

# Notice of Funding Opportunity Baltimore & Potomac Tunnel Replacement Program: Community Investment Program

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## Background Information

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### SUMMARY

When the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) approved the Preferred Alternative for the Baltimore & Potomac (B&P) Replacement Program (Program) in 2017, it issued a Record of Decision (ROD) outlining forty-three (43) mitigation measures that must be implemented by Amtrak during the Program’s design and construction. Six (6) of these ROD requirements required that Amtrak create a mechanism to fund certain types of community projects in Program-impacted areas. Amtrak created the Community Investment Program (CIP) and funded it with a total budget of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) to address these ROD requirements and obligations. The purpose of the CIP is for Amtrak to fund certain eligible organizations to perform specific types of projects within eligible areas of the community. The ROD specifies eligibility requirements that need to be met to obtain CIP funding.

Amtrak will award grants from the CIP to qualified not-for-profit organizations or city/state government entities or directly invest in projects being performed by such entities. These grants and direct investments will support projects located within one-quarter (1/4) mile of the Program

alignment (or one-half (1/2) mile of the Program alignment for transportation projects), across six (6) investment/project type categories:

- Community development
- Workforce development
- Parks and recreation facilities
- Open space
- Transportation
- Historic preservation (The ROD requires the establishment of a historic preservation fund to address specific adverse effects to historic properties within specific areas of the Program alignment; other historic preservation projects are eligible for other CIP funds.)

This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) details the application requirements and procedures to obtain financial funding for projects eligible under the CIP. This NOFO solicits applications related to eligible projects for Amtrak to make strategic investments in the communities adjacent to the Program alignment during construction of the Program. Amtrak will award community grants to select projects submitted by applicants based on merit and eligibility via a competitive process. Amtrak will review, assess, and evaluate applications to inform its funding decisions.

#### **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY TITLE**

B&P Tunnel Replacement Program: Community Investment Program

#### **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER**

BPTCIP-26-01

#### **ISSUANCE DATE**

March 23, 2026

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

May 22, 2026

Applications for funding under this NOFO are due no later than 5 p.m. ET, May 22, 2026. Applications that are incomplete or received after 5 p.m. ET, on May 22, 2026, will not be considered for funding. See **Section IV** of this NOFO for additional information on the application process.

Applications must be submitted on the [Amtrak Grants Portal](https://www.amtrak.com/grants) (Portal) via <https://www.amtrak.com/grants>. Only applicants who comply with all submission requirements described in this NOFO, submit timely applications through the Portal, and meet all other requirements will be eligible to receive community grants funding, if selected.

## POINTS OF CONTACT

For further information related to this NOFO, please contact the Amtrak Program Staff by email at [cip.bptunnel@amtrak.com](mailto:cip.bptunnel@amtrak.com).

For ongoing CIP updates, webinar notices, and frequently asked questions (FAQs), please visit the CIP webpage (<https://amtraknewera.com/bptunnel/community-investment-program/>).

## I. Funding Opportunity Description

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Amtrak is pleased to announce the availability of CIP community grant funds for proposed projects in the following six (6) categories (collectively, the CIP Categories):

- (1) **Community Development** projects, including economic development projects;
- (2) **Workforce Development**;
- (3) maintenance and improvement to publicly owned **Parks and Recreation Facilities**;
- (4) improvement or establishment of community gardens, vacant lot revitalization, or creation of public **Open Space**;
- (5) **Transportation**, including streetscape improvements, pedestrian and bicycle access improvements; and
- (6) **Historic Preservation** projects.

Eligible organizations are invited to submit applications that support initiatives aligned with the requirements outlined in this NOFO. Eligible organizations are welcome to submit more than one application for each different project (but only one application per project) for consideration under this NOFO.

Through a competitive evaluation and selection process, Amtrak may provide community grant funding to eligible organizations, for eligible project capital and operating expenses, for projects located in eligible locations (see *Section III* for more information on eligibility criteria). It is Amtrak's objective to make investments that have a positive impact in the communities impacted by the Program. Please note that even if an applicant meets all eligibility requirements, there is no guarantee that an applicant will receive an award.

## II. Award Information

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**Maximum Award Per Project:** \$1,000,000

**Minimum Award Per Project:** \$1,000

Amtrak welcomes grant applications of all sizes, ranging from the award floor (\$1,000) to the award ceiling (\$1,000,000).

