

Sandy Funding Criteria Worksheet

State Department:
New Jersey Transit Corporation
Name of Expenditure or Program:
Rail Rolling Stock Resiliency
Amount:
\$565 Million

Overview:
Development of 1) Near-term, Safe Harbor Train Storage; 2) Long Term Emergency Service and Re-Inspection Facility at County; 3) Long Term Northeast Corridor Emergency Storage at Delco; 4) Westbound Waterfront Morris & Essex/Northeast Corridor Emergency Access; and 5) Yard Resiliency System-wide and emergent storage. The largest two yards, MMC and Hoboken, as well as Bayhead experienced flooding during Superstorm Sandy; it is anticipated future severe weather may require evacuation. Potential Projects include, but are not limited to, construction of or purchase/lease of temporary and permanent yard locations, re-inspection facilities and access tracks such as in Linden and New Brunswick; Westbound Waterfront Connection is intended to improve ability to evacuate trains from existing yard to the Northeast Corridor.
Federal Department of Origin:
United States Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
Federal Requirements / Restrictions:
Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 enacted on January 29, 2013 sets forth various requirements and restrictions. Furthermore FTA is to promulgate regulations in the future regarding grants made under this Act. EO 125 sets forth certain State requirements and restrictions. Grants will contain requirements and restrictions. Also subject to "Notice Of Funding Availability" (NOFA). Future grants will have varying requirements and restrictions. It is anticipated that the grant requirements and restrictions will be similar the ARRA grants previously received.
Selection Standards:
Development of long term resiliency improvements to the NJ TRANSIT System, in particular, as to those areas that have been identified as having been impacted during Hurricane Sandy in order to reduce risk of damage from future severe weather or natural disasters. MPO must select projects after Committee Review based on MPO Standards.
Eligibility Standards:
Program needs to be approved North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Metropolitan Planning Organization required by FTA. An application is required to be made by NJ TRANSIT. Grant approval is determined under the "Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program" administered by FTA as authorized under Section 5324 of Title 49 of the United States Code, Special Provisions for Capital Projects. A Grant must be issued by FTA before funds are received by NJ TRANSIT to fund this Program.
Other Notes:
Minutes of Approval by North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Metropolitan Planning Organization, of this Program on March 11, 2013, has been forwarded to the Office of the Governor.