



FY23 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant Program

Project Name: I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement

Applicant: Oregon DOT

Award Amount: \$450,000,000

Program: Neighborhood Access and Equity

Estimated Total Project Costs: \$1,700,000,000

Project Description: The I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement project is located in Portland, Oregon and includes a highway cover and a pedestrian and bicycle only bridge that reconnects a divided and historically Black community. The project also adds highway auxiliary lanes and shoulder modifications to improve safety.

Congratulations! The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) selects the above project to receive a Fiscal Year 2023 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Program grant. This award is less than the \$850,000,000 requested. The awardee can use up to 5% award used to develop a Financial Plan in the first 12 months and an Equitable Development Plan in coordination with the City of Portland. Because the capital construction grant award is less than the full funds requested, the RCN project has the designation of "RCN Program Extra," as described in Section B.1 of the FY23 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

Importantly, projects receiving RCN grant funding cannot be used for additional through travel lanes for single-occupant passenger vehicles or highway expansion.

The USDOT Operating Administration overseeing your project will be contacting you soon with next steps, including execution of a grant agreement. You will also receive a follow up invitation to attend a webinar to welcome you to this grant program and provide an overview of next steps and an opportunity for discussion.

This letter DOES NOT authorize the applicant to incur costs to carry out the project. The execution of the grant agreement will obligate RCN grant funding, making it available to reimburse eligible expenses for the awarded project. Unless authorized by USDOT in writing, any costs incurred prior to that obligation of funds for a project (i.e., "pre-award costs") are ineligible for reimbursement and may be ineligible to count towards non-Federal match requirements. This letter DOES NOT authorize pre-award costs to be eligible.

If you have any questions about this award, please contact the RCN Grants Team at ReconnectingCommunities@dot.gov

Sincerely,

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