

GRANT ACTIVITY UPDATE

Overview

This two-page handout summarizes four current federal grant activities supporting transportation safety, rail crossing improvements, emergency response routing, traveler information, and technology deployment in the Dubuque metropolitan area.

Total Federal Funding Requested: \$16,408,468

Key Takeaways

- **\$16.4 million** in federal funding is requested across four active grant applications.
- **Rail safety is a major focus**, with two applications supporting the Dubuque-East Dubuque SafeTrack Project and upgrades at 17 rail crossings.
- **Technology deployment** supports emergency response routing, traffic signal optimization, rail crossing monitoring, traveler information, and STREETS implementation.
- **Funding decisions** are generally expected by late 2026 or early 2027.

Grant Snapshot

Program	Federal Agency	Amount	Decision Timeline
SS4A	FHWA	\$3,443,040	By Dec. 2026
Railroad Crossing Elimination	FRA	\$4,328,000	Late 2026 / early 2027
CRISI	FRA	\$5,166,960	Late 2026 / early 2027
ATTAIN	FHWA	\$3,470,468	Late 2026 / early 2027

1. FY 2026 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

Federal Agency: Federal Highway Administration

Amount Requested: \$3,443,040

Submission Date: May 26, 2026

Expected Decision: By December 2026

Project Location: Rail crossings, Central and White Street improvements, and pedestrian crossing signals in downtown Dubuque.

Partners: DMATS, City of Dubuque, and Iowa DOT.

Project Summary: Demonstration project to improve roadway safety, emergency response routing, and real-time traveler information in metropolitan Dubuque. The project builds on the STREETS program, a partnership among ECIA, the City of Dubuque, and Iowa DOT.

2. FY 2025–2026 Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program

Federal Agency: Federal Railroad Administration

Amount Requested: \$4,328,000

Submission Date: June 8, 2026

Expected Decision: Late 2026 or early 2027

Project Location: Rail crossings in the City of Dubuque and East Dubuque.

Partners: City of Dubuque, City of East Dubuque, Iowa DOT, Illinois DOT, CPKC, CN, and BNSF.

Project Summary: Upgrades 17 railroad crossings in Dubuque and East Dubuque through the SafeTrack Project, including 2- and 4-quadrant gates, constant warning time and presence detection, medians, signs, fencing, and closure of one at-grade crossing.

3. FY 2025–2026 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program

Federal Agency: Federal Railroad Administration

Amount Requested: \$5,166,960

Submission Date: June 25, 2026

Expected Decision: Late 2026 or early 2027

Project Location: Rail crossings in the City of Dubuque and East Dubuque.

Partners: City of Dubuque, City of East Dubuque, Iowa DOT, Illinois DOT, CPKC, CN, and BNSF.

Project Summary: Provides additional support for the SafeTrack Project and the same 17-crossing safety package, including enhanced gates, detection systems, medians, signs, fencing, and one at-grade crossing closure.

4. Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation Competitive Grant Program (ATTAIN)

Federal Agency: Federal Highway Administration

Amount Requested: \$3,470,468

Submission Date: August 11, 2026

Expected Decision: Late 2026 or early 2027

Project Location: IL 35 and US 20 in Illinois, rail crossing upgrades, and pedestrian crossing signals in downtown Dubuque.

Partners: DMATS, City of Dubuque, Iowa DOT, and Illinois DOT.

Project Summary: Adds detection, video, and message signs on Illinois approaches to the Mississippi River crossings; deploys rail crossing monitoring and predictive analytics; integrates data with ATMS, VDA, and CAD systems; improves emergency vehicle routing and signal optimization; and expands real-time traveler information.