**Frequency of Program:** A NOFO for CIP Community Grants is expected to be released annually, until the CIP budget is exhausted.

**Award Type:** Amtrak will provide funding to selected applicants for projects chosen under this NOFO as outlined in a future funding agreement between Amtrak and selected applicants. The term “awardee” is used throughout this document to reference selected applicants who receive CIP funding. The term “grant” is used to reference CIP funding granted to an awardee.

The funds will be distributed according to a schedule agreed upon during the award period and specified in the funding agreement. The funding provided under this NOFO will be made available to awardees on a reimbursable basis.<sup>1</sup> Prior to seeking reimbursement for project expenses incurred, awardees will be required to certify that their expenditures are allowable, allocable, reasonable, and necessary per the approved project before seeking reimbursement from Amtrak, per the requirements included in the applicable Cost Principles.<sup>2</sup>

**Timeframe for Expenditure of Funds:** The Period of Performance (POP) will be included in the awardee’s funding agreement and is defined at 2 CFR § 200.1.<sup>3</sup> Awardees are expected to spend awarded funds within an eighteen (18) month period from the date the funding agreement is executed. No-Cost Extension (NCE) requests may be permitted upon the written request of the awardee, in the sole discretion of Amtrak. NCEs will be considered on a case-by-case basis and should be submitted no later than 90 days before the end of the POP.

**Community Grant or Direct Investment:**

While community grants are the preferred funding vehicle for making CIP awards, applicants may request to receive project funding via Amtrak direct investment, meaning that Amtrak will directly engage, procure, perform and/or pay for the approved project. The requirements for a direct investment are the same as community grants. Amtrak reserves the right to decide if a project selected for funding will receive funds via a direct investment or a community grant.

### III. Eligibility Information

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To ensure compliance with eligibility criteria, each applicant must provide documentation demonstrating its status as an eligible organization actively serving the communities within one-quarter (1/4) mile of the Program alignment (or within one-half (1/2) mile of the Program alignment for transportation projects). Failure to provide adequate documentation listed below

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<sup>1</sup> Although Amtrak prefers to distribute funds on a reimbursement basis, Amtrak understands that reimbursement of funds may not be a viable option for some awardees. Payment method and cadence will be negotiated during the funding agreement process. Amtrak retains the final decision on this matter.

<sup>2</sup> 48 CFR Part 31 Subpart 31.2 or 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E

<sup>3</sup> [eCFR :: 2 CFR 200.1 -- Definitions.](#)

will result in the disqualification of an application. Applicants that do not meet the requirements in this section will be ineligible for funding under this NOFO.

### **ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS**

Only not-for-profit groups or organizations that are legally formed, in good standing, have good local, municipal, and/or state standing based on applicable municipal or state regulatory oversight, without financial accounting or reporting lapses recorded with regulators, and with no record of any civil or criminal conviction, judgement, or penalties (the organization and the members of its controlling board as individuals) will be eligible to receive CIP funding under this NOFO.

The following types of organizations are eligible to apply for funding under this NOFO:

- Non-Profit 501c (3) Community Development Organizations:
  - Local Development Organizations;
  - Local Community or Neighborhood Organizations; and
  - Mission-Specific Non-Profit Organizations.
  
- Other Not-for-profit organizations as defined by the IRS code 501(c), including but not limited to:
  - 501(c)(4) - Civic Leagues and Social Welfare Organizations;
  - 501(c)(5) - Labor, Agricultural, and Horticultural Organizations;
  - 501(c)(6) - Business Leagues;
  - 501(c)(7) - Social and Recreation Clubs;
  - 501(c)(13) - Cemetery Companies; and
  - 501(c)(19) - Veterans' Organizations.
  
- City and State government agencies with projects directly related to the mission of the CIP (includes quasi-governmental agencies)

Please note that if your organization is not one of the above organization types, then your organization is not eligible to apply for funding under this NOFO. If your organization is not eligible to apply for funding under this NOFO, we recommend that you partner with an eligible organization and have that eligible organization submit the application as the lead applicant.

