

RAIL

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Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Overview

Federal Railroad Administration



U.S. Department of Transportation
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Introduction to FRA

Mission

To enable the safe, reliable, and efficient movement of people and goods for a strong America, now and in the future.

Guiding Principles

Safety

- Ensure the safety of FRA employees, the public and the rail industry.

Integrity

- Highest standards of ethical conduct – stewards of the public's trust and resources.

Engagement

- Seek ongoing development and engagement with stakeholders to improve the impact that rail has in and around their communities.

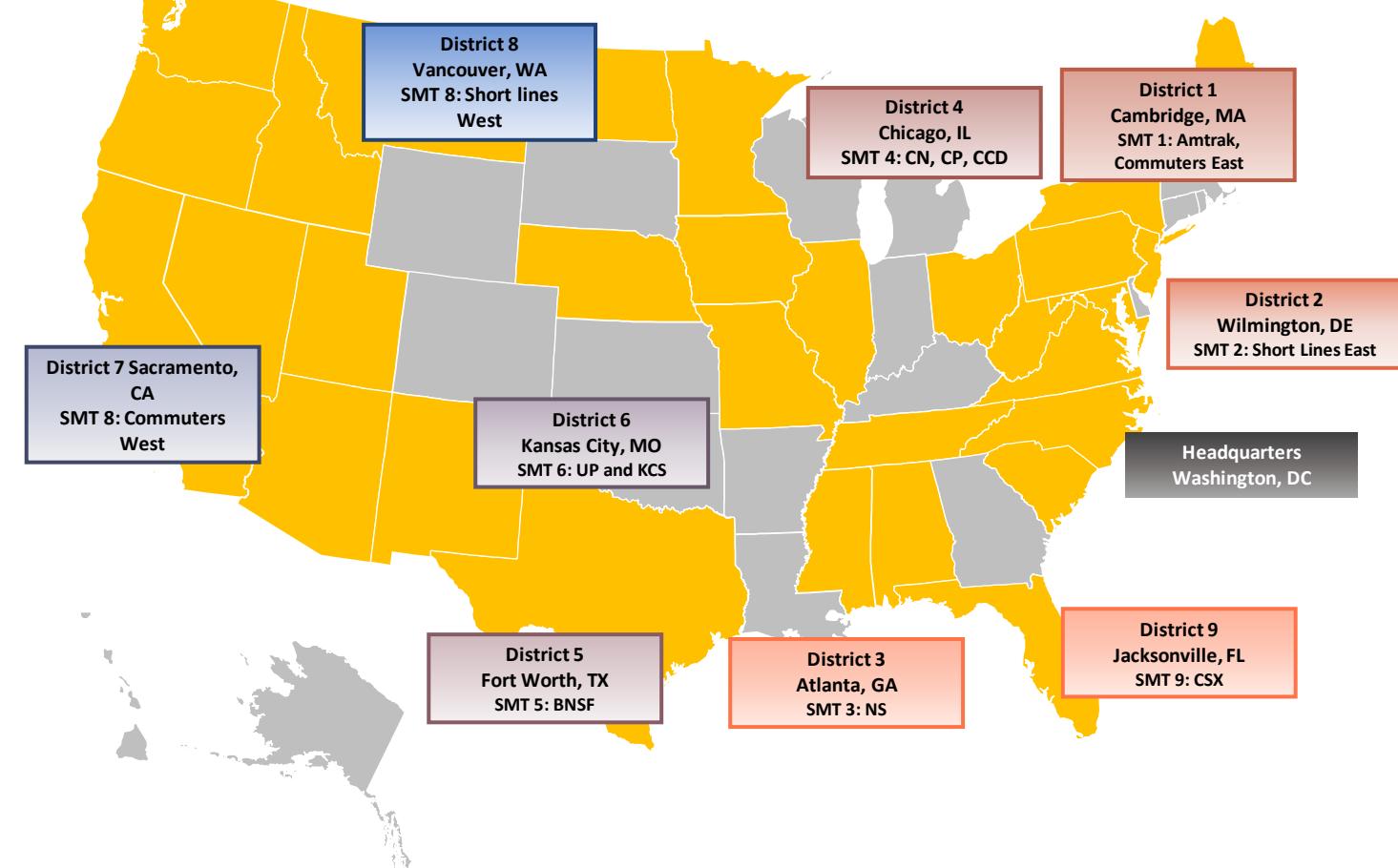


Safety Never Sleeps

Through the coordination of the nine safety management teams (SMT) and over 350 inspectors, FRA remains continuously vigilant in ensuring the safe transport of goods and people across the country.

