Fiscal Year 2020 Intercity Passenger Rail Program

Overview
The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Intercity Passenger Rail (IPR) – Amtrak program is one of four grant programs that constitute the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA’s) focus on transportation infrastructure security activities. These grant programs are part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to help strengthen the Nation’s critical infrastructure against potential terrorist attacks. IPR provides funds to Amtrak to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism.

Funding
In FY 2020, the total amount of funds to be distributed under this grant program is $10 million. FY 2020 IPR funds are awarded to support the creation of sustainable, risk-based efforts to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism, major disasters, and other emergencies.

Eligibility
The National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) is the only entity eligible to apply for funding under the IPR program.

Funding Guidelines
Consistent with the other non-competitive preparedness grant programs, new spending requirements are imposed in FY 2020. The three national priorities and associated minimum spend requirements for Amtrak are:
1. Enhancing Cybersecurity (no minimum spend requirement)
2. Enhancing the Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places: 5 percent
3. Addressing emerging threats (e.g., transnational criminal organizations, weapons of mass destruction [WMD], unmanned aerial systems [UASs], etc.): 5 percent
**Application Process**

Applying for an award under the IPR is a multi-step process:

Eligible applicants must submit their initial application at least seven days prior to the April 15, 2020 (at 5 p.m. ET) application deadline through the Grants.gov portal at [http://www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). Applicants needing Grants.gov support should contact the Grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726.

Eligible applicants will be notified by FEMA and asked to proceed with submitting their complete application package in the [Non-Disaster (ND) Grants System](http://www.grants.gov) by the application deadline. Applicants needing technical support with the ND Grants System should contact [ndgrants@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:ndgrants@fema.dhs.gov) or (800) 865-4076, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. ET.

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. ET on April 15, 2020.

**IPR Resources**

A variety of resources are available to address programmatic, technical, and financial questions, which can assist with the IPR, including:


- For additional program-specific information, applicants may contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or [AskCSID@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:AskCSID@fema.dhs.gov). CSID hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.

- For support regarding financial grant management and budgetary technical assistance, applicants may contact the DHS/FEMA Grant Operations Help Desk via e-mail to [ASK-GMD@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:ASK-GMD@fema.dhs.gov).