### **ELIGIBLE LOCATIONS**

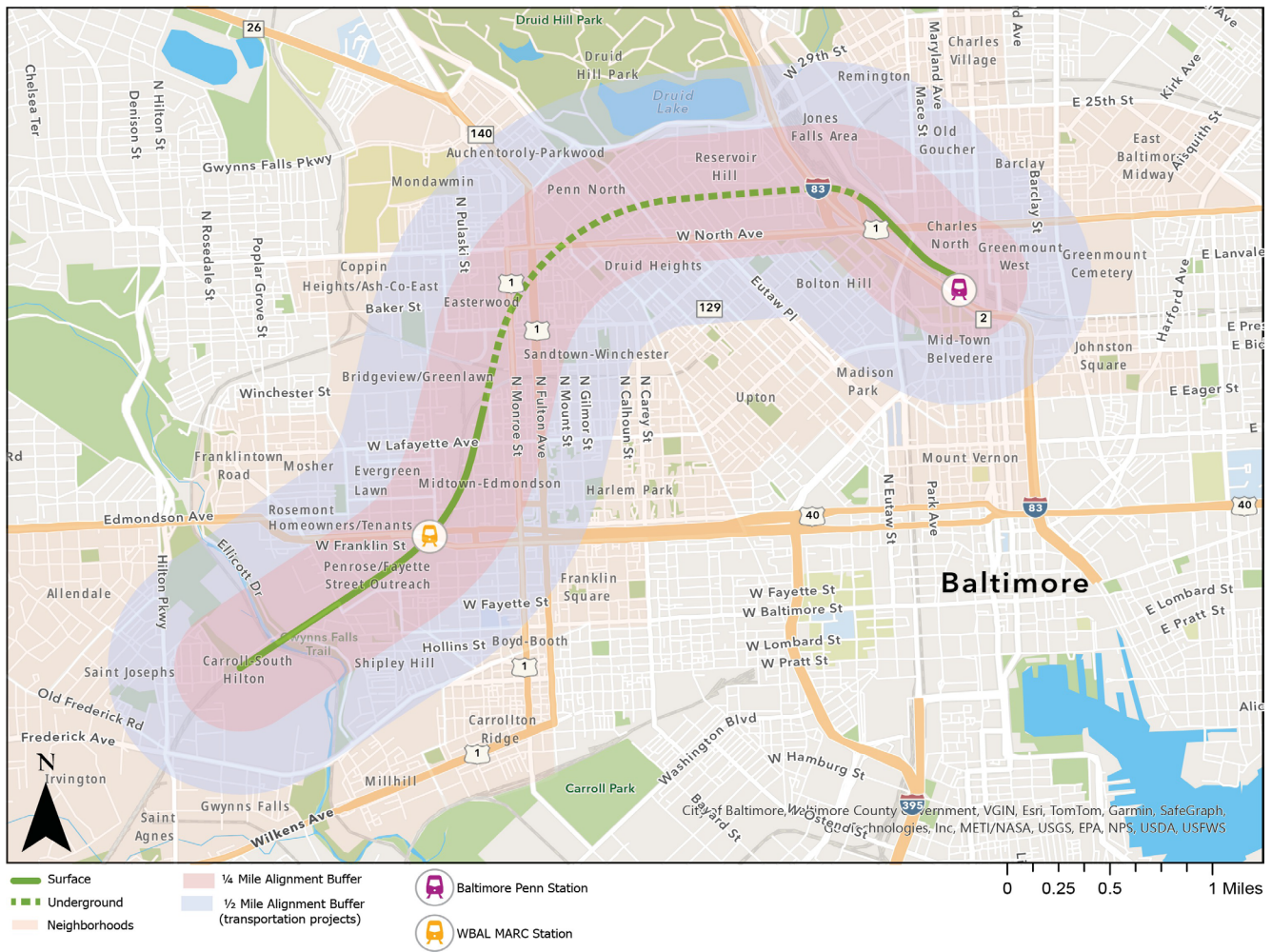
Projects eligible for funding under this NOFO must serve the communities impacted by the Program and be located within one-quarter (1/4) mile of the Program alignment, except for transportation improvement projects which must be located within one-half (1/2) mile of Program alignment.

