

FSP/NRRP: NATIONAL RAILROAD PARTNERSHIP/FEDERAL-STATE PARTNERSHIP FOR INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL, NATIONAL PROGRAM

Applications are due January 07, 2026.

Available Funding: \$5.07 BILLION

FRA Website: <https://railroads.dot.gov/partnership-program>

Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (FSP) National program seeks to improve American passenger rail assets by funding projects that enhance rail safety, 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 for eligible applicants. This program is for all projects not located on the Northeast Corridor.

- FRA gives preference to the following projects:
- Projects where Amtrak is not the sole applicant
- Projects that improve the financial performance, reliability, service frequency, or address the state of good repair of an Amtrak Route
- Projects identified and consistent with a corridor inventory prepared under the Corridor Identification and Development Program
- Projects that demonstrate an ability to foster a safe transportation system for the movement of goods and people or reduce transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries across the transportation system.

BUILD: BETTER UTILIZING INVESTMENTS TO LEVERAGE DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Available Funding (2024): \$150 MILLION

FRA Website: <https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants>

The U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program provides grants for surface transportation infrastructure projects with significant local or regional impact. The eligibility requirements of BUILD allow project sponsors, including state and local governments, counties, Tribal governments, transit agencies, and port authorities, to pursue multi-modal and multi-jurisdictional projects that are more difficult to fund through other grant programs.

For Round 1 of funding, a portion of the FY 2025 funding was reserved for Highly Rated FY 2024 Projects of Merit that were not selected in FY 2024. For Round 2, there will be another round of selections using up to \$150 million in FY 2025 funding. For Round 1:

- 195 FY 2024 Projects of Merit requested nearly \$2.4 billion
- 109 projects were awarded \$1.32 billion across 37 states
- Awards ranged from \$160,000 to \$25 million

RCE: RAILROAD CROSSING ELIMINATION PROGRAM

Available Funding (2024): \$1.15 Billion (At least \$229.3 for Rural/Tribal)

FRA Website: <https://railroads.dot.gov/grants-loans/railroad-crossing-elimination-grant-program>

The Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) program seeks to promote the safety and efficiency of the national rail network by providing funding for highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvements – including projects that focus on safety and mobility enhancements. The RCE program supports the elimination of railroad crossings that pose a safety risk to motorists, pedestrians, and railroad passengers.