

Restoration and Enhancements Grant Program Fact Sheet

AUTHORIZED FUNDING (* FULLY AUTHORIZED LEVELS)

FY22-FY26 Funding: \$100 Million/Year * [\$50 Million from Amtrak National Network Account]

The Federal Railroad Administration supports the nation’s rail network through a variety of competitive and dedicated grant programs designed to develop safety improvements, and encourages the expansion and upgrade of passenger and freight rail infrastructure and services.

The information below highlights the changes to the Restoration & Enhancement grant program that are enacted in Section 22304 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

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Purpose of Grant Program

To provide **operating assistance** to initiate, restore, or enhance intercity passenger rail service. (49 U.S.C. 22908)

Eligible Applicants

- States, including the District of Columbia.
- An entity implementing an interstate compact.
- A public agency/publicly chartered authority established by 1 or more States.
- A political subdivision of a State.
- **NEW** **Federally recognized Indian Tribe.**
- Amtrak & Other IPR Carriers.
- **NEW** **Rail Carriers in partnership with at least 1 of the entities described above.**

Eligible Projects

- Establishing new services.
- Additional frequencies.
- Service extensions.
- Offering new on-board services.
- Examples of eligible expenses: train engineer staffing, fuel, train dispatching, station management, and overhead.

Other Changes

- **NEW** **New priority to applications for routes selected under the Corridor Identification and Development Program and operated by Amtrak.**
- **NEW** **Grants may provide operating assistance for up to 6 years, and may not exceed:**
 - o 90 percent of the projected net operating costs for the first year of service.
 - o 80 percent...for the second year of service.
 - o 70 percent...for the third year of service.
 - o 60 percent...for the fourth year of service.
 - o 50 percent...for the fifth year of service.
 - o 30 percent...for the sixth year of service.