

SELECTION PROCESS

A Candidate wishing to have its project selected for an RACP award must first meet the minimum eligibility requirements highlighted below. For more detailed information on eligibility, please refer to the RACP Program Guidelines section of this website.

- The project must be authorized in a PA Capital Budget Project Itemization Act, which is passed by the General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor. Only itemized projects from the Acts that have remaining "Project Allocation" amounts that have not been statutorily "sunset" in accordance with Act 77 are eligible. A list of authorizations can be found in the Itemized Projects Eligible for Funding 1986-Present section of this website.
- The project must not be completed. A project that has completed construction and if applicable, obtained an occupancy permit is deemed a completed project.
- The project must not have their main focus be related to funding through other state programs such as PENNDOT or PENNVEST.
- The project must not be located in a City Revitalization and Improvement Zone (CRIZ) and be eligible for CRIZ benefits.

Once the project meets the minimum eligibility requirements, the Candidate must then submit an e-RACP Application to the Office of the Budget. The Candidate should refer to the Funding Round Schedules and choose the round that will be closest to the anticipated start date of the project construction. The Candidate will need to submit its e-RACP Application before the deadline of that round.

Once an e-RACP Application is received, Office of the Budget staff will perform an initial review. Projects that are set to start more than one (1) year from the Business Plan date and projects with incomplete submissions will be rejected.

Projects that have passed an initial review of eligibility and completeness are sent to the Administration. Once a project is selected, based on final approval of the Governor, an Award Letter will be sent detailing the amount of the RACP award and instructions to submit a formal Application and Business Plan for the RACP grant to the Office of the Budget for further processing.

All successful Candidates will be notified with a formal letter and the results will also be posted to the RACP website for public access. Successful applicants are required to notify the Office of the Budget within 30 days of receipt of an Award Letter as to whether

or not they are accepting the grant award. The notification should come from the addressee of the Office of the Budget Award Letter (Grantee or Sub-Applicant).

Any Candidates that did not receive an Award Letter by the date the Office of the Budget officially closes a funding round, as posted on our website, were not selected. Candidates may re-apply during a subsequent open funding round.