



Homeland Security

FY 2014 Intercity Passenger Rail (IPR)-Amtrak

Overview

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Intercity Passenger Rail (IPR) Program is one of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) FY 2014 grant programs, which directly support transportation infrastructure security activities. This grant program is part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by the Administration to help strengthen the Nation's critical infrastructure against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks. The IPR Program provides 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.

In Fiscal Year 2014, DHS awarded \$10,000,000 to promote sustainable, risk-based efforts to protect critical transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism

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 (the Goal) of a secure and resilient Nation. The building, sustainment, and delivery of these core capabilities are not exclusive to any single level of government, organization, or community, but rather, require the combined effort of the whole community. The FY 2014 IPR Program supports core capabilities across the five mission areas of Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery based on allowable costs.

Funding

In FY 2014, the total amount of funds distributed under this grant program will be \$10,000,000. FY 2014 IPR funds are awarded to support the creation of sustainable, risk-based efforts to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism, major disasters, and other emergencies.

In accordance with the *Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007* (Public Law 110-53), all funds awarded to Amtrak under this program are transferred to Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration (DOT/FRA) within five business days of award for disbursement.

Eligibility

Amtrak was the only agency eligible to apply for the FY 2014 IPR-Amtrak Program funds.

Funding Guidelines

The FY 2014 IPR focuses on operational activities, operational packages (OPacks), and remediation of high risk/high consequence intercity passenger rail assets. Grantees may use up to five percent (5%) for Management and Administration (M&A) purposes.

The period of performance for the IPR Program is 24 months from the date of award.

Application Process and Evaluation Criteria

The IPR-Amtrak program reviewer pool consisted of representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Transportation Security Administration (TSA), and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). As part of the cooperative agreement process, Amtrak met with FEMA, TSA, and FRA representatives to develop Investment Justifications (IJs) that align with the IPR-Amtrak program priorities and funding allocation. Final review and recommendation for approval was completed by FEMA and TSA.