project has applied for another Federal (non-USDOT) financial assistance or capacity-building program , please list the name of the program(s).
Tribal Government?	No	Select "Yes" from the drop-down menu if the applicant is a Federally recognized tribal government .
Tribal Benefits?	Not Applicable	If the applicant is not a Federally recognized tribal government , is the project located on tribal land? And if not, does it have direct tribal benefits? Answer using the drop-down menu.
Private Corporation Involvement	Yes- Directly Involves or Benefits a Private Corporation	Does this project involve (a) private entity(ies) that will receive a direct and predictable financial benefit if the project is selected for award? This includes, but it not limited to, private owners of infrastructure facilities being improved and private freight shippers or carriers directly benefitting from completion of the proposed project.
Private Corporation Name(s)	PacifiCap Construction LLC, Jaynes Corporation, Palindrome Communities LLC, Family Housing Development Corporation, Dekker/Perich/Sabatini, Property Management Inc., Stoel Rives LLP, Novogradac & Company LLP	If this project directly involves or benefits a specific private corporation , please list the corporation(s) separated by a comma.
TIFIA/RRIF?	No	Is the project currently, or does this project anticipate applying for Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) or Railroad Rehabilitation & Improvement Financing (RRIF) loans ? See [https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/] for more details.
Department Financing Program?	No	If your application is unsuccessful, would you like to be contacted about the Department's financing program ?