



Homeland Security

FY 2012 INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL (IPR) - AMTRAK

Overview

As appropriated by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012, Division D (Public Law 112-74), the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Intercity Passenger Rail (IPR) - Amtrak is one of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) FY 2012 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. 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).

In Fiscal Year 2012, DHS will award \$10,000,000 to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism

Funding Guidelines

In FY 2012, the total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2012 IPR Program is \$10,000,000.

The funding priorities included the following project types for the FY 2012 IPR Program:

- Protection of high-risk/high-consequence underwater and underground rail assets
- Use of visible, unpredictable deterrence
- Planning
- Targeted counter-terrorism training for key frontline employees
- Emergency preparedness drills and exercises
- Public awareness and preparedness campaigns
- Protection of other high-risk/high-consequence assets and systems that have been identified through system wide risk assessments
- Security projects in line with or addressing one or more of the 22 permitted uses of funds outlined in Sec. 1513 of the 9/11 Act

For the FY 2012 IPR Program, a maximum of five percent of funds awarded can be used for Management and Administration (M&A) purposes associated with the grant award. The period of performance for the IPR Program is 24 months from the date of award.

What is the authorizing statute?

The *Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007* (Public Law 110-53)

Who is eligible?

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

What are the FY 2012 IPR Program Key Changes?

- Prioritized the implementation of PPD-8 and the NPG. The FY 2012 IPR Program was aligned to the five mission areas and supporting core capabilities within the NPG
- Reduced the period of performance for the IPR Program from 36 months to 24 months
- Removed 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
- Expanded the scope of maintenance and sustainment by allowing the support of equipment that had 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

Application Process and Evaluation Criteria

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

IPR Program Resources

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

- The FY 2012 IPR Program FOA 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. 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.