

Thank you for joining FRA's Railroad Trespassing Suicide Prevention Grant Program Webinar. The Webinar will begin shortly.

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FY 2019-2020 Railroad Trespassing Suicide Prevention Grant Program Webinar

Agenda

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Overview of the FRA
- Review of Incidents
- Goals of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- How to Apply for FRA Grants



FRA's Mission:

- *To enable the safe, reliable, and efficient movement of people and goods for a strong America, now and in the future.*

We accomplish our mission of grade crossing safety and trespass prevention by:

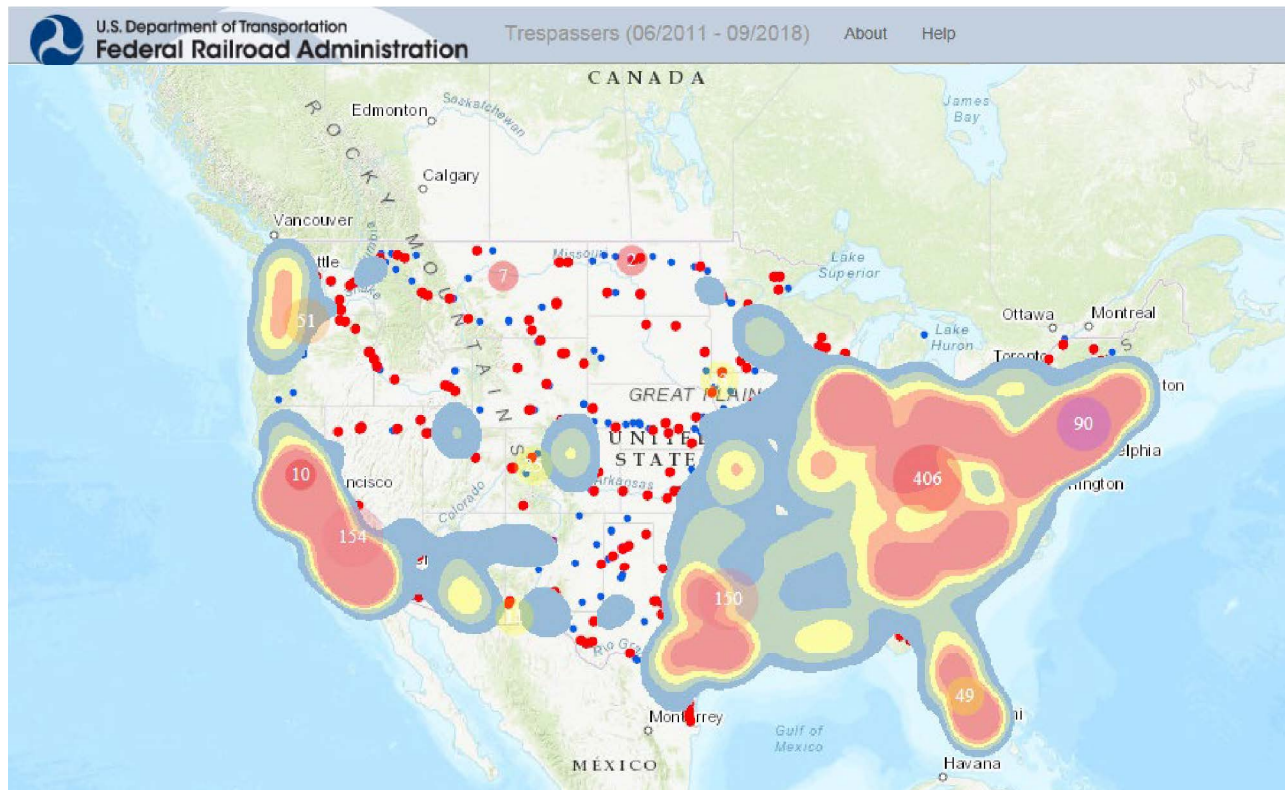
- Issuing and enforcing safety regulations
- Investing in rail corridors
- Conducting research and developing technology



