



Homeland Security

Fiscal Year 2015 Intercity Passenger Rail - Amtrak

Overview

As appropriated by the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2015* (Pub. L. No. 114-4) and as authorized by Section 1513 of the *Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007* (9/11 Act), (Pub. L. No. 110-53) (6 U.S.C. § 1163); the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Intercity Passenger Rail (IPR)-Amtrak Program is one of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) 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-Amtrak 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 2015, 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 2015 IPR-Amtrak 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. Delivering 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-Amtrak Program supports core capabilities across the five mission areas of prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery based on allowable costs.

Funding

In FY 2015, the total amount of funds distributed under this grant program is \$10,000,000. FY 2015 IPR-Amtrak 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 9/11 Act, all funds awarded to Amtrak under this program are transferred to Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration (DOT/FRA) within five (5) business days of award for disbursement.

Eligibility

Amtrak is the only agency eligible to apply for the FY 2015 IPR-Amtrak Program funds.

Funding Guidelines

The FY 2015 IPR-Amtrak Program will focus on operational activities, operational packages (OPacks), and remediation of high risk/high consequence intercity passenger rail assets. Amtrak may use up to five percent (5%) for Management and Administration (M&A) purposes.

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

Application Process and Evaluation Criteria

The IPR-Amtrak program reviewer pool consisted of representatives from the DHS/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), DHS/Transportation Security Administration (TSA), and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). As part of the cooperative agreement process, Amtrak met with DHS/FEMA, DHS/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 DHS/FEMA and DHS/TSA.

IPR-Amtrak Program Resources

There are a variety of resources available to address programmatic, technical, and financial questions, which can assist with IPR-Amtrak Program.

- The FY 2015 IPR-Amtrak Notice of Funding Opportunity is located online at: <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on <http://www.grants.gov>.
- 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. EDT, 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.