

Who is eligible to apply for CRISI funds?

1. State;
2. Group of States;
3. Interstate Compact;
4. Public agency or publicly chartered authority established by one or more States;
5. Political subdivision of a State;
6. Amtrak or another rail carrier that provides intercity rail passenger transportation;
7. Class II railroad or Class III railroad or a holding company of a Class II or Class III;
8. Any rail carrier or rail equipment manufacturer in partnership with at least one of the entities described in (1) through (5);
9. Transportation Research Board together with any entity with which it contracts in the development of rail-related research, including cooperative research programs;
10. University transportation center engaged in rail-related research; or
11. Non-profit labor organization representing a class or craft of employees of rail carriers or rail carrier contractors.



What is CRISI?

The Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program is listed on the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) website. This program funds projects that improve the safety, efficiency and reliability of intercity passenger and freight rail. For more information see - [Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program | FRA \(dot.gov\)](#).

In June, the Biden Administration announced over \$368 million in grants to improve rail infrastructure and enhance and strengthen supply chains. Read the press release [here](#).

President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law has nearly tripled funding for this critical rail infrastructure program - to \$1 billion a year for the next five years. Strengthening supply chains and increasing the productive capacity of the economy are key tenets of President Biden's plans to get goods from ships to shelves more quickly and lower costs for American families.

How do I apply for these funds?

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is listed on the Federal Register. This provides current opportunities for funding by the Federal Government - [Federal Register : Notice of Funding Opportunity for Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements](#)

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What projects are eligible for CRISI funds?

Eligible Projects: Projects eligible for funding under this grant program include, but are not limited to:

1. Deployment of railroad safety technology.
2. Capital projects, as defined in section 49 U.S.C. § 24401(2) for intercity passenger rail service, except that a project under this NOFO is not required to be in a state rail plan;
3. Capital projects that:
 - a. address congestion challenges affecting rail service,
 - b. reduce congestion and facilitate ridership growth along heavily traveled rail corridors, and/or
 - c. improve short-line or regional railroad infrastructure;
4. Highway-rail grade crossing improvement projects;
5. Rail line relocation and improvement projects;
6. Regional rail and corridor service development plans and environmental analyses;
7. Any project necessary to enhance multimodal connections or facilitate service integration between rail service and other modes;
8. The development and implementation of a safety program or institute;
9. Any research that the Secretary considers necessary to advance any particular aspect of rail related capital, operations, or safety improvements; and
10. Workforce development and training activities, coordinated to the extent practicable with the existing local training programs supported by the Department of Transportation, the Department of Labor, and the Department of Education.

Where do I find more information about CRISI and how to apply?

FY21 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Grants NOFO Webinar

9.21.21 NOFO Webinar - [FY21 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements \(CRISI\) Grants NOFO Webinar - YouTube](#)

Presentation File - [FY21 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements \(CRISI\) Grants NOFO Webinar | FRA \(dot.gov\)](#)

Resources from FRA website for Grantees:

FRA Grants & Loans - [Grants & Loans | FRA \(dot.gov\)](#).

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

Training for FRA Grants PDF – Grantees - [Training for FRA Grants | FRA \(dot.gov\)](#)

Applying for Grants at FRA - [Grant Readiness Checklist | FRA \(dot.gov\)](#)

Supplemental Information for Grants - [Additional Resources for Grantees | FRA \(dot.gov\)](#)

FRA The Resources for Grants- [Resources | FRA \(dot.gov\)](#)

FRA eLibrary - [eLibrary Search | FRA \(dot.gov\)](#)

Resources from Federal Register:

Federal Register Homepage - www.Federalregister.gov

Federal Register for FRA - [Federal Register : Agencies - Transportation Department](#)