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Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Intercity Passenger Rail (IPR) Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2020 IPR Program?

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.

2. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2020 IPR Program?

The IPR Program is authorized by section 1513 of the *Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007*, Pub. L. No. 110-53, codified as amended at (6 U.S.C. § 1163; and by *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2020* (Pub. L. No. 116-93).

3. How much funding is available under the FY 2020 IPR Program?

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2020 IPR Program will be \$10 million.

4. What are the changes in funding levels between FY 2019 and FY 2020?

The FY 2020 funding level for the IPR program is at the same level as the FY 2019 level.

5. Where is the FY 2020 IPR Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) located?

The FY 2020 IPR NOFO is located online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

6. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2020 IPR funds?

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

7. How will the FY 2020 IPR application be submitted?

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

Amtrak must submit its initial application through the Grants.gov portal at <http://www.grants.gov>. For Grants.gov support, Amtrak should contact the Grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726.

Amtrak will be notified by FEMA and asked to proceed with submitting its complete application package in the [Non Disaster \(ND\) Grants System](#). If technical support is needed with the ND Grants System, Amtrak should contact 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.

8. What are the key dates associated with the FY 2020 IPR?

- February 14, 2020: Release date for the FY 2020 IPR NOFO.
- April 15, 2020, 5 p.m. ET: Applications for the FY 2020 IPR due to FEMA.

9. How will the FY 2020 IPR funds be allocated?

Amtrak is the only entity eligible to apply for funding under the IPR program. Therefore, Amtrak will receive the entire \$10 million allocated by this program. However, consistent with the other non-competitive preparedness grant programs, new spending requirements are imposed. The three national priorities and associated minimum spend requirements for Amtrak are:

1. Soft Targets/Crowded Places: 5 percent
2. Emerging Threats: 5 percent

10. What is the FY 2020 IPR Program period of performance?

The period of performance is 36 months.

11. What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical and financial questions?

- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or 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 at ASK-GMD@fema.dhs.gov.