



**FEMA**

## **Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Intercity Passenger Rail (IPR) - Amtrak Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **1. What is the purpose of the FY 2014 IPR Program?**

The purpose of the FY 2014 IPR Program is to provide funding to the National Passenger Railroad Corporation (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, as authorized by Section 1513 of the *Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007*, (Pub. L. No. 110-53) (6 U.S.C. § 1163). The IPR Program is one tool in the comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by the Administration to strengthen the Nation's critical infrastructure against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks.

The FY 2014 IPR Program plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System by supporting the building, sustainment, and delivery of core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient Nation. Building core capabilities requires the combined effort of the whole community, rather than the exclusive effort of any single organization or level of government. The FY 2014 IPR's allowable costs support efforts to build and sustain core capabilities across the Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery mission areas.

### **2. How much funding is available under the FY 2014 IPR Program?**

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2014 IPR Program will be \$10,000,000.

### **3. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2014 IPR funds?**

Amtrak is the only entity eligible to apply for funding under the IPR program.

### **4. What are the key milestones associated with the FY 2014 IPR?**

The key milestones associated with FY 2014 IPR Program are:

- March 18, 2014: Release date for FY 2014 IPR Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)
- May 23, 2014: Applications for FY 2014 IPR are due to DHS-FEMA

**5. How will the FY 2014 IPR funds be allocated?**

Amtrak is the only entity eligible to apply for funding under the IPR program.

**6. What are the changes in funding levels between FY 2013 and FY 2014?**

The FY 2014 funding level for the IPR grant program is 5.4 percent higher than the FY 2013 level.

**7. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2014 IPR Program?**

IPR is authorized by Section 1513 of *the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007*, (Pub. L. No. 110-53) (6 U.S.C. § 1163).

**8. Where is the FY 2014 IPR Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) located?**

The FY 2014 IPR Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is located online at: <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

**9. How will the FY 2014 IPR applications be submitted?**

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. EDT, May 23, 2014. Eligible applicants must apply for funding through the Grants.gov portal, accessible on the Internet at <http://www.grants.gov>. Applicants in need of Grants.gov support should contact the Grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726. If applicants have any questions regarding the application process, they should contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646.

**10. 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](mailto:askcsid@dhs.gov). CSID hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday.
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to [ASK-GMD@dhs.gov](mailto:ASK-GMD@dhs.gov).

**11. What is the FY 2014 IPR Program period of performance?**

The period of performance is 24 months.