

Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) and Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI)

The Local Infrastructure Hub has developed a [comprehensive guide](#) designed to help cities successfully navigate the **Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) and Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI)** grant programs.

The materials provide practical steps, examples, and tools to help your team align your rail safety and mobility goals with eligible federal projects—such as track relocation, protective devices, and environmental assessments—and strengthen project readiness for competitive grant applications.

Topics covered

Click the section titles below to view materials covering each topic:

1. [Understand the Grants](#): An overview of the RCE/CRISI grant programs, including core priorities, guiding principles, and related White House directives. Includes how to align proposals with the U.S. Department of Transportation's strategic goals.
2. [Use Data to Strengthen Your Case](#): Essential datasets and analytical tools that strengthen project planning and applications, to make grant proposals evidence-based and compelling.
3. [Engage the Right Partners](#): An overview of community engagement strategies that incorporate local voices, foster collaboration, and build public/private partnerships. These approaches strengthen project design, show community alignment, and boost competitiveness.
4. [Build a Stronger Budget](#): An understanding of key financial components of applications, including eligible capital sources, local match requirements, and benefit-cost analysis. Includes how to use practical templates to create compliant, strategically aligned project budgets.
5. [Write a Winning Application](#): How to craft persuasive, well-structured grant narratives that clearly communicate goals, impact, and alignment with federal priorities.
6. [Learn from Real Examples](#): How to write the components of a successful, "winning" application by analyzing a real-world grant case study.
7. [Access Tools & Resources](#): A curated list of federal resources, including guidance, past awards, and templates to help cities prepare high-quality, compliant grant applications.

