



Grant Announcement

Date: July 6, 2022

Subject: 2022 Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Program

Summary

The purpose of the RCE Program is to fund highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods. This includes a funding opportunity to improve American rail infrastructure to enhance rail safety, improve the health and safety of communities, eliminate highway-rail and pathway-rail grade crossings that are frequently blocked by trains, and reduce the impacts that freight movement and railroad operations may have on underserved communities. The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), has a strong interest in promoting grade separations, closing crossings through track relocation, and corridor-wide grade crossing improvements that maximize the safety and efficiency of the U.S. rail network.

Grant Basics

Grant Deadline: 5:00 p.m. ET, October 4, 2022

Application: 25-page narrative application; no benefit-cost analysis (BCA)

Number of Applications Per Applicant: No limit

Amount Available: \$573,264,000 available in FY22

- Capital Projects
 - Approximately \$555 million available
 - At least \$114,652,800 (20 percent) of capital projects funds designated for rural or tribal areas
 - At least \$5,732,640 (5 percent) made available for projects in counties of 20 or fewer residents per square mile
 - Minimum award of \$1 million, no maximum dollar threshold, however no more than 20 percent of funds available awarded to a single state.

- Planning Projects
 - \$18 million available for planning projects (at least three percent of total grant funds)

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- At least \$4.5 million (25 percent) of planning project funds designated for rural or tribal areas
- At least \$1.5 million available for Highway-Rail Grade Crossing safety information and education programs
- Planning grants: No minimum

Eligible Applicants:

(1) State(s); (2) local government; (3) Tribal government; (4) MPO; and (5) public port authority.

Project Eligibility:

- 1) Grade separation or closure through use of a bridge, embankment, or tunnel
- 2) Track relocation
- 3) Installation of protective devices, signals, signs, or other measures that improve safety
- 4) Technological solutions or education programs

Cost Match: Not to exceed 80 percent federal award, 20 percent local match

Selection Criteria: Both planning and capital grants will be assessed on the following criteria: 1) Safety, 2) Equitable Economic Strength and Improving Core Assets, 3) Equity and Barriers to Opportunity, 4) Climate Change and Sustainability, 5) Transformation of Infrastructure, 6) Eliminating Crossings and Making Corridor-wide Improvements, 7) Geographic Diversity

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