

CRISI Program

CRISI = Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/02/21/2018-03534/notice-of-funding-opportunity-for-consolidated-rail-infrastructure-and-safety-improvements>

Grant Application Due Date: 5:00 PM EDT, June 21, 2018

Funds Available Nationally: \$65.2 Million, with a minimum of \$17 Million for rural areas

Match Requirement: Minimum 20% non-federal match, with preference given to 50% non-federal match

Eligible Applicants: State(s), Interstate Compact(s), Cities/Counties or similar, Amtrak or other Intercity Passenger Rail Entity, "Short Line" (Class II or II) Freight Railroad, Transportation Research Board, University, Non-Profit Rail Labor Organization

Eligible Projects: Planning, Environmental Clearance, Design, or Construction (identify which phase) for railroad safety technology including PTC, capital intercity passenger rail project, rail congestion project, highway-rail grade crossing, rail line relocation or consolidation, short line rail project, regional/corridor rail planning, multi-modal rail project, or rail safety program. Overall intent is to support infrastructure and safety improvements for freight and passenger rail.

Application Submission: Must be via Grants.gov application package
Must complete series of "Standard Forms" for FRA
No more than 25 total pages in length, preferably e-document
How this project meets eligibility requirements
Detailed project description including beneficiaries and users
Project location, geographically, and whether "rural" or not
Response to evaluation criteria
Project Management approach
Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA)

Evaluation Criteria: Review of eligibility & completeness
Review of Benefit Cost Analysis and related project support docs
Federal share of cost \leq 50% total project & is leveraged well
Economic vitality
Innovative approaches to improve safety & expedite delivery
Accountability for federal funds and project delivery
Performance reporting on slow orders, gross tons, auto crossings eliminated, track weight capacity, and track miles by condition.