

FY 2021-2024 RESTORATION & ENHANCEMENT GRANT

PROGRAM

Program Summary

The Restoration & Enhancement (R&E) Program provides grants for Initiating, Restoring, or Enhancing Intercity Rail Passenger Transportation operations. The objective is to help offset initial operating losses while the new or expanded Intercity Rail Passenger Transportation Services build their ridership and Revenue base, since such Services and frequencies do not realize their longer-term ridership/Revenue potential immediately upon the start of operations.

Eligibility

Eligible Applicants

States. A group of States. An entity implementing an interstate compact. A public agency/ publicly chartered authority established by 1 or more States. A political subdivision of a State. Federally recognized Tribes. Amtrak or another Rail Carrier that provides Intercity Rail Passenger Transportation. Any Rail Carrier in partnership with at least one of the entities described above. Any combination of the entities described above.

Eligible Projects

- additional frequency of current service
- offering new on-board services
- establishing new service
- extension of current service
- restoration of previously operated service

Want to Apply? Here are some important Details

- There are no predetermined minimum or maximum dollar thresholds for awards.
- New priority to applications for routes selected under the Corridor Identification and Development Program and operated by Amtrak.
- USDOT prioritizes projects that help to address transportation insecurity, which is the inability for people to get to where they need to go to meet the needs of their daily life regularly, reliably, and safely due to either the high cost of transportation, lack of access, or lack of safe transportation options.
- FRA strongly encourages applicants to identify and include other state and/or local public funding and/or private funding to support the proposed project to maximize competitiveness.

Funding Details

Cost Sharing: The R&E funding may not exceed the following for each Year of Service.

- Year 1 - 90% Federal / 10% non-Federal;
- Year 2 - 80% Federal / 20% non-Federal;
- Year 3 - 70% Federal / 30% non-Federal;
- Year 4 - 60% Federal / 40% non-Federal;
- Year 5 - 50% Federal / 50% non-Federal;
- Year 6 - 30% Federal / 70% non-Federal

Total NOFO Funding Available: \$153.8 Million

Important Dates

Application Deadline: September 30, 2024

Partnerships

Joint applications should include a description of the roles and responsibilities of each applicant and be signed or include a letter of support by each applicant.

Resources

- [Website](#)
- [NOFO](#)
- [US DOT Factsheet](#)



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