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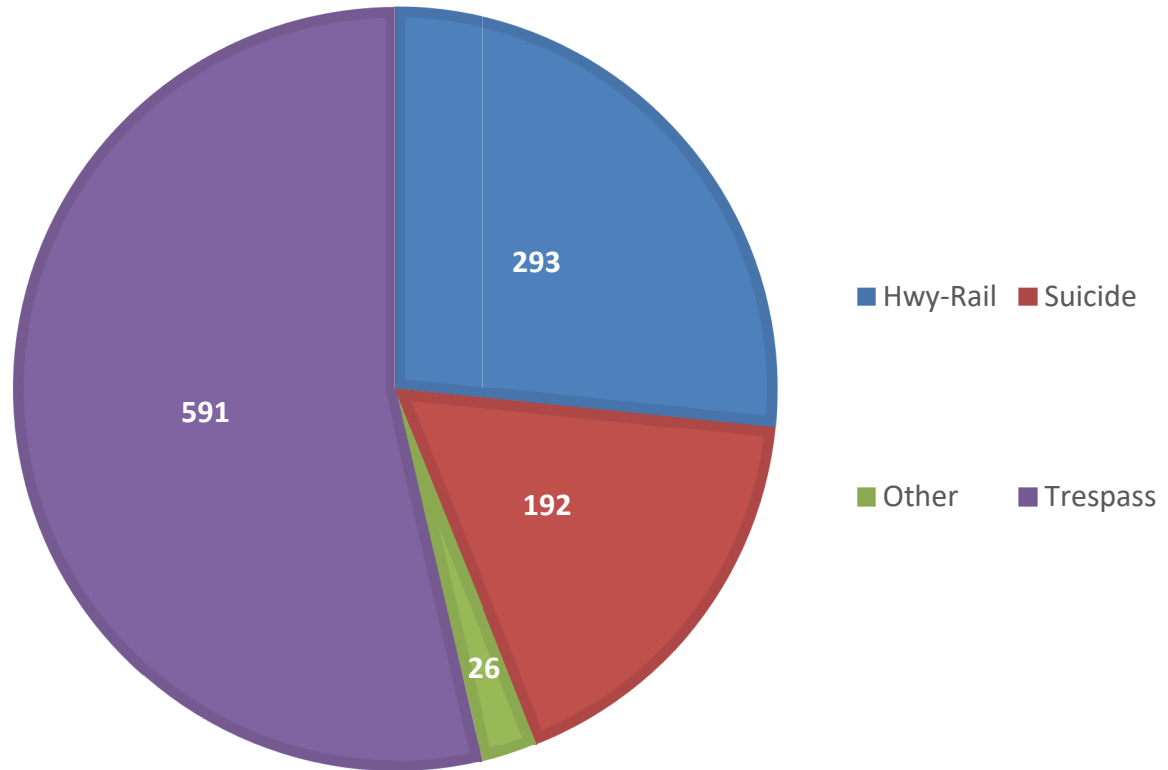
On average, every 3 hours in the United States, someone is either struck by a train due to trespassing or while in a motor vehicle



