



\$196,357 for Law Enforcement Strategies for Reducing Trespassing Pilot Grant Program Selected Projects

FL – Law Enforcement Strategies for Reducing Trespassing in the City of Lake Worth (up to \$75,000)

Palm Beach County, FL

This project will address railroad trespassing in the City of Lake Worth, FL through enforcement activities and community awareness. For this project, enforcement will be conducted near the identified trespassing “hot” spots during peak trespass days/hours, as evidenced by supporting historical trespass data, information obtained through cameras strategically located in and around the railways, and data obtained through drone technology. Community awareness will also be provided by enforcement signage in English and Spanish near the railway sites. The project will have a significant positive impact on the local community and the railway accommodating Tri-Rail commuter rail, Amtrak intercity passenger rail, and CSX freight trains.

MA – Worcester Trespass Prevention Program (up to \$93,357)

City of Worcester, MA

For this project, the Worcester Police Department will conduct the Worcester Trespass Prevention Program at five locations by increasing the number and frequency of police patrols, promoting information sharing and collaboration with key stakeholders from the community who have a role in preventing and addressing railway trespassing, and developing and enhancing policies and practices that leverage technology to promote improved decision making to reduce railway trespassing incidents. Overall, the project will improve safety through enforcement-based activities, as well as connections with social services. The project includes not only an increase in the number of patrols of the railroad right-of-way, but also the use of innovative enforcement tactics through surveillance equipment that would provide an opportunity to observe the effects of innovative enforcement tactics.



NY – North Tonawanda Police Railroad Trespassing Enforcement Project (up to \$24,000)

North Tonawanda, NY

This project will evaluate and report on the effectiveness of increased on-duty active patrols along the 3.25 miles of CSX railroad tracks traversing the North Tonawanda jurisdiction. Several times a day, freight and passenger trains travel through the City of North Tonawanda along the Niagara Branch, where trespassing is a common occurrence year-round. During each shift for this project, a pair of North Tonawanda police officers will actively patrol the CSX railroad property “hot” spots using a combination of foot patrols and utility vehicles to enforce trespass laws at remote and otherwise hard-to-reach trespassing “hot” spots.

NY – Reduce Railroad Trespassing in the Town of Brighton (up to \$4,000)

Town of Brighton, NY

This project will provide two officers to patrol the railways to address trespassing in a two-mile area in Brighton, NY for an eight-week period of performance. Over the past 12 years, two fatal train/trespasser accidents occurred in this area. The Town of Brighton will partner with CSX, which owns and operates the railroad with Amtrak as a tenant railroad.