State Rail Safety Participation Program

- 32 states (including DC) participate (*yellow states*).
- About 200 state inspectors contributing over 15,000 inspection days and nearly 19,000 inspections.



Building Lasting Relationships

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law – The Framework

- Historic investment into infrastructure
- Opportunities for these investments to aid Tribal Nations by improving the interactions between railroad infrastructure and the tribal communities.

What we are doing – The Action

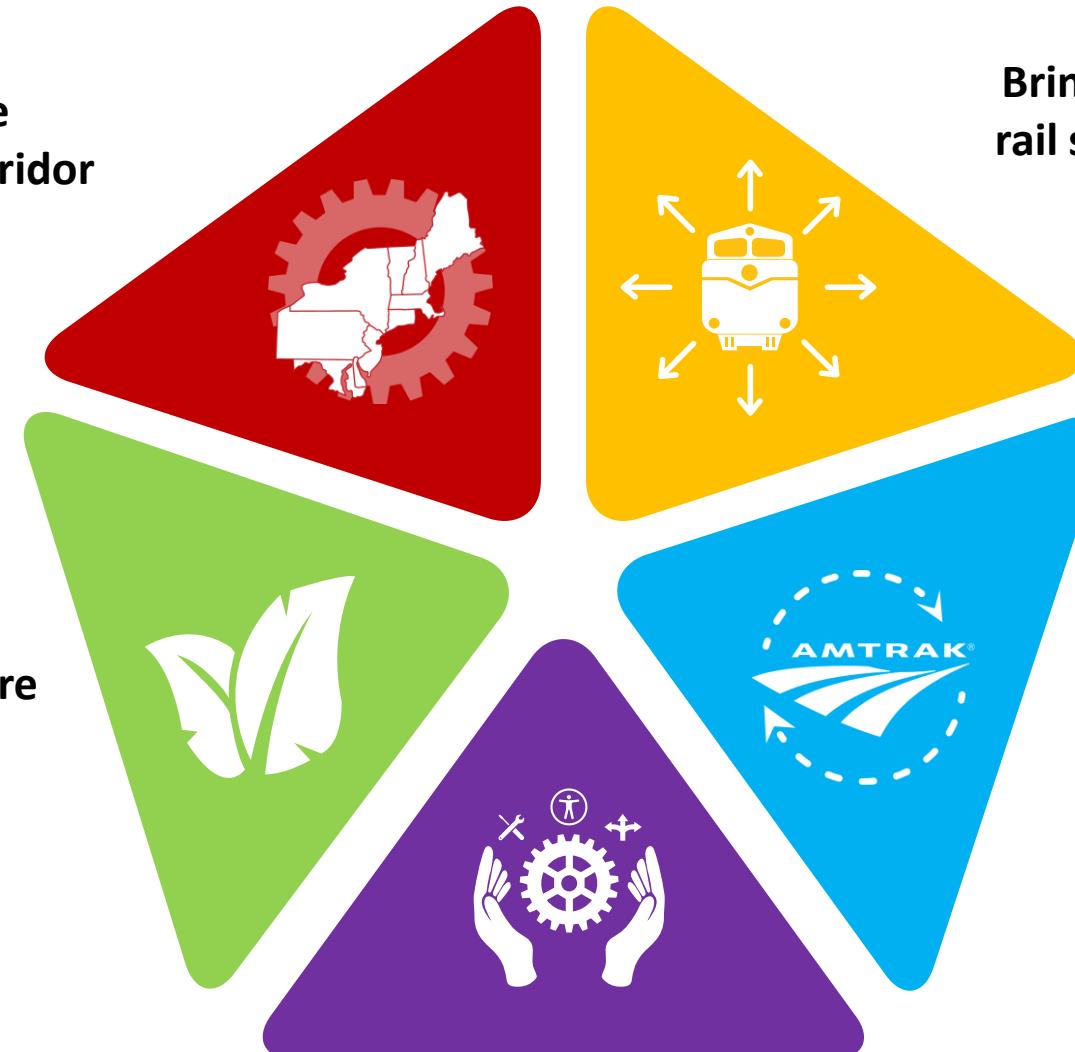
- Holding listening sessions, webinars and informational sessions about the funding programs that are available under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
- Providing technical assistance and support to interested parties about project and program eligibilities

Tribal Nation Needs – The Need

- Identify how FRA can best serve Tribal Nations through our discretionary programs.
- Patience – long road ahead and we want to be partners through the journey.

