U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Railroad Administration

COMPETITIVE GRANTS APPLICATION PROCESS

NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO) ANNOUNCED

PHASE 1

TYPICAL TIME FRAME: UP TO 1 MONTH

STEP 1 Register with System for Award Management

Grantee assigned a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), or the Entity ID as part of the SAM.gov registration process.

To register, go to www.sam.gov

After registering, send SAM:
- A notarized letter
- An Employer Identification Number (EIN) / Tax Identification Number (TIN)

STEP 2 Register with Grants.gov and create an applicant profile

Grants.gov will send a registration email

Organization's E-Biz POC must respond to the registration email to authorize applicant's role and access

PHASE 2

TYPICAL TIME FRAME: 1 MONTH

STEP 3 Complete and submit application in Grants.gov Workspace addressing all NOFO requirements

APPLICATION RESOURCES
- FRA NOFO
- FRA Training and Guidance
- Workspace on Grants.gov
- support@grants.gov

PHASE 3

TYPICAL TIME FRAME: 4–5 MONTHS

STEP 4 Verify FRA's receipt of application using Grants.gov tracking number

STEP 5 Project selections announced

PHASE 4

TYPICAL TIME FRAME: 6–15 MONTHS

STEP 6 Grant Pre-Obligation Period

Grantee works with FRA to complete required documentation before funds can be obligated.
- Grant Agreement
- Terms and Conditions
- NEPA Requirements

STEP 7 Grant Funds Obligated*

FRA reimburses grantee for eligible expenses.

** Once funds are obligated, grantee follows Grant Agreement/Terms and Conditions to ensure grant compliance.*