

(4) make timely and efficient management of the project easier in accordance with Federal law; and

(5) if applicable, specify when the process for complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and related environmental laws will be completed for the project.

FRA will evaluate projects that meet the aforementioned requirements and consider if a PFA is an appropriate funding approach for a project. FRA anticipates limiting the use of PFAs to projects that are currently in, or beginning, the Final Design and/or the Construction Lifecycle Stages. FRA expects to issue PFAs for Major Backlog projects ready for Final Design and/or the Construction Lifecycle Stages to reflect the higher priority placed on these projects by FRA (*see* Section IIIA), thus providing project sponsors a higher degree of certainty that Federal funds will be available to complete the project. PFAs are contingent commitments and are not financial obligations of the Federal government. However, unlike LOIs, PFAs are agreements relating to the obligation of future funds and FRA commits to provide funding as specified in the PFA for the duration of the project, as long as the grantee continues to meet the terms of the PFA and Congress appropriates sufficient Partnership Program funding for such purpose. For a project with a PFA, FRA may provide grant funding in phases consistent with the terms of the PFA and within the established maximum amount of Federal financial assistance for the project.

The NEC Project Inventory will not identify projects for LOIs or PFAs, as those determinations will be made based on applications during project selection. In response to the NOFO, applicants may identify and describe project phases or elements that could be candidates for subsequent Partnership Program funding and may request LOIs or PFAs for their projects, as appropriate. *See* 49 U.S.C. 24911(g) for detailed information on LOIs and PFAs.

V. Comments

The purpose of this Notice is to provide transparency about FRA's proposed approach to developing the NEC Project Inventory, consult with the NEC Commission and the owners of the NEC infrastructure and facilities as required under 49 U.S.C. 24911(e)(6). FRA's proposed approach to the NEC Project Inventory and Partnership Program Implementation may change following consultation.

FRA encourages interested parties to submit a comment pertinent to the

information in this Notice in docket number FRA-2022-0049, available at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Searches may be conducted by using the docket number and comments may be submitted by following the instructions provided. All comments will be due 30 days after the publication date of this Notice. All submissions must include docket number for this Notice. In order to facilitate comment tracking and response, we encourage commenters to provide their name.

While interested parties are not required to provide comments in the following areas, FRA is seeking targeted comment on the following specific areas:

(1) Information, if any, that may be missing or inaccurate if FRA relies primarily on the NEC Commission Planning Documents for project names, descriptions, sponsors, Lifecycle Stage, Project Type, start year, cost estimates, and other information, in addition to an explanation as to why the information was not included in NEC Commission Planning Documents.

(2) Other sources of information, if any, FRA should review for project information in preparing the NEC Project Inventory

(3) The proposal described in Section IIIA to allocate funds for Defined Capital Renewal Projects still in development at the time of publication of the NEC Project Inventory, but that may become ready for funding after publication of the NEC Project Inventory.

(4) The order, method, and plan for apportioning funds described in Section IIIA of this Notice.

(5) FRA's proposed use of Letters of Intent and Phased Funding Agreements permitted under 49 U.S.C. 24911(g) as described in Section IVC.

(6) Issues or concerns with the information FRA has provided in this Notice.

Notwithstanding the various forms of consultation, FRA advises that all comments should be submitted in writing to this notice to ensure proper consideration.

All comments received, including any personal information, will be posted without change to the docket and will be accessible to the public at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Do not include information in comments in the docket that should not be made public. Input submitted online via <https://www.regulations.gov> is not immediately posted to the site. It may take several business days before submissions are posted. Comments containing proprietary or confidential information may be submitted by contacting the

agency for alternate submission instructions.

VI. Next Steps

FRA will review comments upon the closing of the comment period for consideration in developing the NEC Project Inventory. FRA will publish the NEC Project Inventory in the **Federal Register** no later than November 15, 2022, which may include a high-level summary and responses to comments received. Following the publication of the NEC Project Inventory, FRA will publish a NOFO soliciting applications for NEC Projects listed on the NEC Project Inventory. FRA will then evaluate applications consistent with the NOFO. FRA will publish an NEC Project Inventory at least every two years following the initial publication.

