

MEMBER BULLETIN

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New Federal Rail Safety Funding Introduced

Transport Canada has announced new funding for municipalities to improve rail safety in their communities. The **Rail Safety Improvement Program** consists of two components, and totals \$55 million to be distributed over three years.

Infrastructure, Technology and Research Component

The **Infrastructure**, **Technology and Research component** funds safety improvements along rail lines and on rail property under federal and provincial jurisdiction. Municipalities are eligible to apply for this funding if a project aims to address rail line safety issues or reduce the number of injuries and death from accidents along rail lines and on rail property. For examples of eligible projects, visit the **Infrastructure**, **Technology and Research component web site**.

A call for proposals is currently open. To apply, use the application and budget templates found in the **applicant's guide**. Application can be submitted by email (in PDF format) to **TC.rsipitr-pasfitr.TC@tc.gc.ca**, or by mail to:

Rail Safety Improvement Program (RSIP) – Infrastructure, Technology and Research (ITR) Component Transport Canada 330 Sparks Street, Place de Ville – Tower C (AHS) Ottawa, ON K1A 0N5

Proposals will be accepted for funding in the 2017-18 year until **December 23, 2016**.

Public Education and Awareness Component

The **Public Education and Awareness component** funds activities aimed at reducing railway grade crossing collisions and trespassing incident on railways property, particularly in high-risk areas. Municipalities are eligible to apply for this funding if a project aims to increase public awareness of rail safety issues, promote safe practice at road/railway grade crossings, or promote safety on railway property. For examples of eligible projects, visit the **Public Education and Awareness component** website.

A call for proposals is currently open. To apply, use the application and budget templates found in the **applicant's guide**. Applications can be submitted by email (in PDF format) to **tc.rsipea-pasfes.tc@tc.gc.ca**, or by mail to:

Rail Safety Improvement Program (RSIP) – Education and Awareness (E&A) Component Transport Canada 330 Sparks Street, Place de Ville – Tower C (AHEC) Ottawa, ON K1A 0N5

Proposals will be accepted for funding in the 2017-18 year until January 31, 2017.

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