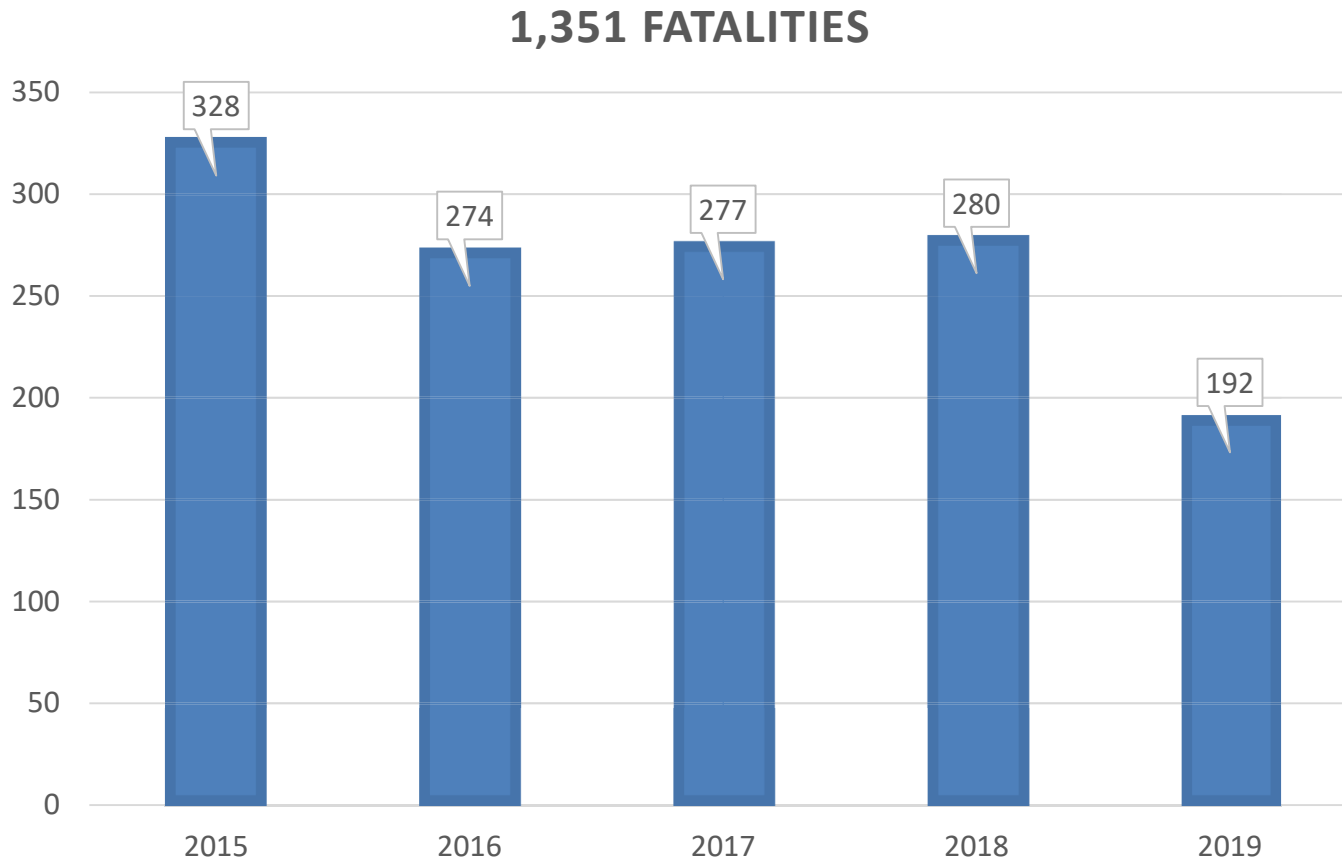
FRA's Trespasser Casualty Map

Rail-Related Fatalities 2019

1,102 TOTAL FATALITIES

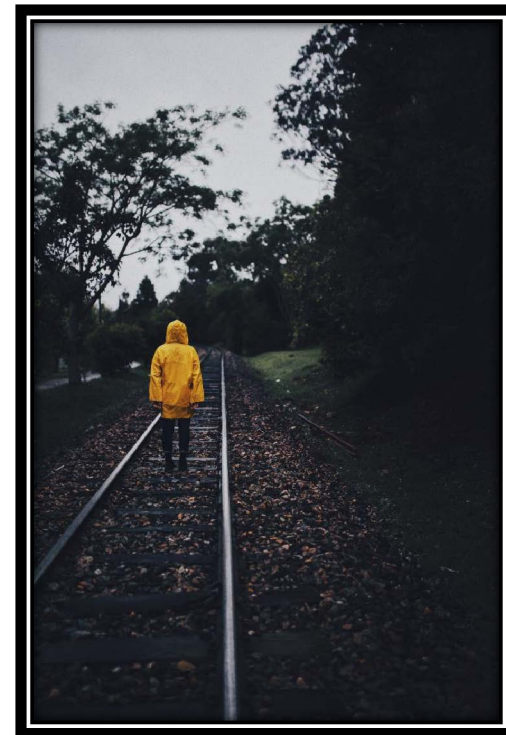


Rail-Related Suicide Fatalities 2015-2019

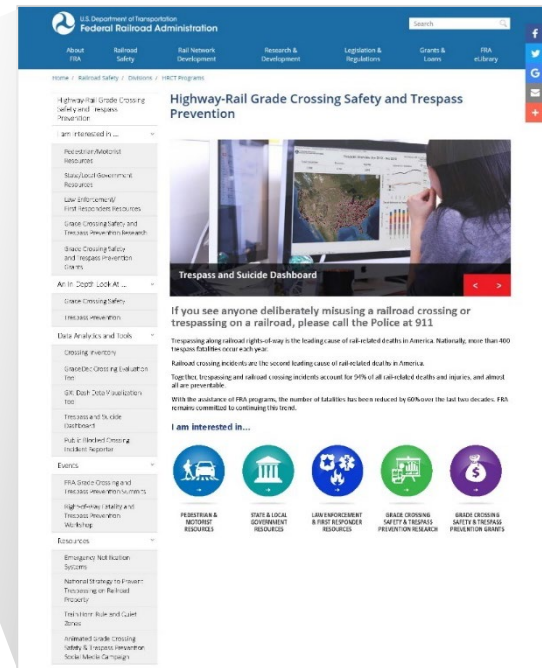
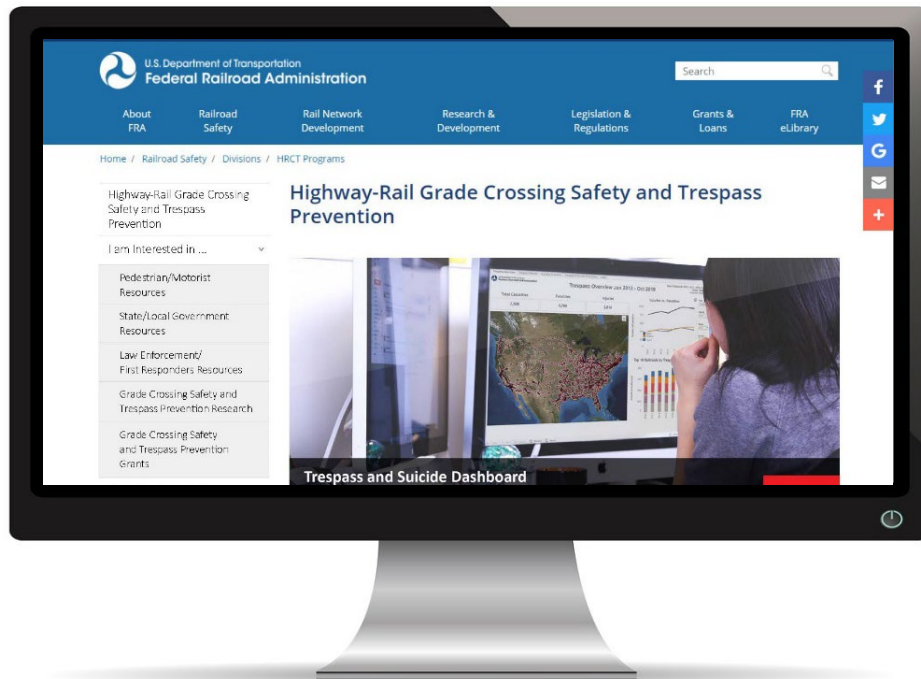


