

Fiscal Year 2021 Intercity Passenger Rail Program

In fiscal year (FY) 2021, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is providing \$10 million to Amtrak to promote sustainable, risk-based efforts to protect critical transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism.

Overview

The FY 2021 Intercity Passenger Rail (IPR) Program is one of four grant programs that constitute the DHS/Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) focus on transportation infrastructure security activities. These grant programs are part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by DHS to help strengthen the Nation's critical infrastructure against potential terrorist attacks. The IPR Program provides funds to Amtrak to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism.

Funding

In FY 2021, the total amount of funds to be distributed under this grant program is \$10 million. FY 2021 IPR Program 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.

Eligibility

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

Funding Guidelines

Consistent with the other non-competitive preparedness grant programs, additional spending requirements are imposed in FY 2021. The three National Priority Areas and associated minimum spend requirements for Amtrak are:

1. Enhancing Cybersecurity (no minimum spend requirement)
2. Enhancing the Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places: 5 percent
3. Addressing emerging threats (e.g., domestic violent extremists, transnational criminal organizations, weapons of mass destruction [WMD], unmanned aircraft systems [UASs], etc.): 5 percent



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Application Process

Applying for an award under the IPR Program is a multi-step process and requires time to complete. Applicants are encouraged to register early as the registration process can take four weeks or more to complete. Therefore, registration should be done in sufficient time to ensure it does not impact your ability to meet required submission deadlines. Please refer to Section D in the FY 2021 IPR Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for detailed information and instructions.

Eligible applicants must submit their initial application at least seven days prior to the May 14, 2021 application deadline through the Grants.gov portal at www.grants.gov. Applicants needing Grants.gov support should contact the Grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726.

Eligible applicants will be notified by FEMA and asked to proceed with submitting their complete application package in the [Non-Disaster \(ND\) Grants System](#) by the application deadline. Applicants needing technical support with the ND Grants System should contact ndgrants@fema.dhs.gov or (800) 865-4076, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. ET.

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. ET on May 14, 2021.

IPR Resources

A variety of resources are available to address programmatic, technical, and financial questions, which can assist with the IPR Program, including:

- The FY 2021 IPR Program NOFO is located online at www.fema.gov/grants as well as on www.grants.gov.
- The FEMA [Preparedness Grants Manual](#) is located online at www.fema.gov/grants.
- For additional program-specific information, applicants may contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or AskCSID@fema.dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.
- For support regarding financial grants management and budgetary technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Award Administration Help Desk via e-mail to ASK-GMD@fema.dhs.gov.