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Rail Development Goals

Modernize the Northeast Corridor



Bring world-class passenger rail service to regions across the country

Grow a safer, cleaner, more equitable rail system

Build the foundation for a long-term rail program

Renew Amtrak's fleet & facilities and deliver high-quality intercity passenger rail service

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[ADVANCE APPROPRIATIONS]

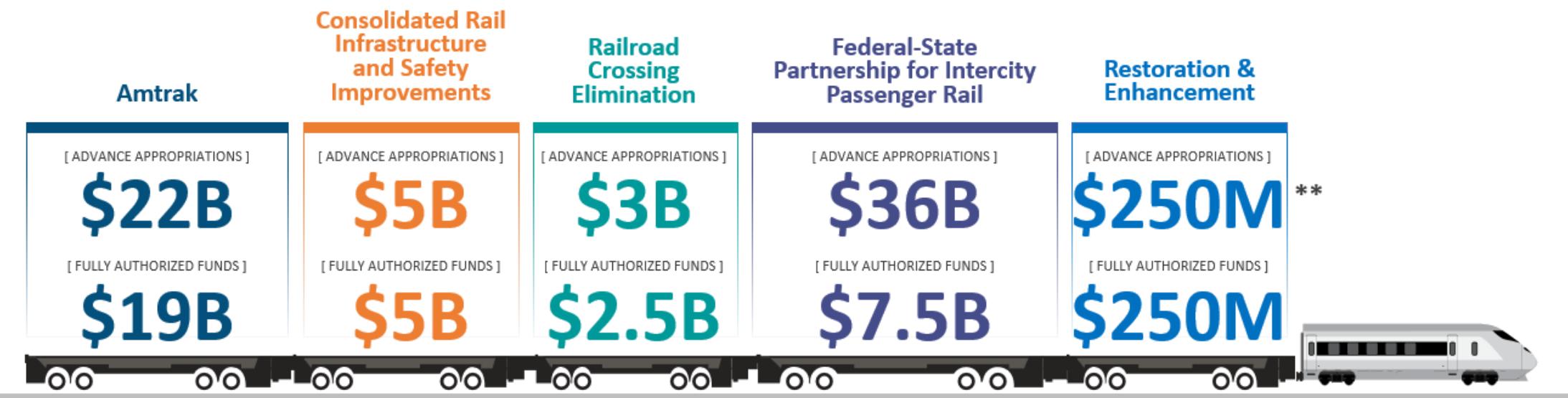
From FY22-FY26

\$66B in total funding

[FULLY AUTHORIZED FUNDS]

From FY22-FY26

\$36B* in total funding



* Authorized funds represent an up to amount that require annual appropriations to set funding levels for each fiscal year.

** \$34.5 billion for grant programs; additional \$1.5 billion is authorized for FRA operations and R&D – not included in this graphic. Grants for Restoration & Enhancement (advance appropriations portion) are funded through “takedowns” from Amtrak NN account; not included in totals to avoid double-counting.



FRA Grant Program Opportunities Under BIL

| Programs | Purpose | Appropriated | Additional Authorized Over Five Years | Total |
|---|--|--|---|-----------------------|
| Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) | To fund projects that improve the safety, efficiency, or reliability of intercity passenger and freight rail. | \$5 billion (\$1 billion annually) | \$5 billion (\$1 billion annually) | \$10 billion |
| Railroad Crossing Elimination (New) | To promote highway rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods. | \$3 billion (\$600 million annually) | \$2.5 billion (\$500 million annually) | \$5.5 billion |
| Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (Significantly Changed) | 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. | \$36 billion (\$7.2 billion annually) | \$7.5 billion (\$1.5 billion annually) | \$43.5 billion |
| Restoration & Enhancement | To provide operating assistance to initiate, restore, or enhance intercity passenger rail service. | \$250 million (\$50 million annually from Amtrak National Network fund) | \$250 million (\$50 million annually) | \$500 million |
| Interstate Rail Compacts (New) | This program will provide funding for interstate rail compacts' administrative costs and to conduct railroad systems planning, promotion of intercity passenger rail operations, and the preparation of grant applications. | \$15 million (\$3 million annually) | \$15 million (\$3 million annually) | \$30 million |