FRA Rail Suicide Prevention Resources

- National Strategy to Prevent Trespassing on Railroad Property
 - <https://railroads.dot.gov/national-strategy-prevent-trespassing>
- Trespass Prevention Resource Webpages
 - <https://railroads.dot.gov/highway-rail-crossing-and-trespasser-programs/trespassing-prevention/trespass-prevention>
- Rail Suicide Prevention Resource Page
 - <https://www.volpe.dot.gov/rail-suicide-prevention>
- FRA Suicide Prevention Research:
 - Data quality improvement
 - Countermeasure development
 - Outreach



FRA Rail Suicide Prevention Resources



Railroad Trespassing Suicide Prevention Grant Program

The purpose of the Railroad Trespassing Suicide Prevention Grant Program is to implement a targeted outreach campaign to reduce the number of rail-related suicides that involve or result from railroad trespassing.

- FRA intends to award funds competitively to projects that achieve the maximum benefits possible, thereby meeting, in part, several milestones in its [National Strategy to Prevent Trespassing on Railroad Property Report to Congress](#).
- The grant recipients will implement or expand existing efforts to prevent trespass suicide events and report performance data that may be used by FRA to measure success.



Railroad Trespassing Suicide Prevention Grant Program

The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) solicits grant applications from eligible organizations that focus on suicide prevention or mental health assistance to implement activities that reduce railroad-related suicides.

- Availability of \$293,000 to fund competitive grants
- Maximum of \$100,000 for each grant
- To develop and implement a targeted Outreach Campaign
- No cost-sharing or minimum match required



Railroad Trespassing Suicide Prevention Grant Program

Eligible Applicants

- Organizations in the United States skilled in suicide prevention and/or mental health assistance
 - Must be able to implement an Outreach Campaign for reducing suicide involving railroad trespassing
- Railroad carriers interested in starting or expanding efforts to prevent trespass suicide



Railroad Trespassing Suicide Prevention Grant Program

Eligible Projects

- Implementation of a proposed Outreach Campaign for reducing suicides that involve railroad trespassing
- May involve training staff to identify individuals at risk and intervene, raising awareness of services via signage or public awareness campaigns, or implementing other strategies
- Projects must be intended to directly reduce railroad suicide incidents
- At least 1 mile of FRA-regulated railroad track must be within the boundaries of the planned outreach activities



Railroad Trespassing Suicide Prevention Grant Program

Expected Outcomes

- FRA intends to increase partnerships among diverse stakeholders to address rail-related suicides, including railroad carriers, communities, law enforcement, educators, and mental health organizations
- We hope to solicit innovative, collaborative approaches that align with FRA's National Strategy to Prevent Trespassing on Railroad Property
- Applications are due August 10, 2020



Understanding the NOFO and FRA's Grant Application Process



What Information Is in a NOFO?

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) – Key Parts

A NOFO announces the grant opportunity and contains details about the application requirements and procedures to request Federal funding for eligible projects.

