



FEMA

**FISCAL YEAR 2020
INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL GRANT PROGRAM
NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO)
KEY CHANGES**

New Minimum Spending Requirements

New minimum spending requirements are required under the Intercity Passenger Rail (IPR) Grant Program. The following two national priorities and their associated minimum spend requirements for Amtrak are:

- Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places: 5 percent
- Addressing emerging threats (e.g., transnational criminal organizations, weapons of mass destruction [WMDs], unmanned aerial systems [UASs], etc.): 5 percent

Refer to Section A of the FY 2020 IPR NOFO for additional details.

Establishment of Effectiveness Criteria

Under IPR, Amtrak will be assessed for effectiveness based on the following criteria:

- **Funding Priorities:** Extent to which projects address the national priorities
- **Ability to Reduce Risk of Catastrophic Events:** Ability for projects to reduce risks associated with terrorist attacks and all other types of hazards
- **Sustainability Without Additional Federal Funding:** Likelihood of project's success or continued success without requiring additional Federal assistance
- **Timeline:** Ability to complete the project within the submitted timeframe

Refer to Section E of the FY 2020 IPR NOFO for additional details.