

Interstate Rail Compacts Grant Program Fact Sheet

FRA supports the nation's rail network through a variety of competitive and dedicated grant programs designed to encourage the expansion and upgrade of passenger rail infrastructure and services.

The information below highlights the new Interstate Rail Compacts Grant Program, enacted through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Interstate Rail Compacts may be used to support and facilitate multi-state and regional intercity passenger rail services.

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Purpose of Grant Program

To provide financial assistance to entities implementing interstate rail compacts pursuant to section 410 of the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997 (49 U.S.C. 24101).

Eligible Applicants

- An existing entity (e.g., a commission) established by member states to implement an interstate rail compact.

Eligible Projects

- Costs of administration
- Systems planning, including studying the impacts of freight rail operations and ridership
- Promotion of intercity passenger rail operation
- Preparation of applications for competitive Federal grant programs
- Operations coordination

** Eligible expenses must be related to intercity passenger rail service to be operated by Amtrak.*