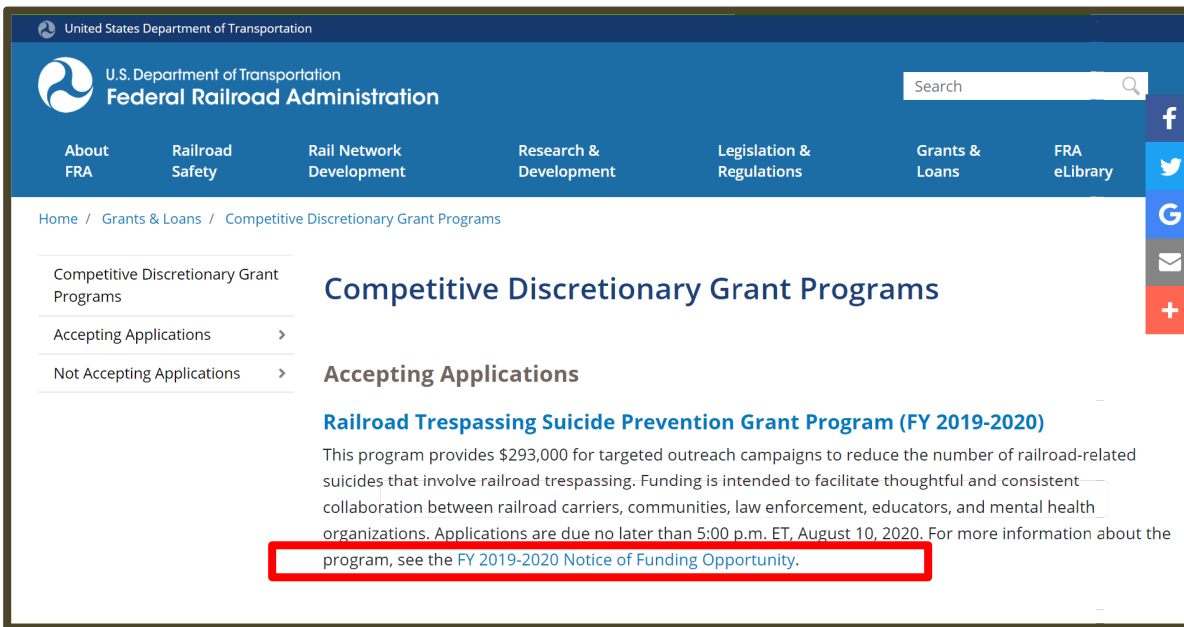
- Program Summary
- Key Dates
- Addresses
- FRA Contact Information
- Table of Contents
 - Program Description
 - Federal Award Information
 - **Eligibility Information**
 - **Application and Submission Information**
 - **Application Review Information**
 - Federal Award Administration Information
 - Federal Awarding Agency Contacts



Where Is the Railroad Trespassing Suicide Prevention Grant Program NOFO?

FRA's Competitive Grants Program Webpage

Federal Register



The screenshot shows the FRA's website with the following content:

- Header: United States Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration
- Navigation: About FRA, Railroad Safety, Rail Network Development, Research & Development, Legislation & Regulations, Grants & Loans, FRA eLibrary
- Breadcrumbs: Home / Grants & Loans / Competitive Discretionary Grant Programs
- Section: Competitive Discretionary Grant Programs
- Sub-section: Accepting Applications
- Title: **Railroad Trespassing Suicide Prevention Grant Program (FY 2019-2020)**
- Text: "This program provides \$293,000 for targeted outreach campaigns to reduce the number of railroad-related suicides that involve railroad trespassing. Funding is intended to facilitate thoughtful and consistent collaboration between railroad carriers, communities, law enforcement, educators, and mental health organizations. Applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m. ET, August 10, 2020. For more information about the program, see the [FY 2019-2020 Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)." (The link is highlighted with a red box.)



The screenshot shows the Federal Register page for the "Notice of Funding Opportunity for Railroad Trespassing Suicide Prevention Grant Program".

- Header: FEDERAL REGISTER, The Daily Journal of the United States Government
- Title: Notice of Funding Opportunity for Railroad Trespassing Suicide Prevention Grant Program
- Text: "The Federal Railroad Administration on 06/09/2020" and "Comments on this document are being accepted at Regulations.gov." (A "SUBMIT A FORMAL COMMENT" button is visible.)
- Document Details: "Printed version: PDF", "Publication Date: 06/09/2020", "Agencies: Federal Railroad Administration", "Dates: Applications for funding under this solicitation are due no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET), on August 10, 2020. Applications for funding received after 5:00 p.m. ET on August 10, 2020 will not be considered for funding. See Section D of this notice for additional information on the application process." (The "Printed version: PDF" and "Publication Date" fields are highlighted with red boxes.)
- Summary: "This notice details the application requirements and procedures to obtain funding for eligible projects under the Railroad Trespassing Suicide Prevention Grant Program. Railroad Trespassing Suicide Prevention Grant Program funding totaling \$293,000 is provided in this NOFO by the 2019 and 2020 consolidated appropriations acts, which require the FRA to implement a railroad trespasser prevention strategy. This program is part of the FRA's implementation of railroad trespass prevention efforts. The opportunities described in this notice are available under Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number 20.301, 'Rail Safety Grants.'" (The "Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number 20.301" is highlighted with a red box.)

