

## **FREIGHT RAIL SERVICE GRANT PROGRAM (RAIL)**

The local governments Freight Rail Service Grant Program, administered by MDA, is designed for the purpose of making grants to counties and municipalities so that the governing authorities of such may utilize these grants to assist counties in defraying expenses relating to the upgrading of railroad services to promote industrial development and public safety. Only projects approved by the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) shall be eligible for RAIL grants. The project approval process will be initiated by MDOT via a third party agreement.

Municipalities and counties are encouraged to use these grants in connection with other state and federal programs.

### **Eligibility**

Incorporated municipalities or counties with projects approved by MDOT are eligible to apply for the grant program.

### **Eligible Projects**

Counties may receive grants for Freight Rail Service projects relating to the upgrading of rail grade crossings. Only projects approved by MDOT will be eligible for RAIL grants. The project approval process will be initiated by MDOT via a three-party agreement.

**AMOUNT:** Maximum GRANT amount: \$250,000 per project.

**FUNDING:** Funding is derived from the issuance of state general obligation bonds.

To apply for this program, the eligible entity should contact MDA for additional program information.

Statute: Section 57-44-1, MS Code