



## ***WHAT IS RAISE GRANT FUNDING***

The City of Jonesboro and the City of Paragould are once again partnering to apply for up to \$25 million in Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant funds. This program provides a unique opportunity for the United States Department of Transportation to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that positively impact community infrastructure.

If application for funding is approved and funding is awarded the funds will be used to connect historically disadvantaged communities to schools, parks, grocery stores, healthcare centers, and retail centers. Goals are to not only improve infrastructure, but to also improve safety for pedestrians, create community connectivity, improve quality of life, increase property values, and create opportunities for improved personal health.

The project would add 10.70 miles of multi-modal trails and shared use paths throughout the City of Jonesboro. If completed, along with other existing and funded trail projects, Jonesboro residents would have access to more than 24 miles of multi-modal trails that will provide safe, daily transportation alternatives. The City of Paragould would add 4.75 miles of new multi-modal trail through the middle of the city and extend south to Jones Road. If completed, Paragould resident will have access to more than 9 miles of trail. The long-term goal is to construct a regional network of multi-modal trails, to support active transportation, that connect Jonesboro, Brookland, and Paragould along the Highway 49 corridor.