- [FRA's Competitive Discretionary Grant Programs webpage](#)

- [Federal Register link to Railroad Trespassing Suicide Prevention Grant Program NOFO](#)

Where Do I Find “How to Apply” Information?

SEARCH GRANTS tab on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov):

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FIND. APPLY. SUCCEED.®

SEARCH: Grant Opportunities ▾ Enter Keyword... **GO**

HOME LEARN GRANTS ▾ **SEARCH GRANTS** APPLICANTS ▾ GRANTORS ▾ SYSTEM-TO-SYSTEM ▾ FORMS ▾ CONNECT ▾ SUPPORT ▾

GRANTS.GOV > Search Grants

SEARCH GRANTS

BASIC SEARCH CRITERIA:

Keyword(s):

Opportunity Number:

CFDA: **SEARCH**

OPPORTUNITY STATUS:

- Forecasted (0)
- Posted (2)
- Closed (0)
- Archived (35)

SEARCH OPTIONS:

SORT BY: Posted Date (Descending) ▾ **Update Sort**

DATE RANGE: All Available ▾ **Update Date Range**

Search Tips | Export Detailed Data | **Save Search »**

1 - 2 OF 2 MATCHING RESULTS:

Opportunity Number	Opportunity Title	Agency	Opportunity Status	Posted Date ↓	Close Date
FR-SPP-20-001	FY20 Railroad Safety State Participation Grant Program	DOT-FRA	Posted	06/17/2020	07/17/2020
FR-TSP-20-002	FY20 Railroad Trespassing Suicide Prevention Grant Program	DOT-FRA	Posted	06/09/2020	08/10/2020

Click the **Opportunity Number** to see the Synopsis

What Is the “Synopsis”?

Summary information about the grant opportunity in Grants.gov:

The screenshot displays the Grants.gov interface for a specific grant opportunity. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "SEARCH: Grant Opportunities" and a "GO" button. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with options: HOME, LEARN GRANTS, SEARCH GRANTS (highlighted), APPLICANTS, GRANTORS, SYSTEM-TO-SYSTEM, FORMS, CONNECT, and SUPPORT. The main content area is titled "VIEW GRANT OPPORTUNITY" and features the logo of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) on the left. The grant details include: FR-TSP-20-002, FY20 Railroad Trespassing Suicide Prevention Grant Program, Department of Transportation, and DOT - Federal Railroad Administration. There are "Apply" and "Subscribe" buttons on the right. Below the grant title, there are four tabs: SYNOPSIS (highlighted with a red box), VERSION HISTORY, RELATED DOCUMENTS, and PACKAGE. A "Print Synopsis Details" link is also visible. The synopsis content is organized into a table under the heading "General Information".

General Information	
Document Type: Grants Notice	Version: Synopsis 1
Funding Opportunity Number: FR-TSP-20-002	Posted Date: Jun 09, 2020
Funding Opportunity Title: FY20 Railroad Trespassing Suicide Prevention Grant Program	Last Updated Date: Jun 09, 2020
Opportunity Category: Discretionary	Original Closing Date for Applications: Aug 10, 2020 No Explanation
Opportunity Category Explanation:	Current Closing Date for Applications: Aug 10, 2020 No Explanation
Funding Instrument Type: Grant	Archive Date: Sep 09, 2020
	Estimated Total Program Funding: \$293,000

How Do I Apply?

Key Steps

- Obtain a Dun and Bradstreet number (DUNS)
- **Register early** in the Federal government's System for Award Management (SAM)
 - **NOTE: SAM registration can take up to 4 to 6 weeks**
- For Grants.gov, complete an **Authorized Organization Representative profile** and create a username and password
- Submit an application addressing all requirements outlined in the NOFO

Applicants must have a SAM account and a DUNS number in order to submit a grant application



What Do I Include in My Application?

Required Documents

- Project Narrative
- Statement of Work

Required Forms

- SF424 (Application for Federal Assistance)
 - SF 424A – Budget info for Non-Construction
 - SF 424B – Assurances for Non-Construction
- FRA's Additional Assurances and Certifications
- SF LLL: Disclosure of Lobbying Activities or Grants.gov Lobbying Form



Where Do I Find Additional Information and Help?

