

Combined Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) and Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Grants Program Fact Sheet 2025

The RCE/CRISI Grant Application Workshop will be a combined offering for both grant opportunities.

Agency: U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)

Category: Passenger Safety, Improved Freight Transportation

Eligible Applicants: Local governments, states, and federally recognized Indian Tribes are eligible for both programs. Additional eligibility varies by the grant program.

Total IIJA Funding: [\\$3 billion](#) (RCE) and [\\$5 billion](#) (CRISI)

Overview: The RCE/CRISI programs fund improvements to rail infrastructure. Both programs support highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects, promoting safety and mobility for people and goods. Communities can use grant funding for track relocation, improving or installing protective devices, signals, or signs, improving safety, and conducting environmental audits of eligible projects. Specific activities vary by grant program.

FY25 Grant Funding: TBD. For reference, [\\$1.148M](#) in RCE funding was available for FYs23-24 and [\\$2.478M](#) in CRISI funding was available in FYs23-24.

Match Requirements: Based on the FYs23-24 NOFOs ([RCE](#); [CRISI](#)), the expected match requirement for each program will likely be 20%.

Key Dates: The FY25 NOFOs have yet to be released. For reference, the [FYs23-24 RCE NOFO](#) opened on July 10, 2024, and closed on September 23, 2024. The [FYs23-24 CRISI NOFO](#) opened on March 29, 2024, and closed on May 28, 2024.

Key Funding Criteria: Based on the FYs23-24 NOFOs ([RCE](#); [CRISI](#)), applicants will be evaluated based on the project's impact on improving railroad safety and mobility of people and goods. Additional information will be released in the FY25 NOFOs.

Eligible Activities: Based on the [FYs23-24 NOFO](#), eligible activities under the **RCE** program include grade separation, track relocation, the improvement or installation of protective devices, additional safety enhancements, and planning, environmental review, and design activities.

Based on the [FYs23-24 NOFO](#), The **CRISI** program includes five program tracks, each with different eligible activities:

1. Systems Planning and Project Planning;
2. Project Development;
3. FD/Construction;



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4. Research, Workforce Development, Safety Programs and Institutes (Non-Railroad Infrastructure); or
5. Deployment of Magnetic Levitation Transportation Projects

Please refer to the [CRISI FYs23-24 NOFO](#) for more details on eligible activities.

Additional Information: Program information is available on the [RCE](#) and [CRISI](#) webpages.



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