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## ICYMI: Florida Receives More Than \$192,000 in Rail Safety Grants from Federal Railroad Administration

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** — The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) [recently awarded](#) more than \$192,000 in Railroad Trespassing Enforcement Grants to law enforcement agencies in Florida to support life-saving trespass abatement.

"The Florida Department of Transportation is grateful for the Federal Railroad Administration's continued commitment to rail safety in Florida and across the nation," said **Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Kevin J. Thibault, P.E.** "The funding for the enforcement of rail safety laws is crucial and aligns with the department's statewide [Operation STRIDE](#) rail safety initiative to prevent fatalities on or near rail crossings. Rail safety would not be possible without the hard work of Florida's law enforcement officers, and this funding is a testament to just how important their work is to protecting Floridians."

The FRA announced funding totaling \$528,028 for 11 projects in six states: California, Florida, Massachusetts, Montana, North Carolina and New Jersey.

FRA will provide law enforcement grants to cover officer wages for the projects in Florida below. Read more about the projects [here](#).

- **Broward Sheriff's Office Railroad Trespassing Enforcement Grant** – Up to \$80,000
- **City of Jacksonville Railroad Trespassing Education and Enforcement Project** – Up to \$20,100
- **Hollywood Police Department Trespassing Pilot Grant Program Operation Fast Track** – Up to \$50,000
- **Tampa Police Department Trespassing Prevention Program** – Up to \$41,920

FRA awarded states with the highest numbers of trespass-related incidents. FRA also considered geographic diversity and applicants using innovative approaches to saving lives. Between 2014 and 2018, FRA research confirmed 4,721 trespass incidents resulting in 2,412 deaths in the United States.

Law enforcement agency grantees are required to report their programmatic outcomes to ensure agencies meet project goals through the activities negotiated in their agreements with FRA. Agencies are also required to provide other activity details, such as rationale for the selected enforcement activities.

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