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Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Intercity Passenger Rail (IPR) - Amtrak Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2015 IPR Program?

The purpose of the FY 2015 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 FY 2015 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 2015 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 2015 IPR Program?

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2015 IPR Program will be \$10,000,000.

3. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2015 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 2015 IPR?

The key milestones associated with FY 2015 IPR Program are:

- April 2, 2015: Release date for FY 2015 IPR Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- May 19, 2015: Applications for FY 2015 IPR are due to DHS-FEMA

5. How will the FY 2015 IPR funds be allocated?

Amtrak is the only entity eligible to apply for funding under the IPR program. Therefore, Amtrak will receive the entire \$10,000,000 allocated by this program.

6. What are the changes in funding levels between FY 2014 and FY 2015?

The FY 2015 funding level for the IPR grant program is the same as the FY 2014 level.

7. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2015 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); and by the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2015* (Pub. L. 114-4).

8. Where is the FY 2015 IPR Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) located?

The FY 2015 IPR Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is located online at: <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

9. How will the FY 2015 IPR applications be submitted?

Applying for an award under the IPR program is a multi-step process:

Amtrak must submit its initial application through the grants.gov portal at <http://www.grants.gov>. For grants.gov support, Amtrak should contact the grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726.

Amtrak will be notified by FEMA and asked to proceed with submitting its complete application package in the Non Disaster (ND) Grants System. Applicants in need of technical support with the ND Grants System should contact ndgrants@fema.gov or (800) 865-4076.

If applicants have questions regarding the application process, they should contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. EDT, May 19, 2015.

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. 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.

11. What is the FY 2015 IPR Program period of performance?

The period of performance is thirty-six (36) months from the date of award.