



**STAFF REPORT**  
Board Meeting of January 18, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM:** 7-F

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**SUBJECT:**

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Fiscal Year 2022 Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grant Program

**Enclosure:** No

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

**SUMMARY:**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the [Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2022 Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grant Program](#). The purpose of the program is to support capital projects that improve passenger rail assets to expand intercity passenger rail service or establish new service, reduce the state of good repair backlog, improve performance, and enhance safety outcomes. The program was previously known as the Federal-State Partnership for State of Good Repair Grant Program but was reauthorized by the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* (P.L. 117-58) and expanded to support the expansion and establishment of new intercity passenger rail and high-speed rail services; projects to improve the safety, reliability, and performance of intercity passenger rail services; and project planning elements such as environmental review and design.

FRA expects to award approximately \$2.3 billion in total program funding. There is no predetermined minimum or maximum award size; however, awards ranged from up to \$1.5 million to up to \$65.2 million under the FY 2021 Federal-State Partnership for State of Good Repair Grant Program with \$198 million in total program funding available. There is a 20 percent nonfederal cost share requirement. The application deadline is **March 7, 2023**.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact to the approved 2022-23 Overall Work Program and Budget.