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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Rail Safety Improvement Program

The Rail Safety Improvement Program (RSIP) is a comprehensive approach to improving the safety of rail transportation through Infrastructure, Technology and Research, and Public Education and Awareness. The new program builds on Transport Canada's three rail safety programs: the Grade Crossing Improvement Program (GCIP); the Grade Crossing Closure Program (GCCP); and Operation Lifesaver, with an increased funding level, an expanded list of eligible recipients and a broadened scope of projects.

Eligible Recipients:

- Provinces and territories;
- Indigenous communities, groups and organizations;
- Municipalities, and local and regional governments;
- Road and transit authorities;
- Crown Corporations (including VIA Rail);
- For-profit organizations (i.e. railway operators, railway owners);
- Not-for-profit organizations; and
- Individuals.

Eligible Project Categories:

Infrastructure, Technologies, and Research:

- Safety enhancements and infrastructure such as installation of flashing lights, bells, gates; and roadway and intersection improvements.
- Technology such as the implementation of Intelligent Transportation System or other innovative technologies.
- Research and studies related to enhancing safety of rail lines such as blocked crossings.
- Closure of crossing for both private and public crossings.

Education and Awareness

- Projects that enhance awareness of grade crossing and trespassing hazards;
- Promote safe practices at road/railway grade crossings on railway property; and
- Research, studies and analysis that contribute to a better understanding of behaviours, attitudes and impact of rail safety issues.

Call for Proposals:

A call for proposals is now open for both components for projects to be considered for funding in fiscal year 2017-2018. The deadlines for the applications are as follows:

- Infrastructure, Technologies, and Research component: **December 23rd, 2016**
- Education and Awareness component: **January 31st, 2017**

For further information on the program and the application process, please review:

[The Applicant's Guide for Infrastructure, Technology and Research](#)

[The Applicant's Guide for Education and Awareness](#)

The following application forms, depending on project type need to be completed and submitted before the deadlines indicated above:

- [Safety-Related Infrastructure Improvements and Technology Implementation](#)
- [Safety-Related Research or Studies](#)
- [Grade Crossing Closures](#)
- [Education and Awareness](#)