



Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grant Program Fact Sheet

ADVANCED APPROPRIATIONS

FY22-FY26 Funding: \$7.2 Billion/Year

The Federal Railroad Administration supports the nation’s rail network through a variety of competitive and directed grant programs designed to improve safety and improve the mobility of people and goods. The Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grants program provides funding for intercity passenger transportation projects located on the Northeast Corridor and for projects not located on the Northeast Corridor and was significantly revised in Section 22307 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Changes included broadening project eligibility to include projects to expand or establish new intercity passenger rail services and fund pre-construction project planning, expanding eligible project locations to include the entire intercity passenger rail network, and directing USDOT to publish a project inventory for Northeast Corridor projects to support long-term planning.

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Purpose of Grant Program

To fund capital projects that reduce the state of good repair backlog, improve performance, or expand or establish new intercity passenger rail service, including privately operated intercity passenger rail service if an eligible applicant is involved. (49 U.S.C. 24911)

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, acting on its own behalf or under a cooperative agreement with 1 or more States.
- **NEW** Federally recognized Indian Tribe.
- **NEW** Any combination of the entities above.

Eligible Projects

- A project to replace, rehabilitate, or repair infrastructure, equipment, or a facility used for providing intercity passenger rail service to bring such assets into a state of good repair.
- **NEW** A project to improve intercity passenger rail service performance, including reduced trip times, increased train frequencies, higher operating speeds, improved reliability, expanded capacity, reduced congestion, electrification, and other improvements, as determined by the Secretary.
- **NEW** A project to expand or establish new intercity passenger rail service.
- A group of related projects as described above.
- **NEW** The planning, environmental review, and final design of an eligible project or group of projects described above.