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CONSOLIDATED RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS (CRISI) is a federal program administered by the Federal Railroad Administration, an agency under the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT). The program provides over **$1 billion annually** to upgrade rail infrastructure across the United States.

VAA, an engineering, planning and design firm, helps clients structure competitive applications that combine public sponsorship with private investment—unlocking federal funds that directly contribute to their evolving business needs.

THE FINANCIAL ADVANTAGES

1. Multiply Your Investment

- Every $1 your company contributes can unlock $2 to $3 in federal dollars. For example, a $5 million match commitment could result in a $10 million-plus project that directly supports your operations.

2. Lessen Your Risk and Expenditures

- Avoid bearing costly infrastructure upgrades alone by shifting a large portion of the covered expense to federal funds.
- Lower your capital risk and accelerate returns through federal funds.

3. Tap the Full Potential of Your Supply Chain

- Ensure priority access to capacity by modernizing your rail infrastructure.
- Your company gains a lasting advantage over competitors in transportation costs and reliability.

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HOW IT WORKS

1. Through the strategic network of VAA's Public Funding Strategy group, your company connects with a public sponsor to serve as the public applicant for your CRISI grant submission. Public sponsors include state transportation departments (DOTs), regional rail authorities, and short-line railroads.

2. Your company provides a financial match commitment.

3. The magic happens! Federal funding (awarded through CRISI) multiplies your contribution, delivering a major project at a fraction of the cost to you.

4. Alongside VAA's Public Funding Strategy group, your company resumes its search for funding opportunities by also exploring availability at the state level.



WHY START NOW

- $1 billion in federal funds are available to qualifying projects in this grant cycle.
- Project applications require timely, strategic conversations with grant development staff to ensure federal criteria are met and surpassed.
- The next opportunity to apply for a CRISI grant will not be available until next year, delaying your access to this source of federal funding.

VAA CAN HELP YOU

- Identify rail projects within your agenda and budget that are strong candidates to receive CRISI funding.
- Develop strategic public-private partnerships, including government relations with the public sponsor or finding a public sponsor for your project.
- Prepare engineering and cost-benefit justifications that maximize grant competitiveness.
- Apply for federal grants, like the CRISI program, that stretch your private dollars further and achieve the growth potential you envision for your supply chain.

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