

Freight Intermodal Distribution Pilot Grant Program Updated December 3, 2012

STATUS: ACTIVE However all authorized funds in SAFETEA-LU are directed to 6 projects identified in the authorizing legislation; MAP-21 authorized no additional funds

PROGRAM CODE: LJ10

FEDERAL SHARE: The Federal share is generally 80 percent, subject to the sliding scale adjustment. When the funds are used for Interstate the Federal share may be 90 percent, also subject to the sliding scale adjustment. Certain safety improvements listed in 23 USC 120(c) have a Federal share of 100 percent.

PERIOD AVAILABLE: Until expended and not transferable

FUND: Highway Trust Fund

FUND DISTRIBUTION METHOD: Allocation

AUTHORITY: Contract, to remain available until expended

SUBJECT TO OBLIGATION LIMITATION: Yes

STATUTORY REFERENCE: SAFETEA-LU Sec. 1306

CFR REFERENCE: None

ELIGIBILITY: Projects that help relieve congestion, improve transportation safety, facilitate international trade, and encourage public private partnership and may include projects for the development and construction of intermodal freight distribution and transfer facilities at inland ports.

BACKGROUND: The purpose of the program is to make grants to states to:

- facilitate and support intermodal freight transportation initiatives at the State and local levels to relieve congestion and improve safety, and
- provide capital funding to address infrastructure and freight distribution needs at inland ports and intermodal freight facilities.

SAFETEA-LU authorized \$6,000,000 in funding amounts for this program for each of the years 2005 through 2009. From the funds made available to carry out Section 1306, the Secretary shall allocate 20% of the amount designated for each project in each of the aforementioned years.

When discretionary funding is available, funding for projects will be awarded through a selection process conducted by the Secretary that requires States to submit an application.

In awarding funding, priority will be given to projects that:

- Reduce congestion into and out of international ports located in the United States
- Demonstrate ways to increase the likelihood that freight container movements involve freight containers carrying goods
- Establish or expand intermodal facilities that encourage the development of inland freight distribution centers

The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21, P.L. 112-141) provided no additional funds for the program.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Contact the Office of Freight Management and Operations (HOFM)