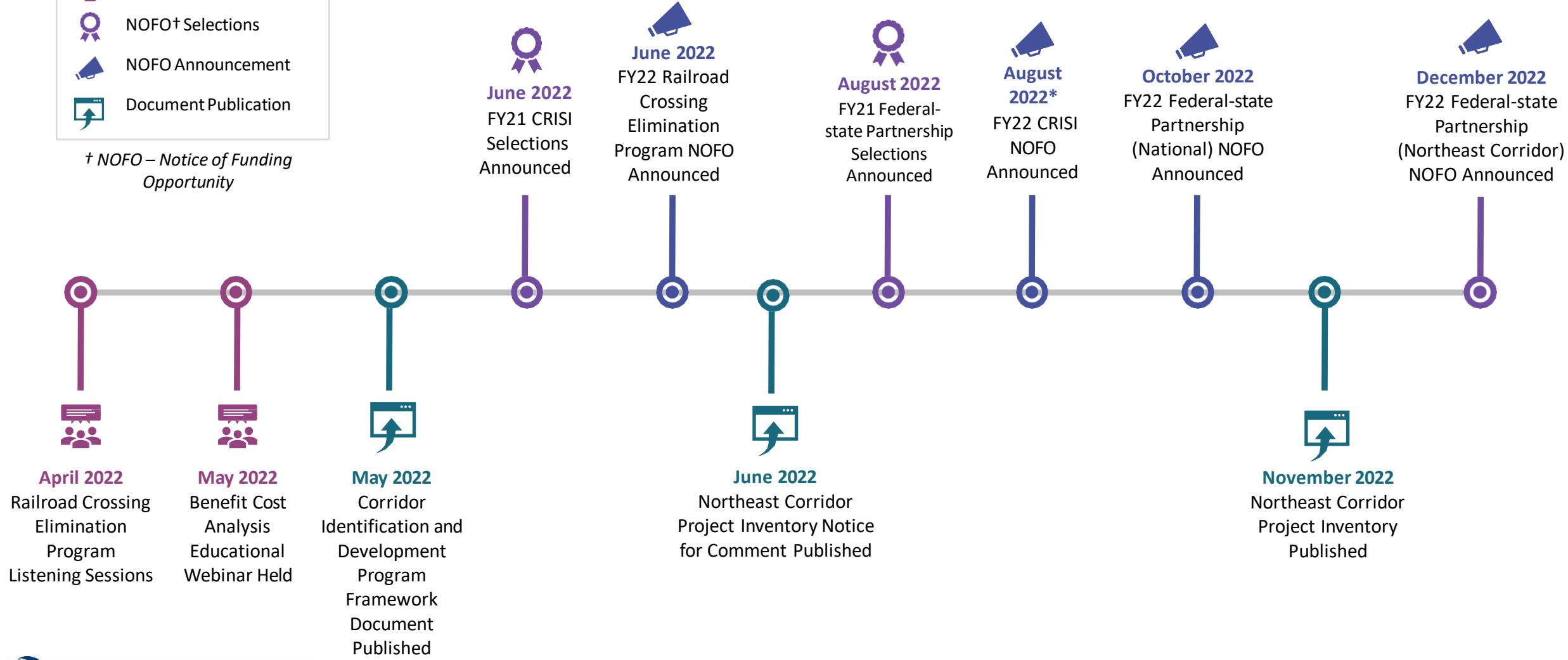


Calendar of Upcoming FRA Publications

* Targeted selection period, subject to change

-  Stakeholder Engagement
-  NOFO[†] Selections
-  NOFO Announcement
-  Document Publication

[†] NOFO – Notice of Funding Opportunity



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- FRA recognizes that Tribal lands are your homelands forever and we want to help you preserve them.
- Starts by shifting the focus from “dollars spent” to “impact to people”. Projects should have an impact that is meaningful and helps communities, even if the dollar amount of a project isn’t large.
- Achieved through the following:
 - **Reconnecting Communities.**
 - Improving safety and mobility of people and goods at grade crossings
 - **Passenger Equipment and Stations.**
 - Ensure equitable access to passenger stations and cars for all Americans, including those with disabilities.
 - Provide a safe, convenient and enjoyable travel experience across the Amtrak network.
 - **National Travel Options.** Build and improve rail services in 100-500-mile corridors and interregional connections to:
 - Provide convenient, reliable and affordable alternatives to highway and air travel in short-medium distance markets.
 - Better serve economically and racially disadvantaged communities.
 - Improve connections between large and small communities for family, work and personal travel.
 - **Passenger-Freight Congestion.** Add targeted capacity on shared passenger-freight infrastructure to:
 - Relieve congestion and improve speeds.