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WEST BALTIMORE MARC STATION



The following map shows the geographical requirements of CIP eligible projects:



Amtrak will use the following mapping tool on the [CIP website](#) to determine geographical eligibility. Amtrak encourages applicants to insert the address of the proposed project or the impact area of the proposed project to confirm geographical eligibility.

Projects that do not meet geographical requirements in this section will be ineligible for funding under this NOFO. Note that the organization's permanent address does not have to be located within the CIP boundaries to be eligible for funding.

## ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

The proposed project in an application must focus on at least one of the CIP Categories as described in *Section I*. A project that is not related to at least one of the CIP Categories will not be eligible for funding under this NOFO.

For additional information on examples of eligible projects, please reference the CIP Guide on the [CIP webpage](#) of the Program website.

## IV. Application and Submission Information

### APPLICATION PACKAGE

Applicants must submit a complete application package on the Amtrak Grants Portal via <https://www.amtrak.com/grants>, including all required forms and attachments, by the deadline specified in this NOFO. Please note that applicants **must first complete user registration** on the Amtrak Grants Portal in order to gain access to the application. Please refer to the [CIP Community Grants Application QuickStart Guide](#) and [User Registration Guide](#) for instructions. **It is critical for Amtrak Grants Portal user registration to be submitted as soon as possible to ensure that your organization is registered prior to application submission and the NOFO deadline. It takes up to 5 business days to complete registration for the Amtrak Grants Portal. The last day to submit a Grants Portal registration is May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026. If the applicant submits a Grants Portal registration after this date, there is no guarantee an account will be created in time before the closure of this NOFO.**

### SAM.GOV

All applicants must maintain current registrations in the Federal government's free System for Award Management (SAM) database. **An applicant must be registered in SAM in order to be able to receive funding under this NOFO. It is critical for SAM registration to be submitted as soon as possible to ensure that your organization is registered prior to receiving a grant award, if selected.**<sup>4</sup>

The SAM database is the repository for standard information about Federal financial assistance applicants. Organizations that have previously submitted applications for grants may already be registered in SAM. Please note, however, that an applicant must update or renew its SAM registration at least once per year to maintain an active status. **Therefore, it is critical to check registration status well in advance of the NOFO deadline.** If an applicant is selected for funding under this NOFO, the applicant must maintain an active SAM registration with current information throughout the period of the award. This would include information on the immediate and highest-level owner and subsidiaries, as well as on all predecessors that have been awarded a Federal contract or grant within the last three (3) years, if applicable. Information about SAM registration procedures is available at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) along with the [CIP Community Grants Application QuickStart Guide](#).

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<sup>4</sup> Should an applicant not have an active SAM registration at the of application submission, an applicant may still submit an application. However, an active SAM registration is required for grant award to be made to an applicant. Applicants that submit an application without a SAM registration must promptly email Amtrak ([cip.bptunnel@amtrak.com](mailto:cip.bptunnel@amtrak.com)) their SAM registration information upon receipt.

**CONTENT AND FORM OF APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

A complete application package consists of all the documents listed below. The general application (Application Component Element A - General Application Form) should be inputted directly into the Amtrak Grants Portal. Application Component Elements B through I should be uploaded as attachments in the attachment section within the General Application Form.

**Table 1: Application Components**

Application Section	Application Component Name/Description	Required for Submission	Submission Instructions
A	General Application Form (form provided in <a href="https://www.amtrak.com/grants">https://www.amtrak.com/grants</a> )	Yes	Inputted directly into <a href="https://www.amtrak.com/grants">https://www.amtrak.com/grants</a>
B	Community Grant Application	Yes	Uploaded as an attachment to the General Application Form (template provided)
C1	SF-424A (Non-Construction) or SF424C (Construction) Budget Forms	Yes	Uploaded as an attachment to General Application Form (standard form provided)
C2	Detailed Project Budget	Yes	Uploaded as an attachment to General Application Form (template provided)
D	Proof of Non-Profit Status: IRS Determination Letter, Form 990 Series Returns, Proof of Good Standing, and Statement of Financial Position	Yes	Uploaded as an attachment to General Application Form (please upload one combined pdf file for this application component)
E	FRA F 30	Yes	Uploaded as an attachment to General Application Form (standard form provided)
F	SF-424B (Non-Construction) OR SF-424D (Construction) Program Assurances	Yes	Uploaded as an attachment to General Application Form (standard form provided)
G	Letter(s) of Support (if applicable) and/or documentation indicating community support	Yes	Uploaded as an attachment to General Application Form (please upload one combined pdf file for this application component)
H	SF-LLL (if applicable)	No	Uploaded as an attachment to General Application Form (standard form provided)
I	Supporting Documents	No	Uploaded as an attachment to General Application Form (please upload one combined pdf file for this application component)

