

1. **Award No.**  
693JJ32340081
2. **Effective Date**  
See No. 17 Below
3. **Assistance Listings No.**  
20.933
4. **Award To**  
Civil Town of Munster  
1005 Ridge Road  
Munster, IN 46321  
  
Unique Entity Id.: REC9GLLHKF21  
TIN No.: 35-600-1128
5. **Sponsoring Office**  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Highway Administration  
Office of Acquisition & Grants Management  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
HCFA-32, Mail Drop E62-204  
Washington, DC 20590
6. **Period of Performance**  
Effective Date of Award –June 30, 2027
7. **Total Amount**  
Federal Share: \$17,143,320  
Recipient Share: \$4,285,830  
Total: \$21,429,150
8. **Type of Agreement**  
Grant
9. **Authority**  
49 U.S.C. 6702; Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. No. 117-58, div. J, Nov. 15, 2021); Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. 117-103, Mar. 15, 2022)
10. **Procurement Request No.**  
HOFM230028PR
11. **Federal Funds Obligated**  
Base Phase: \$1,328,940  
Subject to the availability of funds (SAF):  
Component 1: \$15,814,380  
Total Potential Value: \$17,143,320
12. **Submit Payment Requests To**  
See Article 13 of the General Terms and Conditions.
13. **Payment Office**  
See Article 13 of the General Terms and Conditions.
14. **Accounting and Appropriations Data**  
15X0C75E50.2023.070RA05500.7001000000.41050.61006600
15. **Description of Project**  
Ridge Road Complete Street Project

**RECIPIENT****16. Signature of Person Authorized to Sign**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date  
Name: Dustin Anderson  
Title: Town Manager

**FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION****17. Signature of Agreement Officer**

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Signature Date  
Name: David Villalobos  
Title: Agreement Officer

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### GRANT AGREEMENT UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 RAISE GRANT PROGRAM

This agreement is between the United States Department of Transportation (the “**USDOT**”) and the Civil Town of Munster (Town of Munster), Indiana (the “**Recipient**”).

This agreement reflects the selection of the Recipient to receive a RAISE Grant for the Ridge Road Complete Street Project.

If schedule A to this agreement identifies a Designated Subrecipient, that Designated Subrecipient is also a party to this agreement, and the parties want the Designated Subrecipient to carry out the project with the Recipient’s assistance and oversight.

The parties therefore agree to the following:

#### ARTICLE 1 GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

##### 1.1 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 2022 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program: FHWA Projects,” dated October 18, 2022, 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.

#### ARTICLE 2 SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

There are no special terms for this award.

**SCHEDULE A  
ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**1. Application.**

Application Title: Town of Munster Ridge Road Complete Street

Application Date: 4/14/2022

**2. Recipient's Unique Entity Identifier.**

See section 23.3 of the General Terms and Conditions.

**3. Recipient Contact(s).**

Dustin Anderson  
Town Manager  
Town of Munster  
1005 Ridge Road  
Munster, IN 46321  
(219) 836-6900  
danderson@munster.org

**4. Recipient Key Personnel.**

Name	Title or Position
Jill DiTommaso, PE	Deputy Town Manager
Stephen Gunty	Director of Public Works

**5. USDOT Project Contact(s).**

David Villalobos  
Agreement Officer (AO)  
Federal Highway Administration  
Office of Acquisition and Grants Management  
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and

Travis Wheeler  
Agreement Specialist (AS)  
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Agreement Officer Representative (AOR)  
Transportation Engineer  
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Indianapolis, IN 46204  
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**6. Payment System.**

USDOT Payment System: DELPHI eInvoicing

**7. Office for Subaward and Contract Authorization.**

USDOT Office for Subaward and Contract Authorization: FHWA Office of Acquisition and Grants Management

**8. Federal Award Identification Number.**

See section 23.2 of the General Terms and Conditions.

**9. Designated Subrecipient.**

Designated Subrecipient: None

## **SCHEDULE B PROJECT ACTIVITIES**

### **1. General Project Description.**

The Ridge Road Complete Street Project will reconfigure approximately 1.3 miles of Ridge Road traffic lanes from five lanes to three, add a 10-foot wide multi-use path on the south side of the street, plant more than 250 trees, and install amenities including landscaping, gateway and wayfinding signage, pedestrian seating, and other decorative features.

