



# Homeland Security

## FY 2013 Intercity Passenger Rail (IPR)-Amtrak

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### Overview

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Intercity Passenger Rail (IPR) Program is one of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) grant programs that 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 2013, DHS will award \$9,490,500 to promote sustainable, risk-based efforts to protect critical transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism.*

The FY 2013 IPR Program plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System (NPS) by supporting the building, sustainment, and delivery of core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal (NPG) 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 2013 IPR Program's allowable costs support efforts to build and sustain core capabilities across the prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery mission areas.

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### Funding

In FY 2013, the total amount of funds distributed under this grant program is \$9,490,500. FY 2013 IPR funds were 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 the Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration (DOT/FRA) within five days of award for disbursement.

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## Eligibility

Amtrak was the only agency eligible to apply for the FY 2013 IPR-Amtrak Program funds.

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## Funding Guidelines

The FY 2013 IPR focuses on operational activities, operational packages (O-Packs), and remediation of high risk/high consequence intercity passenger rail assets. A maximum of up to five percent (5%) of IPR funds awarded was retainable by Amtrak for Management and Administration (M&A) associated with the grant award.

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

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## 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 Federal Rail Administration (FRA). As part of the cooperative agreement process, Amtrak meets 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 is conducted by FEMA and TSA.

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## IPR Program Resources

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

- The FY 2013 IPR Program Funding Opportunity Announcement 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](mailto: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](mailto:ASK-GMD@dhs.gov).