How to Apply and Available Grant Resources

Information on how to apply:

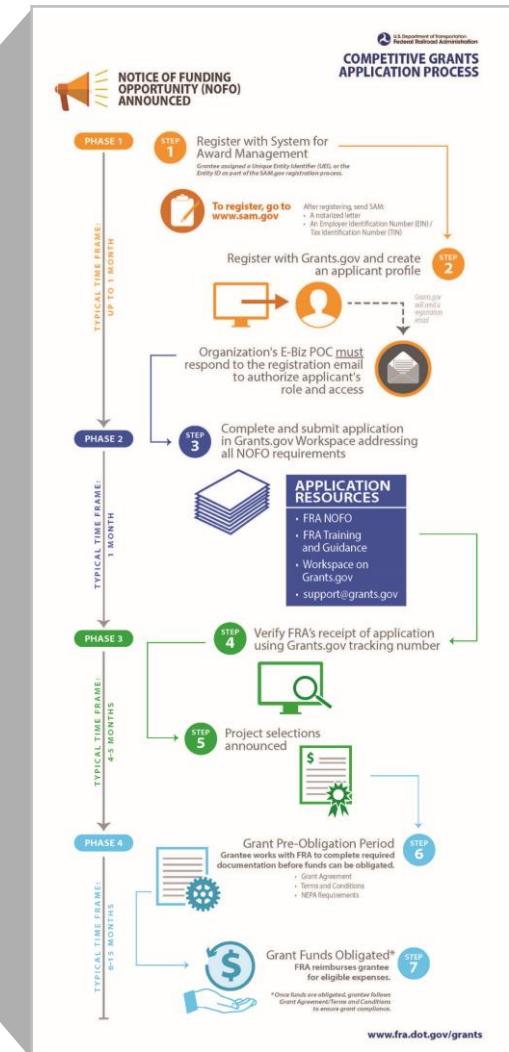
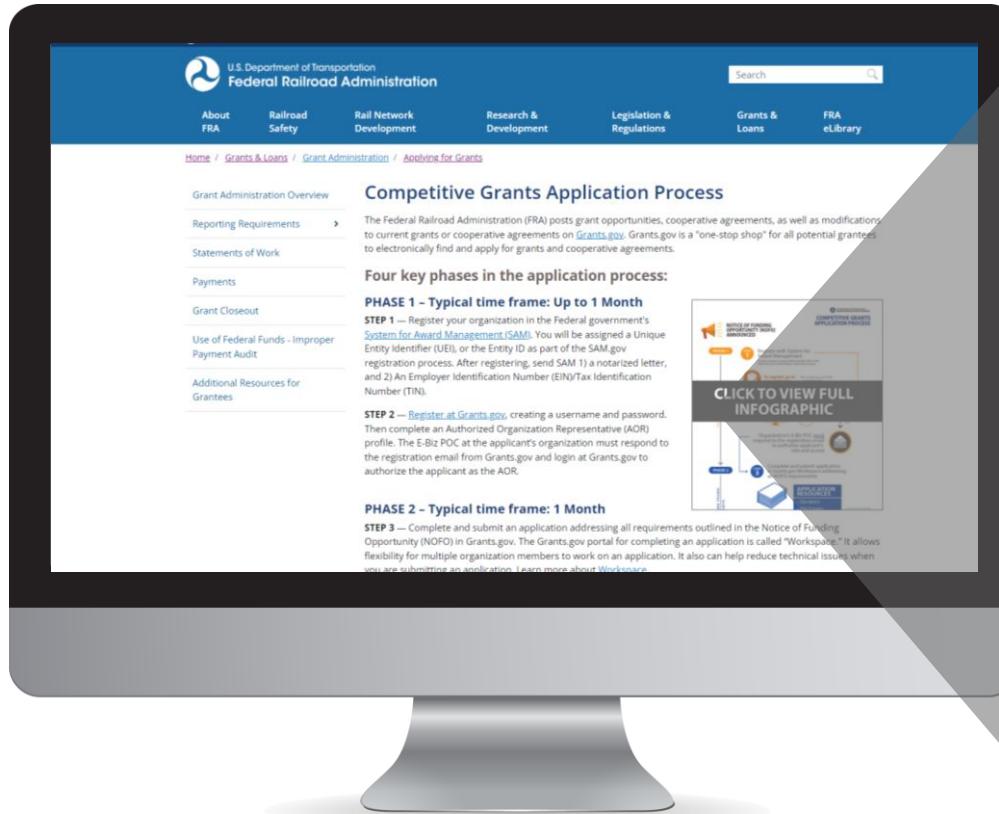
<https://railroads.dot.gov/grant-administration/applying-grants/competitive-grants-application-process>