### **2. Statement of Work.**

#### **Preliminary Engineering**

- Engineering design
- Environmental studies and NEPA document preparation
- Final design and construction documents

#### **Construction**

##### **Component 1: Ridge Road**

Reconstruct an approximately 1.3-mile segment of Ridge Road from the Illinois State Line to Columbia Avenue as a three-lane road (one lane of travel in each direction with center turn lanes/medians).

Construct a 10-foot wide multi-use path on the south side of Ridge Road along the length of the project.

Pedestrian improvements at 13 intersections to provide ADA compliant sidewalks and crossings. Curb bump-outs and pedestrian refuge islands are proposed at selected intersections to reduce crossing distances and increase safety.

Planting of 225 trees to increase the urban tree canopy.

Installation of amenities including landscaping, lighting, gateway and wayfinding signage, pedestrian seating, and other decorative features.

Stormwater and drainage improvements including installation of green infrastructure elements to capture and treat stormwater prior to discharge into the existing gray infrastructure.

**SCHEDULE C**  
**AWARD DATES AND PROJECT SCHEDULE**

**1. Award Dates.**

Budget Period End Date: June 30, 2027

Period of Performance End Date: See section 4.5 of the General Terms and Conditions

**2. Estimated Project Schedule.**

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Schedule Date</b>
Planned NEPA Completion Date:	April 30, 2024
Planned Construction Substantial Completion and Open to Traffic Date:	December 31, 2026

**3. Special Milestone Deadlines.**

None.

**SCHEDULE D**  
**AWARD AND PROJECT FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**1. Award Amount.**

RAISE Grant Amount: \$17,143,320

**2. Federal Obligation Information.**

Federal Obligation Type: Multiple

<b>Obligations Allocation and Condition Table</b>		
<b>Portion of the Project</b>	<b>Allocation from RAISE Grant</b>	<b>Obligation Condition</b>
Base Phase: Preliminary Engineering	\$1,328,940	
Component 1: Ridge Road	\$15,814,380	If the FHWA Indiana Division Office approves the PS&E for the Project and the Recipient has met all the applicable Federal, State, and local requirements.

**3. Approved Project Budget.**

<b>Eligible Project Costs</b>			
	<b>Base Phase: Preliminary Engineering</b>	<b>Component 1: Ridge Road</b>	<b>Total</b>
RAISE Funds:	\$1,328,940	\$15,814,380	\$17,143,320
Other Federal Funds:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-Federal Funds:	\$332,235	\$3,953,595	\$4,285,830
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,661,175</b>	<b>\$19,767,975</b>	<b>\$21,429,150</b>

**4. Cost Classification Table**

<b>Cost Classification</b>	<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>Non-RAISE Previously Incurred Costs</b>	<b>Eligible Costs</b>
Architectural and engineering fees	\$1,661,175	\$0	<b>\$1,661,175</b>
Project inspection fees	\$1,661,174	\$0	<b>\$1,661,174</b>
Construction	\$18,106,801	\$0	<b>\$18,106,801</b>
<b>Project Total</b>	<b>\$21,429,150</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$21,429,150</b>

**5.     Approved Pre-award Costs**

**None.** The USDOT has not approved under this award any pre-award costs under 2 C.F.R. 200.458.



**SCHEDULE E  
CHANGES FROM APPLICATION**

**Scope:** No changes.

**Schedule:** The application estimated a NEPA completion date of September 2023. With an updated funds obligation date, the agreement plans a NEPA completion date of April of 2024. The difference in the dates is to plan for the time needed to advertise and award a consultant contract and added time for agency reviews not accounted for in the application.

**Budget:** The application requested \$17,143,321 of RAISE funds. The project was awarded \$17,143,320 of RAISE funds. The planned agreement total project cost is \$21,429,150 which is different from the application by one dollar. The reason for the change was to maintain a maximum federal share of 80 percent.

The table below provides a summary comparison of the Project budget.