Below are additional details regarding each of the application package components:

- A. General Application Form (A):** Please populate the General Application Form located on the via <https://www.amtrak.com/grants> directly within the Amtrak Grants Portal, which will serve as the cover page of your application and vehicle for your application package

submission. The General Application Form should be filled out directly in the Amtrak Grants Portal.

**B. Community Grant Application (B):** Each applicant is required to fully complete the Community Grant Application. Once finalized, the applicant should upload their fully completed Community Grant Application into the Grants Portal as an attachment to the General Application Form. The Community Grant Application template contains the following sections:

1. **Eligibility Screening:** Confirm that the applicant meets the basic criteria to be eligible to apply for a CIP community grant award under this NOFO.
2. **Applicant Background:** Provide basic information about the applicant.
3. **Proposal – Project Description:** Provide a detailed explanation of the project covered in the application.
4. **Proposal – Budget & Timeline:** Share how and when the community grant funds will be used.
5. **Proposal – Outcomes:** Detail project’s expected outcomes and measures of success.
6. **Grant Administration Questionnaire:** Explain the applicant’s history and experience receiving prior grants or funding awards.
7. **Certifying Statements:** Attest to answering application honestly.
8. **Submission:** Review before completion and learn next steps.

**C. CIP Community Grant Application Attachments:** At the bottom of the General Application Form, there will be a section for document uploads. The attachments required to upload will be provided on the CIP website and Amtrak Grants Portal for easy access. The following files should be uploaded in the document uploads section:

1. **SF-424A or SF424C (Budget Justification) (C1):** SF-424A - Budget Information for Non-Construction (for an equipment procurement project or non-Construction project) *or* SF 424C - Budget Information for Construction. Should a project include construction activities, the SF-424C must be used.

2. **Detailed Project Budget (C2):** The applicant must use the Excel template provided to specifically outline the project budget.
3. **Proof of Non-Profit Status (D):** The applicant must provide supporting documentation that proves that it is eligible for this funding opportunity. The required documentation includes an IRS Determination Letter and the organization's most recent IRS Form 990 and Statement of Financial Position (balance sheet). These documents should be consolidated into a single pdf document.
4. **FRA F 30 (E):** Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters, Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying.
5. **Assurances (F):** SF 424B— Assurances for Non-Construction (for an equipment procurement project or non-Construction project) *or* SF 424D— Assurances for Construction.
6. **Letter(s) of Support and/or documentation showing community support (G):** Examples include copies of City-approved or neighborhood plans, letters of support from partnering or associated organizations as well as community organizations or other entities that may be useful for Amtrak to have when evaluating the need for and importance of the proposed project. Community support documents should be consolidated into a single pdf document.
7. **SF-LLL, if applicable (H):** Populate only if reportable lobbying activities exist.
8. **Supporting Documents (I):** Upload Supporting Documents, if applicable. Supporting Documents should be consolidated into a single pdf document.

Please use generally accepted formats such as .pdf, .doc, .docx, .xls, .xlsx and .ppt, when uploading attachments. While applicants may embed picture files, such as .jpg, .gif, and .bmp in document files, applicants should not submit attachments in these formats. Additionally, the following formats will not be accepted:

.com, .bat, .exe, .vbs, .cfg, .dat, .db, .dbf, .dll, .ini, .log, .ora, .sys.

### INFORMATION SESSIONS AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

To support the submission of qualified applications, Amtrak will host a series of CIP Applicant Information Sessions focused on application questions, requirements, and the submission process. Amtrak will **not** provide guidance or answer questions on specific applications.

Applicants can RSVP for one of three sessions: [March 23](#), [March 25](#), or [April 11](#).

Amtrak will make the workshop presentation and all questions and answers shared during the workshop, including FAQs and recordings of the virtual workshop, available on the CIP webpage for those who cannot make the in-person workshops. Organizations may also contact the CIP support team at [cip.bptunnel@amtrak.com](mailto:cip.bptunnel@amtrak.com) for answers in writing.