Find **additional information** about the grant opportunity in Grants.gov at the bottom of the synopsis page:

Additional Information

Agency Name: DOT - Federal Railroad Administration

Description: The purpose of the Railroad Trespassing Suicide Prevention Program is to assist in funding targeted outreach campaigns to reduce the number of railroad-related suicides that involve railroad trespassing.

Link to Additional Information: [FY20 Railroad Trespassing Suicide Prevention Grant Program](#)

Grantor Contact Information: If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact:

Grants.gov Contact Center
Phone Number: 1-800-518-4726

Hours of operation are 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The contact center is closed on federal holidays.
support@grants.gov

[Grants.gov Customer Support](#)

Application Review and Selection Process

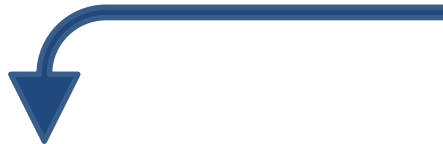
1. Intake and Eligibility

Each application is reviewed for completeness and eligibility to determine which applications move to the evaluation stage



2. Evaluation

Each complete and eligible application is evaluated by a panel of DOT subject matter experts using criteria outlined in the NOFO



3. Selection

Final funding decisions are made by taking into account the evaluation and selection criteria outlined in the NOFO



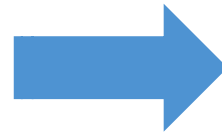
4. Announcement

FRA announces selections approximately 4 to 6 months following application due date



Best Practices – Helpful Hints

- Read the NOFO completely and carefully to understand the criteria for eligibility and selection, and what information each application must include
- FRA has identified two primary areas where applications not selected for funding typically demonstrate deficiencies:
 - Project Narrative
 - Statement of Work (SOW)



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Best Practices – Project Narrative

Project Narrative Outline

- I. Cover Page
- II. Project Summary
- III. Project Funding
- IV. Applicant Eligibility
- V. Project Eligibility
- VI. Detailed Project Description
- VII. Project Location
- VIII. Evaluation & Selection Criteria
- IX. Project Implementation & Management

- ☑ Structure your project narrative in accordance with the outline specified in the NOFO
- ☑ Include all elements identified in the outline
- ☑ Follow the instructions for each element
- ☑ Adhere to 25-page limit



Best Practices – Statement of Work (SOW)

ATTACHMENT 2

STATEMENT OF WORK

[insert applicant/grantee name]
[insert project name]
[insert grant program name and fiscal year]

I. AUTHORITY

Authorization	E.g. 49 U.S.C. § 24407 For CRISI Program Insert eligibility citation (e.g. 49 U.S.C. 24407(c)(1))
Funding Authority/Appropriation	E.g. Contract authority in the FAST Act Sec. 1101(a)(5), Pub. L. 114-94 (December 4, 2015) E.g. Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018, Division L, Title I (Pub. L. 115-141 (March 23, 2018))
Notice of Funding Opportunity	[NOFO Title] for Fiscal Year 20XX, [Federal Register citation], [Month, date, year] [volume #] FR [publication date]

II. BACKGROUND

Instructions: This section also provides high-level overview information regarding the project and applicant/grantee, and defines the term "Project" as that term is used throughout the Agreement. Approximately 3-4 paragraph in length.

This Agreement funds the Grantee to support the deployment of [description] (Project). To the extent there is a conflict between Attachment 1 and this Attachment 2, Attachment 1 governs.

[IF APPLICABLE: All necessary planning, preliminary engineering (PE) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements have been completed. A Categorical Exclusion for this Project was approved by FRA on XXX].

III. OBJECTIVE

Instructions: The "Objective" section of the Statement of Work (SOW) is intended to provide a clear description of the underlying transportation problem that the project will address; the work that will be accomplished under the grant/cooperative agreement; the end-state of the project, and the public benefits that the project is intended to achieve.

- ☑ Organize the scope of work into discrete and logically sequenced tasks
- ☑ Provide appropriate timing for tasks
- ☑ Identify the deliverables required to communicate progress and completion of tasks to FRA
- ☑ Check the budget to ensure numbers are consistent with cost information submitted in forms and other areas of the application

