



Grant Announcement

Date: September 2, 2022

Subject: FFY 2022 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program (CRISI) Discretionary Grant Program

Summary

The Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program invests in a wide range of projects that improve railroad safety, efficiency, and reliability; mitigate congestion at both intercity passenger and freight rail chokepoints to support more efficient travel and goods movement; enhance multimodal connections, and lead to new or improved Intercity Passenger Rail Transportation corridors. A focus of this program will be on projects that improve safety, support economic vitality, create jobs, increase capacity, and supply chain resiliency, apply innovative technology, address climate change, increase efficiency, proactively addresses gender equity, and racial equity, and barriers to opportunity. The Department seeks to award CRISI funds to projects consistent with the Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES) initiative and projects that address deteriorating conditions and disproportionately high fatality rates.

Grant Basics

- **FFY 2022 funding available:** \$1.43 billion. An increase of nearly four times FFY 2021 amount
 - Rural Area Set-Aside – \$376.04 million
 - Intercity Passenger Rail Set-Aside – \$150 million
 - Trespassing Measures Set-Aside - \$25 million
- **Award amount minimum and maximums:** No predetermined dollar thresholds
- **Application limits:** No limit on number of projects a lead applicant can pursue
- **Federal match:** Federal share of up to 80 percent of total project cost, however, FRA will give preference to projects with a federal share that does not exceed 50 percent.
- **Eligible applicants:** (1) State(s); (2) Interstate Compact; (3) Public agency or publicly chartered authority; (4) Political subdivision of a state; (5) Amtrak or another rail carrier that provides intercity rail passenger transportation; (6) Class II or Class III railroad or a holding company; (7) a federally recognized Indian Tribe; (8) Rail carrier or rail equipment manufacturer; (9) Transportation Research Board or University transportation center engaged in development of rail related research; or Non-profit labor organization representing employees of rail carrier contractors.
- **Application deadline:** December 1, 2022, at 4 p.m. CDT through www.grants.gov
- **Application length:** may not exceed 25 pages
- **Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA):** is required
- **Webinar:** FFY 2022 CRISI Grant Program [Webinar](#) will be held Thursday, September 15, 2022 from 1 – 2:30 pm CDT.

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- **Selection criteria:** 1) Safety; 2) Equitable Economic Strength and Improving Core Assets; 3) Equity and Barriers to Opportunity; 4) Climate Change and Sustainability; 5) Transformation
- **Application tracks:** Applicants will submit applications in only one of the following tracks for an eligible activity:
 - Track 1 – Systems Planning
 - Development of railroad capital plans, state rail plans, and corridor service development plans
 - Track 2 – Project Development
 - Preliminary Engineering to 30 percent design, and NEPA activities
 - Track 3 – Final Design/Construction
 - Project implementation and deployment of equipment activities
 - Track 4 – Research, Safety Programs, and Institutes
 - Workforce development and research to improve rail safety, including emergency plans, preparation of hazardous material plans, and trespass enforcement activities
 - Track 5 – Deployment of Magnetic Levitation Transportation Projects
 - Projects that involve segments of a high-speed ground transportation corridor that provides a revenue producing service
- **Eligible projects:**
 - Deployment of railroad safety technology
 - Capital projects, for intercity passenger rail service (project NOT required to be in a state rail plan)
 - Capital projects that:
 - address congestion challenges affecting rail service
 - facilitate ridership growth along heavily traveled rail corridors
 - improve short-line or regional railroad infrastructure
 - Highway-rail grade crossing improvement projects
 - Rail line relocation and improvement projects
 - Regional rail and corridor service development plans and environmental analyses
 - Projects that enhance multimodal connections or facilitate service integration between rail service and other modes
 - Development and implementation of a safety program or institute
 - Development and implementation of measures to prevent trespassing
 - Research to advance rail related capital, operations, or safety improvements
 - Workforce development and training activities
 - Research, development, and testing to advance innovative rail projects
 - Preparation of emergency plans for communities where hazardous materials are transported by rail
 - Rehabilitating, remanufacturing, or overhauling locomotives for emissions reduction
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