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Railroad Crossing Elimination Program Listening Session

Federal Railroad Administration

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Railroad Crossing Elimination – Program Overview

PROGRAM PURPOSE

- To fund highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on **improving the safety and mobility of people and goods.**

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

BIL Authorization & Appropriations in millions (M)

| | FY22 |
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| Advanced Appropriations | \$600 |
| Authorized Funding (Fully Authorized Levels) | \$500 |

Status of Funding Opportunities

| Year | Currently Available Funding (M) | Status |
|------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| FY22 | \$600 | NOFO Expected Late Spring 2022 |

Railroad Crossing Elimination – Eligible Applicants

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

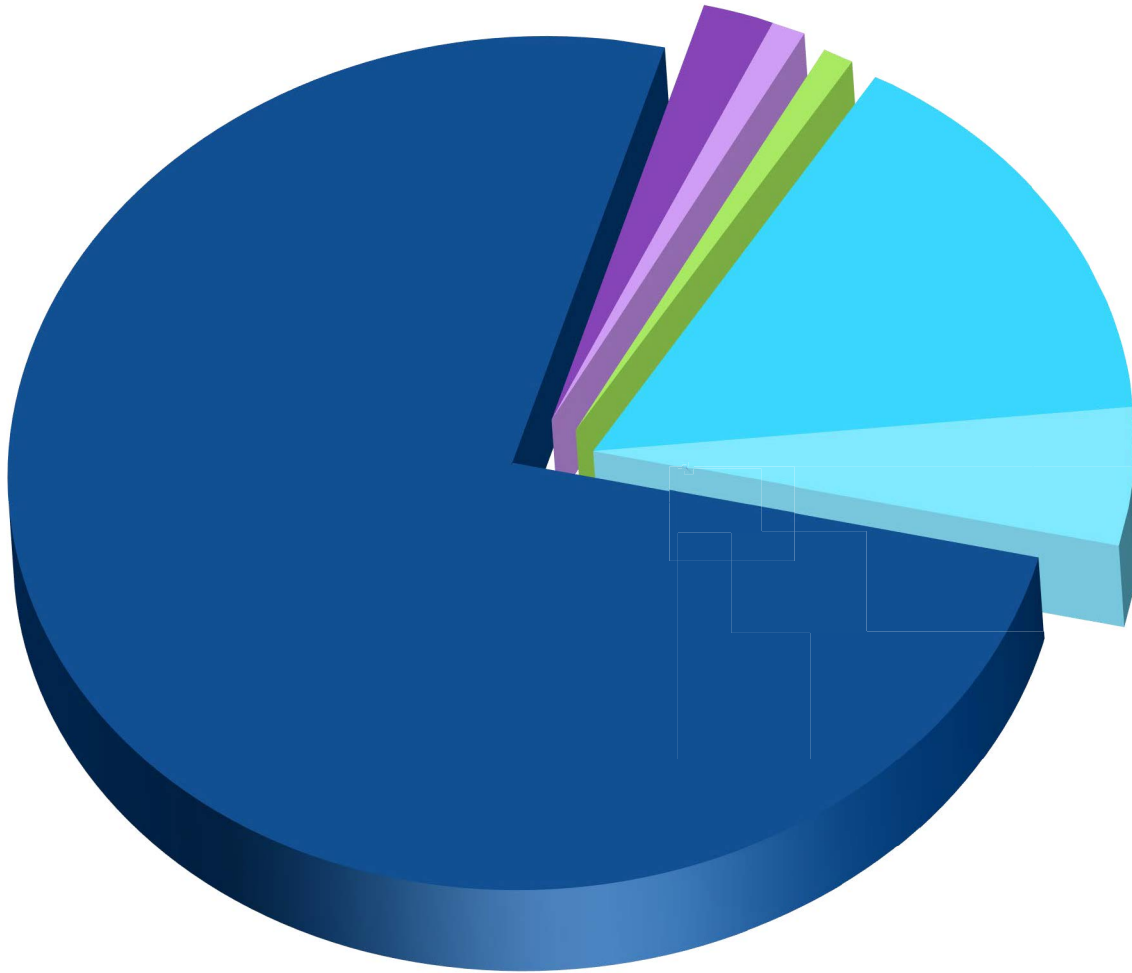
- States, including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and other U.S. territories and possessions.
- Political subdivision of a State.
- Federally recognized Indian Tribe.
- A unit of local government or a group of local governments.
- A public port authority.
- A metropolitan planning organization.
- A group of the entities described above.

Railroad Crossing Elimination – Eligible Projects

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CRITERIA

- Grade separation or closure including through use of a bridge, embankment, tunnel or combination thereof.
- Track relocation.
- Improvement or installation of protective devices, signals, signs, or other measures to improve safety related to a separation, closure, or track relocation project.
- Other means to improve the safety if related to the mobility of people and goods at highway-rail grade crossings (including technological solutions).
- The planning, environmental review, and design of an eligible project type.

Railroad Crossing Elimination – Program Conditions



Planning

- Not less than 3% of total funding is for planning projects
 - Not less than 25% of these funds is for planning projects in rural areas or on Tribal lands.

Crossing Safety Information and Education Program

- 0.25% of total funding shall be for highway-rail grade crossing safety information and education programs to help prevent and reduce pedestrian, motor vehicle, and other accidents, incidents, injuries, and fatalities; and to improve awareness along railroad rights-of-way and at highway-rail grade crossings.

Rural and Tribal Set Aside

- Not less than 20% of total funding is reserved for projects located in rural areas or on Tribal lands
 - Not less than 5% of these funds are reserved for projects in counties with 20 or fewer residents per square mile

Grant Conditions

- Minimum 20% Non-Federal matching share
- No grant awarded shall be smaller than \$1M, except for planning grants

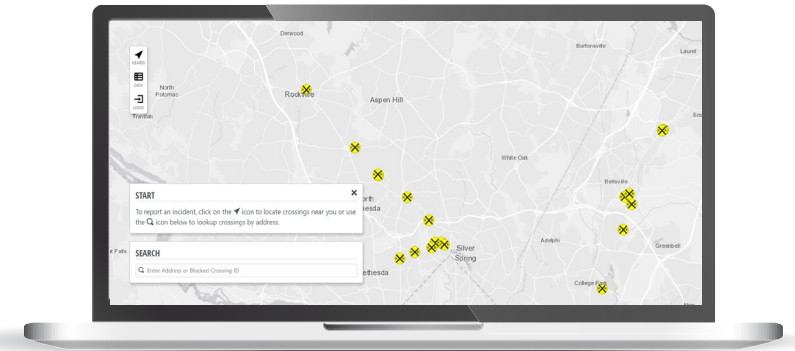
State Limitation

- No more than 20% of total funding in any fiscal year may be selected for projects in a single State.

Grade Crossing Safety Information

BLOCKED CROSSING PORTAL

- Blocked crossings pose potential safety risks, specifically in locations where trains routinely hinder roadway and pedestrian movement for extended periods.
- To address this potential safety risk, FRA established the Blocked Crossing Portal in 2019.
- Portal requests specific information from users reporting blocked crossings—including **date, time, location** and **duration that crossing is blocked**.



<http://www.fra.dot.gov/blockedcrossings>

Opportunity for Feedback

Metrics for Safety Improvement

Host Railroad/Infrastructure
Owner Support

Program Funding Activities
and Set-Asides



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Host Railroad/Infrastructure Owner Support

Program Funding Activities and Set Asides

Other Comments

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