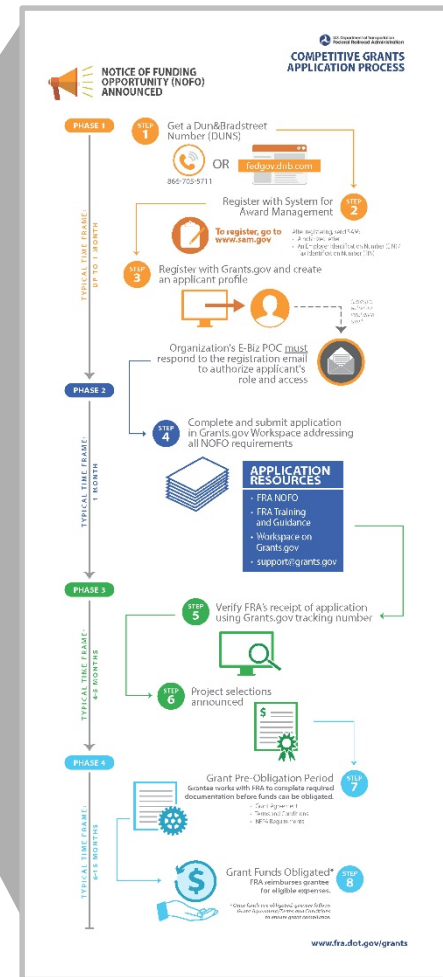
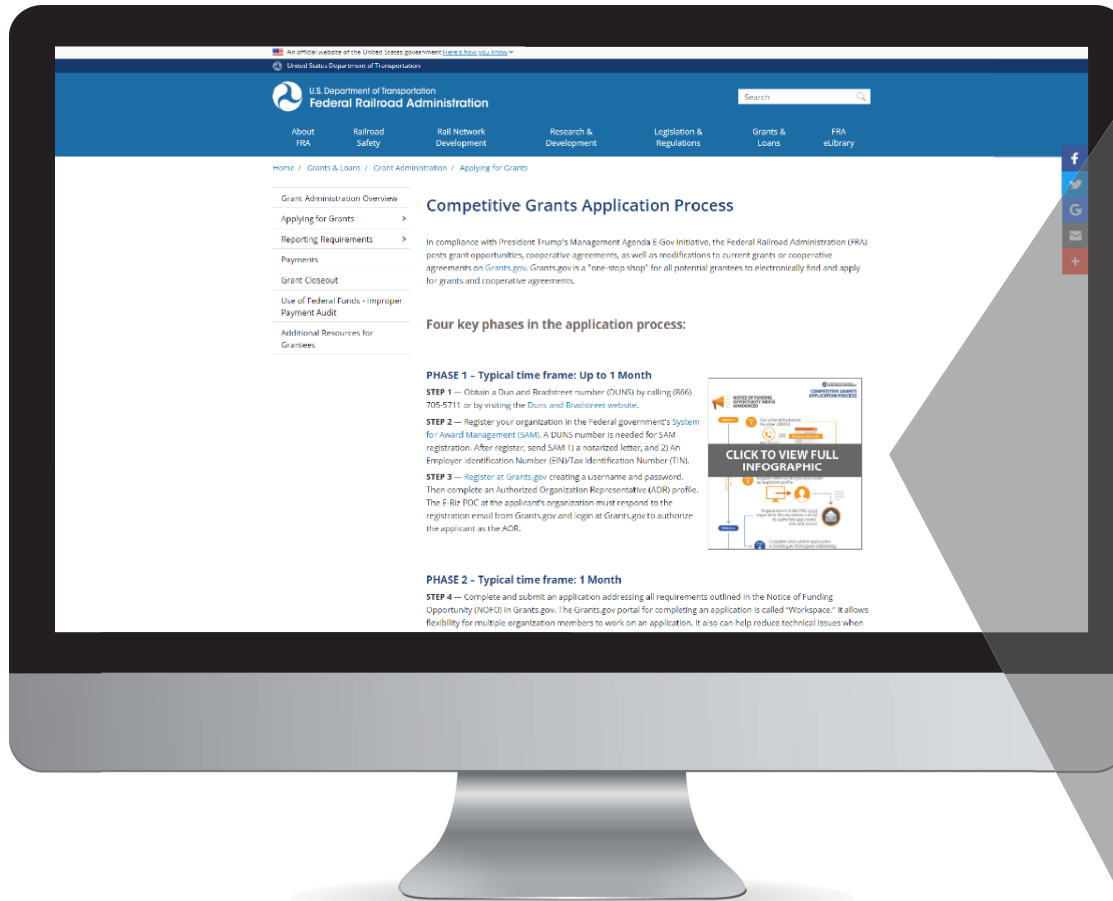


Recap & Reminders

- Always read the NOFO carefully and *apply early*
- Determine what a "successful" project will look like
- Use the checklist with the application requirements in the NOFO as you complete your application
- Address all of the evaluation and selection criteria on which you will be rated
 - By clearly and directly responding to the criteria, your application will be easier to read and evaluate
 - Don't bury key points!



Additional Resources: FRA's Competitive Grants Application Process Webpage



- [Competitive Grants Application Process webpage](#)

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