



BOARD ACTION REQUEST FORM

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SECTION 1: PURPOSE

The BOARD ACTION REQUEST FORM is designed to 1) enhance the orderly and efficient conduct of Committee and Board meetings; 2) serve as prior notice to all interested parties; 3) aid the Committee Chairs in meeting preparation; 4) provide the Departments with a mechanism for formal communication with the Board; and 5) aid in the creation of the official record of the meeting.

To request an item be added to a committee agenda, submit the completed FORM and all supporting documentation to the applicable Committee Chair for consideration at least **5 days prior to the meeting date/time**.

SECTION 2: OVERVIEW

Subject: _____

Person Requesting Action: _____

To Committee(s): _____

Committee meeting date(s): _____

Action Requested (Select One): Motion Resolution Ordinance

Executive Session ☐ YES ☐ NO 5 ILCS 120/2(c) Exception: _____

Requestor's Recommended Action:

SECTION 3: PROPOSAL

Describe the action requested, including relevant background information, applicable statutory references, potential impact to the County and/or any other departments, and the proposed implementation timeline. Attach additional pages if needed.

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SECTION 4: FINANCIAL IMPACT

Cost of Proposed Action: _____

Budgetary Status (check all that apply):

- ☐ This action has no budgetary implications.
- ☐ Funds have already been approved in this year's budget.
Line-item Description: _____ Line-Item Number: _____
- ☐ This is an expenditure not currently budgeted.
Proposed source of funding: _____
- ☐ If approved, funds will be requested for this action in next year's budget.
- ☐ This action will bring in additional income.
- ☐ This action will reduce expenditures and/or be budget neutral.

Provide specific financial details including revenue or expenses associated with the request and if this is a one-time or recurring expense. If this is an unanticipated (unbudgeted) expense, explain the catalyst for the request. Attach relevant documents such as revenue/expense projections or vendor bids/quotes.

RAISE Round Two

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program

LOCAL PROJECT OF INTEREST

What is being proposed is the development of a multi-use path from the City of Dixon to Sauk Valley Community College. Currently, the City of Sterling is working on a similar path from their municipality to Sauk. Current local partners around the table are: Lee County, City of Dixon, Dixon Park District, Dixon Chamber of Commerce and Fehr-Graham (architectural/engineering). Another partner will likely be Black Hawk Hills Regional Council.

An opportunity for this collaborative group is a federal grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation, which has the RAISE grant program. RAISE funds transportation infrastructure projects. The City of Dixon in November received word that they had been awarded \$12.0 million in funding from RAISE to develop multi-use pathways including the pedestrian bridge across the Rock River. A new round of RAISE funding is available – see details below.

What has been proposed for the new local project is to develop an application for the purposes of planning the proposed multi-use path from Dixon to Sauk Valley Community College.

MORE ABOUT RAISE

\$1.5 billion dollar program funding overall. DOT will award at least \$75 million for eligible planning, preparation or design of projects eligible for RAISE Grants that do not result in construction with FY2022 RAISE funding. Minimum award for rural projects is \$1.0 million. Cost sharing for rural applications is 20%, although in previous iterations this has been amended to 10% of the overall cost. Applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM Eastern on April 14, 2022.

Merit criteria used for this program include:

- a) Safety
- b) Environmental Sustainability
- c) Quality of Life
- d) Improves Mobility and Community Connectivity
- e) Economic Competitiveness and Opportunity
- f) State of Good Repair
- g) Partnership and Collaboration
- h) Innovation

Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) is also required. BCA will evaluate the project's cost-effectiveness by comparing its expected benefits to the project's expected costs.

THE ASK OF LEE COUNTY

- 1) Is Lee County willing to serve as Fiscal Agent for the project?
- 2) Is Lee County willing to share (50%) of expected cost of Benefit Cost Analysis, which is estimated at \$10,000 overall. So Lee County is being asked to provide \$5,000.
- 3) Is Lee County willing to provide a portion of the expected local match for this \$1.0 million dollar project? If the local match for the project is 10% then LM would be \$100,000. If the local match expectation is 20% of the overall cost, then LM would be \$200,000.