

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE July 12, 2024

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Rail Crossing Elimination (RCE) Competitive Grants Program**

Following inquiries by Councilmembers, the Office of Government Affairs is sharing this grant opportunity with the entire City Council and leadership team. On July 10, 2024, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) released the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the RCE Competitive Grants Program. Funding is made available through the 2022 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The purpose of the RCE Program is to fund highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods.

Eligible Project Types include:

- Track relocation
- Railroad grade separation or closure
- Planning, environmental studies, and design of an eligible project
- Improvement/installation of railroad grade crossing protective devices, signals
- Technological solutions to improve the safety and mobility of people and goods at highway-rail grade crossings, among other means for improvement.

Funding available under the NOFO is \$1.148 billion with 20% match required. Within the NOFO, \$38 million is set aside for planning grants, \$229 million is set aside for projects in rural and tribal areas, and \$3 million is set aside for grade crossing safety awareness and education programs. Below is a list of successful grant applicants, amount received, and a brief overview of the awarded grant project description.

Awarded City	Amount Awarded	Brief Description
City of Houston	\$36,916,200	West Belt Improvement Project <i>Support project development-design to create 14,600 ft sealed corridor across Houston Belt & Terminal Railroad</i>
City of Haslet via TxDOT	\$17,187,552	Haslet-Fort Worth-Saginaw Corridor <i>Design and construct four lane grade separated road with multimodal shared-use bicycle and pedestrian pathways</i>
City of Bluffdale (Utah)	\$3,232,000	ADA-compliant Pedestrian Overpass <i>Project development, final design, and right-of-way acquisition, and construction to close a private at-grade</i>

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		<i>crossing and build a non-motorized, ADA-compliant overpass over Union Pacific Rail line</i>
City of San Antonio	\$4,886,512	Road Grade Separation Project <i>Development and final design to eliminate an at-grade crossing of road and Union Pacific rail line and to build an overpass</i>
City of Seattle	\$2,000,000	At-Grade Crossing Elimination Study <i>Feasibility study to evaluate effect of closing two crossings and determine safety improvements at three crossings</i>

Next Steps

The grant application is due Monday, September 23, 2024. The Office of Government Affairs is working with our Transportation Department and North Central Council of Government regarding potential projects. Should you have any questions, please contact me or Erika Dzangare, Legislative Grants Manager, at Erika.Dzangare@dallas.gov.



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Encl: [Full Notice of Funding Opportunity](#), List of [successful applicants from FY2022](#) grant cycle.