Discretionary Funding for Freight and Passenger Rail Projects

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The Office of Railroad Policy and Development (RPD) invests in rail infrastructure to further USDOT and FRA priorities.

U.S. Department of Transportation Priorities

SAFETY • INFRASTRUCTURE • INNOVATION • ACCOUNTABILITY

Federal Railroad Administration’s Mission

“To enable the safe, reliable, and efficient movement of people and goods for a strong America, now and in the future.”

RPD Focus Areas

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS
SAFETY INNOVATION
AMTRAK REFORM
PROJECT DELIVERY STREAMLINING
Overview of Select FY17 – FY19 USDOT Rail Funding

FRA currently administers three competitive discretionary grant programs, as per the FAST Act, focused on improving the nation’s rail safety, infrastructure, and services.

**Federal-State Partnership for State of Good Repair**
- **FY17:** $25 M
- **FY18:** $250 M
- **FY19:** $400 M

**Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvements**
- **FY17:** $68 M
- **FY18:** $592.5 M*
- **FY19:** $255 M

**Restoration & Enhancement**
- **FY17:** $5 M
- **FY18:** $20 M
- **FY19:** $5 M

**RRIF / TIFIA**
- **FY17:** $500 M
- **FY18:** $1,500 M
- **FY19:** $900 M

**INFRA**
- **FY17:** $787 M
- **FY18:** $825.3 M
- **FY19:** $856 M

**TIGER / BUILD**
- **FY17:** $5 M
- **FY18:** $20 M
- **FY19:** $5 M

*(PTC set-aside: $250 M*)

Overview of Funding Activity During Trump Administration

The Trump Administration has demonstrated its commitment to rail safety by investing in priority projects focused on Positive Train Control (PTC), Grade Crossing (GX), and more.

$991.1M*
Non-Federal Match*

$4.2B
Total investments in rail safety since 2017

$1.8B
Loans Financed

$1.4B
Federal Funding

Priority Project Investments

PTC

GX

40
Total Projects from Jan 2017 to Aug 2019

38
Total Projects from Jan 2017 to Aug 2019

$253M
Total Federal Funding for PTC projects

$250.6M
Total Federal Funding for GX projects**

*Non-federal match amounts can change as grant agreements are negotiated

**GX projects have grade crossing improvements as part of their scope
CRISI Program Overview – Awards to Date

100 projects awarded across 41 States totaling $631M

- 40 PTC Projects: $253M
- 60 Infrastructure & Safety Projects: $378M
- 40 Rural Projects: $200M
- 60 Urban Projects: $431M
CRISI Program Overview – Short-Line Awards to Date

43 projects awarded across 27 States totaling $1,999M

- 16 PTC Projects: $45M
- 27 Infrastructure & Safety Projects: $154M

- 29 Projects Awarded Directly to Short Lines: $1,429M
- 14 Projects Awarded to Short Line Partners: $57M
Federal-State Partnership Program | FY17–FY18 Funding Highlights

$272.25M
Total grant funding made available in FY17-18

10
Total projects selected across 10 states

$190.5M*
Total grantee contribution (Non-Federal match)

39%
Average percentage of non-Federal match

$140.1M
Total funding for equipment projects (3 total projects)

Washington State Passenger Rail Car Replacement Project (WA)
$37,500,000

A-32 Bridge Replacement Project (IL)
$17,840,000

New Orleans Union Passenger Terminal Platform and Plant Improvements Project (LA)
$3,700,854

Next Generation Single-Level Coach and Cab-Coach Equipment Acquisition Project (WI)
$25,716,900

Providence Station State of Good Repair and Capacity Project (RI)
$12,500,000

Piedmont Intercity Fleet & Infrastructure Investments Project (NC)
$76,888,000

South Station Expansion – Tower I Early Action Project (MA)
$41,183,845

Newark Penn Station Platform D Improvements (NJ)
$18,445,000

Keystone Corridor ZOO Interlocking State of Good Repair Improvements Project (PA)
$15,140,236

Kalamazoo- Dearborn State of Good Repair Projects (MI)
$23,355,165

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**Restoring Gulf Coast Intercity Passenger Rail Service**

Tri-weekly service between New Orleans, LA and Orlando, FL was suspended in 2005 due to extensive damage caused by Hurricane Katrina. Since then, for every dollar FRA has invested in restoring rail service, an equal or greater non-Federal match was contributed, leveraging a total of more than $42.2 million in grantee contributions.*

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### A
Grant Program and Award: FY17 R&E for $4.3M  
Non-Federal Match: $4.5M  
Grantee: Southern Rail Commission  
Objective: Operate passenger rail service between New Orleans, LA and Mobile, AL.

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### B
Grant Program and Award: FY17-18 Partnership for $3.7M  
Non-Federal Match: $3.7M  
Grantee: City of New Orleans  
Objective: Upgrade station platforms and ensure ADA compliance.

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### C
Grant Program and Award: FY18 CRISI for $32.9M  
Non-Federal Match: $32.9M  
Grantee: Southern Rail Commission  
Objective: Establish intercity passenger rail service from New Orleans, LA to Mobile, AL.

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### D
Grant Program and Award: FY17 CRISI for $58K  
Non-Federal Match: $61K  
Grantee: City of Gulfport  
Objective: Conduct PE/NEPA review for a grade crossing improvement.

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### E
Grant Program and Award: FY06 Gulf Coast HSR Corridor Earmark for $150K  
Non-Federal Match: $150K  
Grantee: Southern Rail Commission  
Objective: Create Mobile master station plan.

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### F
Grant Program and Award: FY06 Gulf Coast HSR Corridor Earmark for $709K  
Non-Federal Match: $709K  
Grantee: Southern Rail Commission  
Objective: Fund four station improvements in the state of MS and one in AL.

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FRA Technical Assistance for Grantees

The FRA website has several resources to educate grantees on aspects of rail program delivery and the electronic grant application process.

On-demand Training

The FRA Rail Program Delivery Video Series provides grantees and loan recipients with guidance on key aspects of rail program delivery, including topics such as:

• Grant programs and application requirements
• How to prepare benefit-cost analyses
• Environmental streamlining
• Understanding the grant closeout process

FRA also offers webinars to educate potential grantees, as new grant program NOFOs and appropriations occur.

To access these and many more videos, please visit the Training and Guidance webpage at: [https://www.fra.dot.gov/Page/P0707](https://www.fra.dot.gov/Page/P0707)

If you would like to be added to our mailing list to learn about future trainings and events, please contact us at FRARailProgramDelivery@dot.gov
FRA will host a workshop later today to discuss best practices for applying to FRA discretionary grant programs, with a focus on Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) as it relates to State of Good Repair projects.

**Workshop: Applying for Discretionary Grants**

- **When:** 1:30 – 3:15PM
- **Where:** Hilton Ballroom East and Center
- **What:**
  - Part 1: Overview of available funding and discussion on improving project narratives, statements of work, and BCA
  - Part 2: Deep dive training for conducting BCA for State of Good Repair rail projects
- **Who:**
  - Hosted by Frances Bourne, Bryan Rodda, and Nate Vomocil