

# City of San Antonio

# Agenda Memorandum

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**Agenda Date:** February 8, 2023

**In Control:** Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting

**DEPARTMENT:** Government Affairs

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Sally Basurto

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

# **SUBJECT:**

Federal Grant Opportunity Update

# **SUMMARY:**

Update on the implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and the City's efforts to obtain funding, to include the FY2023 RAISE grant and Airport Terminal Program Supplemental grant opportunities.

# **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

In late 2022, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) released the notice of funding opportunity for the Fiscal Year 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The BIL and December 2022 appropriations package provided the RAISE program with a total of \$2.275 billion for FY 2023. The RAISE program is designed to fund surface transportation projects with significant local or regional impact and those that improve transportation infrastructure. The application due date is February 28, 2023.

City staff has identified a project and intends to submit an estimated \$7.6 million planning grant application for a 4.86-mile portion of the Culebra Road corridor between General McMullen Road and I-410. If awarded, the grant will be used to perform planning and preliminary engineering and environmental analysis for a roadway redesign that would improve safety, reliability, transit options, and enhance the user experience for drivers and other users. The Transportation, Public Works, and Government Affairs departments are working with TranSystems, a transportation consulting firm, to assist in the development of the grant application.

On December 29, 2022, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced a competitive funding opportunity for FY 2022 supplemental Airport Improvement Program grants. \$268.7 million in FY 2022 funds is available for airport construction projects, associated airport capital planning, noise planning and noise mitigation projects, and energy and environmental sustainability projects. The application period closed on January 31, 2023.

The Aviation department submitted the following projects to the supplemental opportunity:

- Stinson Generator Building Reconstruction \$1,997,855
- Terminal A Roof Renovation \$2,220,750

Awards are expected to be announced by November 2023.

#### **ISSUE:**

The City of San Antonio developed and is executing a strategy to maximize federal awards to benefit the community. City Departments are providing regular updates to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee on BIL developments and other federal funding opportunities. The upcoming RAISE application and recently submitted AIP supplemental application are consistent with City policy to apply for grants to enhance service delivery and support the City's resiliency by supplementing local funds.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

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#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

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