## V. Evaluation Criteria

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Once the NOFO deadline has passed, Amtrak will first screen each submitted application for applicant and project eligibility (see *Section III*) and completeness (application documentation and submission requirements as outlined in *Section IV*).

Once eligibility screening is completed, Amtrak will evaluate only those applications that were determined to be eligible applications submitted using the following five (5) evaluation criteria (collectively, the Evaluation Criteria):

- Evaluation Criteria 1: Applicant Background
- Evaluation Criteria 2: Proposal-Project Description
- Evaluation Criteria 3: Proposal-Project Budget & Timeline
- Evaluation Criteria 4: Proposal - Outcomes
- Evaluation Criteria 5: Grant Administration Questionnaire

For each of the Evaluation Criteria, Amtrak will evaluate each application's responsiveness, including an assessment of supporting justifications, and assign points to an application. If an application sufficiently addresses the Evaluation Criteria and receives a minimum of eighty percent (80%) of the available total points, it will be considered for funding under this NOFO. The following are the scoring thresholds (Scoring Thresholds) to be used when evaluating an application to determine whether or not it has met the Evaluation Criteria:

- Standard Not Met (received less than 80% of total points): Application either is missing information or materials or provides inadequate information necessary to assess the Evaluation Criteria.
- Standard Met (received a minimum of 80% of total points): Application includes all required materials and provides sufficient information to assess the Evaluation Criteria.

**Table 2: Evaluation Criteria Scoring**

Scoring Criteria (Category)	Maximum Points Available	Minimum Points Required
Applicant Background	5	4
Proposal - Project Description	25	20

Proposal – Budget & Timeline	25	20
Proposal – Outcomes	35	28
Grant Administration Questionnaire	10	8
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100 PTS</b>	<b>80 PTS</b>

## VI. Review and Selection Process

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### ELIGIBILITY REVIEW

As noted in Section V, Amtrak will screen each submitted application for applicant and project eligibility (see *Section III*) and completeness (application documentation and submission requirements as outlined in *Section IV*).

### RISK ASSESSMENT

In addition to the screening and evaluation referenced in *Section V* above, Amtrak will also perform a risk assessment (Risk Assessment) on each applicant to evaluate the potential legal and financial risks associated with an applicant receiving funding from Amtrak. A Risk Assessment is necessary to determine the appropriate level of monitoring needed to ensure compliance with funding requirements and ensure proper stewardship of Amtrak funds. Depending on the results of the Risk Assessment, Amtrak may determine an applicant to be ineligible for funding.

### COMMUNITY GRANTS SELECTION COMMITTEE

An Amtrak Community Grant Selection Committee (Committee) will be responsible for reviewing all submitted applications that are determined to be eligible. The Committee will consist of an independent group of approximately 5-7 Amtrak employees who will review and score eligible applications using the Evaluation Criteria described above. Amtrak’s conflict-of-interest and ethics policies will apply at all stages of the CIP, including eligibility review, application review, and award processes.

### REVIEW AND SELECTION OF APPLICATIONS

Each member of the Committee will follow the Evaluation Criteria and complete a standard scoring sheet for each eligible application. The final score of each application will be determined by averaging the scores of all of the Committee members’ scoring sheets for an application. The Amtrak CIP Program Manager is a part of the Program staff and is responsible for the programmatic administration of the CIP. The CIP Program Manager is not involved in directly scoring applications. Once the average scoring is completed for all applications by the Committee, the CIP Program Manager will tally all the scores provided by the Committee and rank applications from highest to lowest scores. An application must score a minimum of 80% of both the total overall points available and in each individual category to be eligible for an award. Awards will then be decided based on available funds for the NOFO and the total funding

amounts requested in the highest rated applications. In addition, Amtrak has a goal of awarding 75% of the total funds available each annual NOFO application cycle to eligible not-for-profit organizations. Unfortunately, given the funding restraints on the CIP and NOFO cycle, not all eligible applicants will receive an award, even if an application has met the minimum scoring thresholds.