Webinars and Technical Assistance:

<https://railroads.dot.gov/rail-network-development/training-guidance/webinars-0>

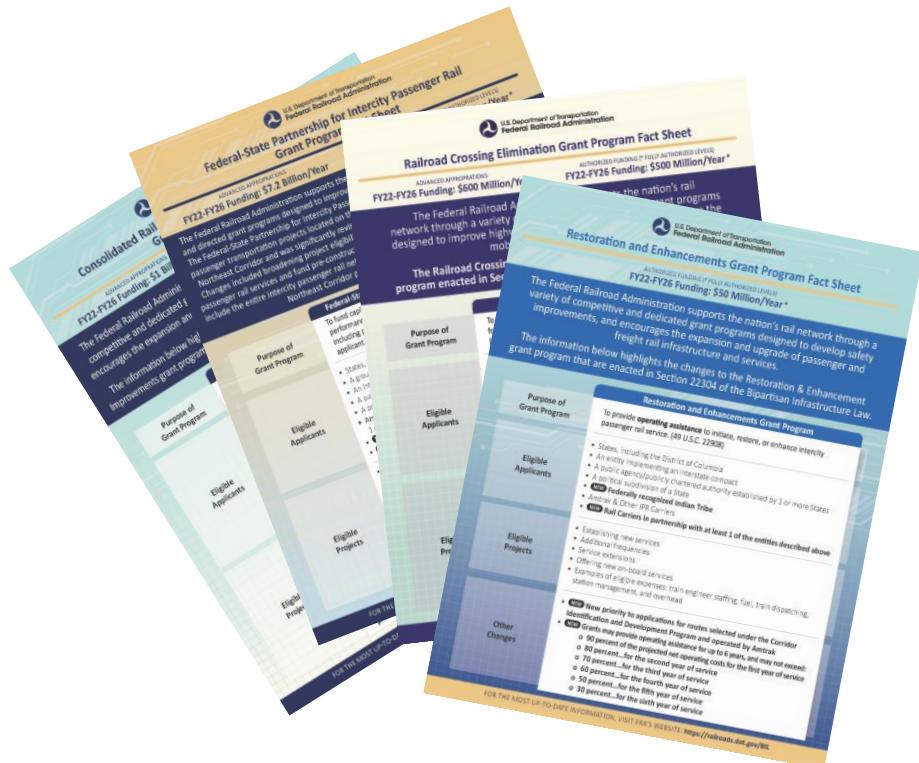
White House Guidebook:

https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/BUILDING-A-BETTER-AMERICA_FINAL.pdf#page=55



FRA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Website

- For more information about the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and rail, please visit our website.



A screenshot of the FRA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law website. The top navigation bar includes links for About FRA, Railroad Safety, Rail Network Development, Research & Development, Legislation & Regulations, Grants & Loans, and FRA eLibrary. The main content area features a sidebar with links to About FRA, Organization, Program Offices, Resource Center, Website Policies and Notices, Contact Us, Communications, and Governmental Affairs. Below the sidebar is a "Contact Us" section with links to FRA Public Affairs and an email address (FRAPA@dot.gov). The main content area is titled "Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Information from FRA" and discusses the signing of the law on November 15, 2021, and its impact on rail safety, reliability, and investment. It also includes a video player showing FRA Deputy Administrator Amit Bose speaking about the law.

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