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As summarized in my last Intelligence Report on the CRISI grants, the flow of rail funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law has begun. Along with the Federal-State Partnership grants, the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement Grants are programs that create opportunities for RAILCET contractors. FRA issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for both Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 releasing \$2.4 billion. This builds off the \$1.4 billion in CRISI grant selections last year. The Short Line and Regional Railroads were major recipients in this round of CRISI. As noted in the Report from ASLRRR below, in this round, the FRA awarded \$1.2 billion in grants to short line railroad projects across 36 states.

This Tracking these grants should be of major interest to RAILCET companies, as many short lines contract out much of the capital work. In fact, I recommend some thought be given by the Trustees as to how best to follow the new grants coming from the FRA Corridor ID Federal-State Partnership and CRISI grant programs.

**Short Line Railroads Receive Record \$1.29 Billion in
CRISI Grant Funding – ASLRRR Report -October 31.
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The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) [has awarded](#) a record \$1.29 billion in Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grants to 81 short line railroad projects across 36 states, helping railroads improve grade crossings, bridges and other infrastructure, invest in lower emission locomotives and much more.

“The CRISI grant program has proven to be transformational to the short line industry. In this combined [Fiscal Year 2023-2024] round, short lines have secured grants that will enable innovative methods of serving customers, drive growth for the freight rail industry and the economy, improve safety and reduce environmental impact. The CRISI grant program, the only grant program for which short lines are directly eligible, is wise public policy that will provide benefits to the interconnected freight rail system and the thousands of communities we serve for decades to come,” said ASLRRRA President Chuck Baker [in a press release](#).

Funding to short lines represents approximately 52 percent of all grant awards for the 2023 and 2024 cycle. Moreover, 55 of the short line grants will go toward projects in rural areas, where short lines frequently provide the only realistic transportation option for shippers. View the full list of CRISI grant recipients [here](#).