<b>Fund Source</b>	<b>Application</b>		<b>Schedule D</b>	
	\$	%	\$	%
<b>Previously Incurred Costs</b>				
Federal Funds	0	N/A	0	N/A
Non-Federal Funds	0	N/A	0	N/A
Total Previously Incurred Costs	0	N/A	0	N/A
<b>Future Eligible Project Costs</b>				
RAISE Funds	17,143,321	80	17,143,320	80
Other Federal Funds	0	N/A	0	N/A
Non-Federal Funds	4,285,830	20	4,285,830	20
Total Future Eligible Project Costs	21,429,151	100	21,429,150	100
Total Project Costs	21,429,151	100	21,429,150	100

**SCHEDULE F**  
**RAISE PROGRAM DESIGNATIONS**

**1. Urban or Rural Designation.**

Urban-Rural Designation: Urban

**2. Capital or Planning Designation.**

Capital-Planning Designation: Capital

**3. Historically Disadvantaged Community or Area of Persistent Poverty Designation.**

HDC or APP Designation: No

**4. Funding Act.**

Funding Act: FY2022

**SCHEDULE G**  
**RAISE PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT INFORMATION**

**Study Area:** Data will be collected along Ridge Road between the Illinois State Line and Columbia Avenue.

**Baseline Measurement Date:** October 31, 2024

**Baseline Report Date:** December 31, 2024

**Table 1: Performance Measure Table**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Category and Description</b>	<b>Measurement Frequency</b>
Bicycle and Pedestrian Volumes	Quality of Life  Average Number of Bicycles or Pedestrians per Day	Annual
Severe Crashes	Safety  Total Severe Crashes per Year	Annual

**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 directly supports a Local/Regional/State Climate Action Plan that results in lower greenhouse gas emissions. <i>(Identify the plan in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Project directly supports a Local/Regional/State Equitable Development Plan that results in lower greenhouse gas emissions. <i>(Identify the plan in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Project directly supports a Local/Regional/State Energy Baseline Study that results in lower greenhouse gas emissions. <i>(Identify the plan in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Recipient or a project partner used environmental justice tools, such as the EJSCREEN, to minimize adverse impacts of the Project on environmental justice communities. <i>(Identify the tool(s) in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
X	The Project supports a modal shift in freight or passenger movement to reduce emissions or reduce induced travel demand. <i>(Describe that shift in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Project utilizes demand management strategies to reduce congestion, induced travel demand, and greenhouse gas emissions. <i>(Describe those strategies in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Project incorporates electrification infrastructure, zero-emission vehicle infrastructure, or both. <i>(Describe the incorporated infrastructure in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Project supports the installation of electric vehicle charging stations. <i>(Describe that support in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
X	The Project promotes energy efficiency. <i>(Describe how in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Project serves the renewable energy supply chain. <i>(Describe how in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Project improves disaster preparedness and resiliency <i>(Describe how in the supporting narrative below.)</i>

X	The Project avoids adverse environmental impacts to air or water quality, wetlands, and endangered species, such as through reduction in Clean Air Act criteria pollutants and greenhouse gases, improved stormwater management, or improved habitat connectivity. <i>(Describe how in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Project repairs existing dilapidated or idle infrastructure that is currently causing environmental harm. <i>(Describe that infrastructure in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Project supports or incorporates the construction of energy- and location-efficient buildings. <i>(Describe how in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Project includes recycling of materials, use of materials known to reduce or reverse carbon emissions, or both. <i>(Describe the materials in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Recipient has taken other actions to consider climate change and environmental justice impacts of the Project. <i>(Describe those actions in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Recipient 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. <i>(Identify the relevant actions from schedule B in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Recipient has not taken actions to consider climate change and environmental justice impacts of the Project and will not take those actions under this award.

## 2. **Supporting Narrative.**

This project supports no-emission trips to destinations along and nearby Ridge Road and to the future train station on Manor Avenue. Improvements to multi-modal access for pedestrians and bicyclists along the corridor will create an environment that will result in the conversion of short vehicle trips to no-emission trips.

Green infrastructure incorporated into the project will capture and treat stormwater before it is released into the Little Calumet River. The project will also plant 225 trees to increase the urban tree canopy.