Once the scoring and ranking of all eligible applications is complete, the Amtrak CIP Program Manager will reconvene the Committee as necessary to create a list of selection recommendations for funding under this NOFO (Selection Recommendations). These will include a summary of the highest scoring applications, any explanations of Committee scoring as required, and the basis for the Selection Recommendations. The Amtrak CIP Program Manager, with guidance from the Amtrak Law and Grants Management teams, will finalize the list of applications that are recommended for funding under this NOFO (Selected Applications). The Amtrak Finance team, with direct involvement from the Amtrak Grants Management team, will authorize the issuance of the awards, subject to the negotiation and execution of the required funding agreement and related documents.

#### **NOTIFICATION OF AWARDS**

Amtrak will announce Selected Applications publicly on Amtrak's Program website. This announcement is Amtrak's official notification to successful and unsuccessful applicants alike. Applicants that submitted applications that are not selected for this NOFO are encouraged to re-apply for future CIP NOFOs. Upon request, Amtrak can provide written feedback to unsuccessful applicants on application submissions that will be sent via email.

Following the announcement on the Program website, Amtrak will directly contact each applicant selected to receive an award to initiate negotiation of a funding agreement.

## **VII. Award Administration Information**

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#### **AWARD NOTICE**

Amtrak requires applicants to meet all applicable requirements outlined in this NOFO and a formal funding agreement signed by both the awardee and Amtrak, which must include an approved scope of work for the approved project, a project schedule, a project budget, and a project spend profile. The funding agreement will detail any grant requirements. **An awardee may not commence any project work to be paid by the Amtrak funding until a funding agreement is executed between Amtrak and the awardee. Awardees should plan on a POP start date of no earlier than October 1, 2026.**

Amtrak will use its standard funding agreement template for all awards and expects all awardees to accept the standard funding agreement, with minimal revisions. The anticipated timeline to fund an award after an award announcement is made will vary by awardee and the complexity of

the approved project and will depend on how quickly Amtrak and awardee are able to finalize the funding agreement. It is Amtrak's desire to execute funding agreements with selected awardees as quickly and efficiently as possible. As noted above, Amtrak does not anticipate funding agreements to be executed prior to October 1, 2026.

### **AWARD TERMS**

Each awardee will be required to comply with the terms, conditions and requirements of its funding agreement. Information contained in the funding agreement will include is but not limited to the deliverables required, administrative and reporting requirements, and applicable laws, rules and regulations with which the awardee must comply. Funding agreement requirements will include but are not limited to monthly progress reports, quarterly financial reports, a final performance report, as well as all applicable monitoring and close out requirements. Awardees must have the necessary processes and systems in place to comply with all reporting requirements. Amtrak shall monitor the activities of an awardee to ensure that CIP funds are being used for authorized purposes and consistent with the funding agreement.

### **AMTRAK OVERSIGHT**

Amtrak will provide appropriate requested technical assistance and training for awardees. Amtrak will also conduct ongoing monitoring of awards throughout the lifecycle of the award and project. Monitoring activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Routinely gathering and reviewing progress reports;
- Continuous monitoring of the administrative and programmatic performance of the award;
- Routinely reviewing invoices and expenses relative to the approved project budget;
- Conducting periodic on-site/virtual visits, when necessary;
- Regular check-in calls/emails, at a cadence to be mutually agreed upon; and
- Conducting audits, when necessary.

These requirements will help ensure that federal dollars are being expended in a prudent and judicious matter. Amtrak will administer the CIP in a manner that ensures: (1) funds are spent appropriately and in the spirit of a federal award; (2) that the risks of fraud, waste, abuse, and individual project mismanagement or failure is mitigated through appropriate oversight; (3) that awardees have reasonable access to Amtrak's technical expertise; and (4) that Amtrak's commitments in the ROD are fulfilled. Amtrak will apply oversight requirements, including monitoring and reporting, to all awards, and may consider applying more stringent requirements to depending on the individual awardees, selected projects and amounts of the awards.

## **VIII. Other Information**

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### **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

If the application includes information the applicant considers to be a trade secret or confidential commercial or financial information, the applicant should do the following: (1) note on the front

cover that the submission “Contains Confidential Business Information (CBI)”; (2) mark each affected page “CBI”; and (3) highlight or otherwise denote the CBI portions.

