

Fiscal Year 2021 Intercity Passenger Rail Program (IPR)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2021 IPR Program?

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Intercity Passenger Rail (IPR) Program is one of four grant programs that constitute the Department of Homeland Security (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.

2. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2021 IPR Program?

The IPR Program is authorized by Section 1513 of the *Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007* (Pub. L. No. 110-53), codified as amended (6 U.S.C. § 1163); and by *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2021* (Pub. L. No. 116-260).

3. How much funding is available under the FY 2021 IPR Program?

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2021 IPR Program will be \$10 million.

4. What are the changes in funding levels between FY 2020 and FY 2021?

The FY 2021 funding level for the IPR Program is at the same level as FY 2020.

5. Where is the FY 2021 IPR Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) located?

The FY 2021 IPR Program NOFO is located online at www.fema.gov/grants as well as on www.grants.gov.

6. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2021 IPR Program funds?

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

7. How will the FY 2021 IPR Program application be submitted?

Applying for an award under the IPR Program is a multi-step process and requires time to complete. Amtrak is 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 the ability to meet required submission deadlines. Please refer to Section D in the FY 2021 IPR Program NOFO for detailed information and instructions.



Amtrak must submit its initial application through the Grants.gov portal at 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](#). If technical support is needed with the ND Grants System, Amtrak 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.

8. What are the key dates associated with the FY 2021 IPR Program?

- February 25, 2021: Release date for the FY 2021 IPR Program NOFO.
- May 14, 2021, 5 p.m. ET: Applications for the FY 2021 IPR Program due to FEMA.

9. How will the FY 2021 IPR Program funds be allocated?

Amtrak is the only entity eligible to apply for funding under the IPR Program. Therefore, Amtrak will receive the entire \$10 million allocation for this program. However, consistent with the other non-competitive preparedness grant programs, spending requirements are imposed. The three National Priority Areas and associated minimum spend requirements for Amtrak are:

1. Cybersecurity: No minimum spend requirement
2. Soft Targets/Crowded Places: 5 percent
3. Emerging Threats: 5 percent

10. What is the FY 2021 IPR Program period of performance?

The period of performance is 36 months.

11. 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@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 DHS/FEMA Award Administration Help Desk via e-mail at ASK-GMD@fema.dhs.gov.



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