



Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Intercity Passenger Rail (IPR) – Amtrak Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2012 IPR Program?

The purpose of the FY 2012 IPR Program is to provide funding to Amtrak to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism, and to increase the resilience of the Amtrak rail system. The FY 2012 IPR Program plays an important role in the implementation of Presidential Policy Directive 8 (PPD-8) by supporting the development and sustainment of core capabilities to fulfill the *National Preparedness Goal* (NPG).

2. How much funding is available under the FY 2012 IPR Program?

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2012 IPR Program will be \$10,000,000.

3. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2012 IPR Program funds?

The National Passenger Railroad Corporation (Amtrak) is the only entity eligible to apply for funding under the FY 2012 IPR Program.

4. How will the FY 2012 IPR Program funds be allocated?

Amtrak is the only eligible grantee under the FY 2012 IPR Program.

5. What are the key changes for FY 2012 IPR Program?

- In order to ensure standardization across all grant programs and cooperative agreements issued by DHS, the IPR Program's Guidance was reformatted for consistency and renamed to Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)
- Priorities for the IPR Program support the implementation of PPD-8 and the NPG. FY 2012 IPR Program has been aligned to the five mission areas and supporting core capabilities within the NPG
- Reduces the period of performance for the IPR Program from 36 months to 24 months
- Removes the Semi-Annual Assistance Progress Report (SAPR) reporting requirement in lieu of the Standard Form-Performance Progress Report (SF-PPR) to report on progress towards implementing program-specific performance measures

- Expands the scope of maintenance and sustainment by allowing the support of equipment that has previously been purchased with both federal and other sources of funding as long as direct linkage can be provided to one of the core capabilities within the NPG

6. What legislation authorizes funding for the FY 2012 IPR Program?

The *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012, Division D* (Public Law 112-74) provides funding for this program.

7. Where is the FY 2012 IPR Program FOA located?

The FY 2012 IPR Program FOA is located online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

8. What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical, and financial questions?

- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or askcsid@dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.

9. What is the FY 2012 IPR Program period of performance?

The period of performance of this grant is 24 months.