**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:

	A racial equity impact analysis has been completed for the Project. <i>(Identify a report on that analysis or, if no report was produced, describe the analysis and its results in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Recipient or a project partner has adopted an equity and inclusion program/plan or has otherwise instituted equity-focused policies related to project procurement, material sourcing, construction, inspection, hiring, or other activities designed to ensure racial equity in the overall delivery and implementation of the Project. <i>(Identify the relevant programs, plans, or policies in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Project includes physical-barrier-mitigating land bridges, caps, lids, linear parks, and multimodal mobility investments that either redress past barriers to opportunity or that proactively create new connections and opportunities for underserved communities that are underserved by transportation. <i>(Identify the relevant investments in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
X	The Project includes new or improved walking, biking, and rolling access for individuals with disabilities, especially access that reverses the disproportional impacts of crashes on people of color and mitigates neighborhood bifurcation. <i>(Identify the new or improved access in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Project includes new or improved freight access to underserved communities to increase access to goods and job opportunities for those underserved communities. <i>(Identify the new or improved access in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Recipient has taken other actions related to the Project to improve racial equity and reduce barriers to opportunity. <i>(Describe those actions in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Recipient 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. <i>(Identify the relevant actions from schedule B in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Recipient 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.

**2. Supporting Narrative.**

The project includes the construction of a new 10-foot wide multi-use trail on the south side of Ridge Road. This trail will improve connectivity with the existing network of trails in town, including the Monon Trail which provides access to the new commuter train station on Manor Avenue.

Improvements are planned to existing sidewalks, curb ramps, and crosswalks to meet ADA accessibility guidelines. These improvements and the planned traffic lane reduction on Ridge Road, as well as curb bump-outs, medians, and pedestrian refuge islands at key intersections, will further walking, biking, and rolling access along the corridor, especially for those with disabilities.

## 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. <i>(Identify the relevant agreements and describe the scope of activities they cover in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	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. <i>(Describe the relevant provisions in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Recipient or a project partner has adopted the use of registered apprenticeships in the overall delivery and implementation of the Project. <i>(Describe the use of registered apprenticeship in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Recipient or a project partner will provide training and placement programs for underrepresented workers in the overall delivery and implementation of the Project. <i>(Describe the training programs in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	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. <i>(Describe the workforce development services offered by labor-management training partnerships in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	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. <i>(Describe the supportive services and/or cash assistance provided to trainees and employees in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Recipient or a project partner has documented agreements or ordinances in place to hire from certain workforce programs that serve underrepresented groups. <i>(Identify the relevant agreements and describe the scope of activities they cover in the supporting narrative below.)</i>



X	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. affirmative efforts to remove barriers to equal employment opportunity above and beyond complying with Federal law;</li> <li>b. 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;</li> <li>c. 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;</li> <li>d. efforts to prevent harassment based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and national origin;</li> <li>e. training on anti-harassment and third-party reporting procedures covering employees and contractors; and</li> <li>f. maintaining robust anti-retaliation measures covering employees and contractors.</li> </ul> <p><i>(Describe the equal opportunity plan in the supporting narrative below.)</i></p>
	<p>The Recipient 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.</p> <p><i>(Describe those actions in the supporting narrative below.)</i></p>
	<p>The Recipient 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. <i>(Identify the relevant actions from schedule B in the supporting narrative below.)</i></p>
	<p>The Recipient 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.</p>

## 2. Supporting Narrative.

The Town of Munster has efforts in place to prevent harassment. It is the Town's policy that no person, corporation, partnership, company, or other individual or entity located within, or conducting business within, the town's municipal limits shall discriminate against any other person or entity in the provision of and/or opportunity to participate in or enter into a place of business, obtain housing, use public accommodations, obtain an education, obtain and maintain employment, enter into a contract, and/or participate in or obtain any program, service, or amenity provided to the general public on the basis of the latter's race, color, religion, national origin, gender, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, family or marital status, ancestry, age, and/or veteran status.

These efforts will be announced for the project through the Town's advertising and selection process for consultants and contractors. Then they will be implemented in the contracts with oversight by the Town. Further, the Town will be using the Indiana Department of Transportation's (INDOT) website for the request for proposals and advertisement for

construction. This will include the same requirements for an INDOT project ensuring the project will support good-paying jobs.