



# Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvements Workforce Development Fact Sheet

FY22 Funding: \$1.42 billion

The Federal Railroad Administration supports the nation’s rail network in part through the eligibility of workforce development and training activities under the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant program.

The information below highlights the opportunities for multi-year workforce development projects to receive grants under the 2022 CRISI Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

## CRISI Workforce Development

### Overview

As part of the CRISI program **the development of safety programs and institutes, including workforce development plans and training activities** are eligible project types.

### Eligible Applicants

- States, including the District of Columbia.
- A group of States.
- An Interstate Compact.
- A public agency or publicly chartered authority established by 1 or more States.
- A political subdivision of a State.
- Amtrak & other Rail Carriers providing intercity passenger transportation.
- Class II/III Railroads and Associations that represent a Class II/III Railroads.
- Rail Carriers & Equipment Manufacturers, in partnership with at least 1 of the first 5 entities shown above.
- Federally recognized Indian Tribe.
- Transportation Research Board.
- University Transportation Centers engaged in rail-related research.
- Non-profit labor organizations representing rail employees.

### Eligible Projects

Previously selected workforce development projects include:

- **Development and Implementation of HBCU Based Railroad Engineering Program for Underrepresented Communities.** The project submitted by University of Delaware will develop and implement a railroad engineering program at Morgan State University, a Historically Black College and University in Baltimore, MD.
- **Mechanical Craft Workforce Development Apprenticeship Training Program.** The project is a three-year Mechanical Craft Workforce Development Apprenticeship Training Program submitted by Amtrak that will provide significant professional development opportunities for current and future Amtrak employees.
- **Climate Change and Extreme Events Training and Research Program.** The project submitted by San Jose State University Research Foundation will establish a Climate Change and Extreme Events Training and Research program to conduct research, education, and technology transfer activities to improve the rail network’s safety and resilience.