**FREQUENT LINKS**

- **CIP Website:** <https://amtraknewera.com/bptunnel/community-investment-program/>
- **CIP Guide:**  
<https://www.amtrak.com/content/dam/projects/dotcom/english/public/documents/bptunnel/fd-tunnel-cip-program-guide-091125.pdf>
- **Amtrak Grants Portal:** <https://www.amtrak.com/grants>
- **Sam.gov:** [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov)
- **User Registration Guide:** [https://www.amtrak.com/content/dam/grant-portal/business/GrantsPortal\\_UserRegistration.pdf](https://www.amtrak.com/content/dam/grant-portal/business/GrantsPortal_UserRegistration.pdf)
- **CIP Community Grants Application QuickStart Guide:**  
<https://www.amtrak.com/content/dam/projects/dotcom/english/public/documents/bptunnel/fd-tunnel-program-cip-grants-application-quickstart-guide-2026.pdf>
- **CIP Press Release:** <https://media.amtrak.com/2026/03/amtrak-to-launch-first-round-of-community-grants-for-the-bp-tunnel-replacement-program-on-march-23/>

**GLOSSARY**

Term	Definition
<b>Baltimore &amp; Potomac (B&amp;P) Tunnel Replacement Program</b>	The B&P Tunnel Replacement Program will modernize and transform a ten-mile section of the Northeast Corridor. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Replacement of the Frederick Douglass Tunnel</li> <li>● Renovation of the West Baltimore MARC Station</li> <li>● Improvements to West Baltimore roads and bridges</li> <li>● \$50 million CIP</li> </ul>
<b>Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)</b>	A U.S. Department of Transportation agency responsible for promoting and regulating the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the nation's railroad system.
<b>Record of Decision (ROD)</b>	The official, public document that concludes the <a href="#">National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)</a> process for a major railroad project, detailing the federal agency’s final environmental decision, explaining the reasons for it, identifying the preferred alternative, summarizing mitigation measures, and ensuring transparency by explaining how environmental factors were balanced. It's the formal sign-off before detailed design and construction can proceed, documenting the "why" and "how" of the chosen path for a project.
<b>Community Investment Program (CIP)</b>	Amtrak has committed an overall budget of \$50 million that will be invested over the term of the design and construction of the

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	<p>B&amp;P Tunnel Replacement Program. Investments will be made through community grants and direct investments, with projects covering six categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Development</li> <li>• Workforce Development</li> <li>• Parks and Recreation</li> <li>• Community Gardens, Vacant Lots and Public Space</li> <li>• Transportation</li> <li>• Historic Preservation</li> </ul>
<b>Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)</b>	<p>Details the application requirements and procedures to obtain financial funding for projects eligible under the CIP and solicits applications related to eligible projects for Amtrak to make strategic investments in the communities adjacent to the Program alignment during construction of the Program.</p>
<b>System for Award Management (SAM) Registration</b>	<p>A free, mandatory platform for organizations to register to do business with the federal government, apply for grants, and search for contract opportunities. An active Sam.gov registration is needed to receive CIP funding.</p>
<b>Amtrak Grants Portal</b>	<p>Platform where applicants register to access the NOFO and submit all application materials. Applications must be submitted through the Amtrak Grants Portal.</p>
<b>Awardee or Grantee</b>	<p>Applicants that receive funding through the CIP NOFO. Not all applicants that submit an application will receive CIP funding.</p>
<b>Project Expenses</b>	<p>Expenses that are necessary, reasonable, allocable for the project performance. Costs included in the project budget may be capital or operating.</p>
<b>Community Grant Awards</b>	<p>A type of award made to eligible organizations to engage, procure, and execute the approved project.</p>
<b>Direct Investment Awards</b>	<p>A type of award where Amtrak will directly engage, procure, perform and/or pay for the approved project (primarily for organizations without capacity to manage the award funds).</p>
<b>Funding Agreement</b>	<p>The legally binding document between Amtrak and an awardee. The funding agreement will include the terms and conditions of the grant, a scope of work, a project schedule, a project budget, and a project spend profile. The negotiation of the funding agreement commences upon award notification to an awardee.</p>
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	<p>Amtrak's evaluation process to analyze an applicant's financial stability, internal controls, and capacity to comply with regulations before or during a grant award.</p>