Issued in Washington, DC.

Paul Nissenbaum,

Associate Administrator, Office of Railroad Policy and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2022-0052]

Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System

Under part 235 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), this document provides the public notice that on May 18, 2022, The Belt Railway Company of Chicago (BRC) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval to discontinue or modify a signal system. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2022-0052.

Specifically, BRC requests permission to make permanent modifications to multiple locations on its 59th Street Line between milepost (MP) 2.0 and MP 4.0, on Main Tracks 1 and 2. The modifications would include the removal of an interlocking plant, removal of signals and switches, and conversion of a power-operated switch to an electric lock. BRC states that the removal of these signals will eliminate obsolete and redundant assets and that the installation of a microprocessor-based train control system for the electric lock will offer a higher level of safety and reliability.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Communications received by August 8, 2022 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable. Anyone can search the electronic form of any written

communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice> for the privacy notice of www.regulations.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC.
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Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Community Development Financial Institutions Fund

Funding Opportunity: Community Development Financial Institutions Equitable Recovery Program (CDFI ERP)

Funding Opportunity Title: Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) inviting Applications for grants under the CDFI Equitable Recovery Program (CDFI ERP).

Announcement Type: Announcement of funding opportunity.

Funding Opportunity Number: CDFI-2022-ERP.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFCA) Number: 21.033.

Dates:

TABLE 1—CRITICAL DEADLINES FOR CDFI ERP APPLICANTS

Description	Deadline	Time (eastern time, ET)	Submission method
Submit OMB Standard Form-424 Mandatory (Application for Federal Assistance) (SF-424).	July 26, 2022	11:59 p.m. ET	Electronically via <i>Grants.gov</i> .
Enter Employer Identification Number (EIN) and Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) numbers in AMIS.	July 26, 2022	11:59 p.m. ET	Electronically via Awards Management Information System (AMIS).
Last day to contact CDFI Fund with questions about the CDFI ERP.	August 19, 2022 ...	5:00 p.m. ET	Service Request ¹ via AMIS or <i>erp@cdfi.treas.gov</i> or 202-653-0421.
Last day to contact CDFI Fund with questions about Compliance or CDFI Certification.	August 19, 2022 ...	5:00 p.m. ET	Compliance and Reporting AMIS Service Request or 202-653-0423.
Last day to contact AMIS-IT Help Desk (regarding AMIS technical problems only).	August 23, 2022 ...	5:00 p.m. ET	Service Request via AMIS or <i>AMIS@cdfi.treas.gov</i> or 202-653-0422.
Submit complete CDFI ERP Application Package	August 23, 2022 ...	11:59 p.m. ET	Electronically via AMIS.

Executive Summary: The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund) is launching the CDFI Equitable Recovery Program (CDFI ERP) to provide awards of up to \$15 million to Certified Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs)² for the following purposes: (1) to expand lending, grant making and investment activity in Low- or Moderate-Income communities and to borrowers, including minorities, that have significant unmet capital or financial services needs, and were disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and (2) to enable CDFIs to build organizational capacity and acquire technology, staff, and other tools necessary to accomplish the

activities under a CDFI ERP Award. All Awards provided through this NOFA are subject to funding availability.

I. Program Description

A. History: The CDFI Fund was established by the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-325) (Riegle Act) to promote economic revitalization and community development through investment in and assistance to CDFIs. The CDFI ERP was authorized by Congress to provide grants to CDFIs to respond to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

B. Authorizing Statutes and Regulations: Pursuant to § 523 (Section 523) of Division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Pub. L. 116-260), Congress authorized the CDFI ERP. The regulations governing the CDFI Program are found at 12 CFR parts 1805 and 1815 (the Regulations) and are used

by the CDFI Fund to govern, where applicable, the CDFI ERP. For a complete understanding of the program, the CDFI Fund encourages Applicants to review this NOFA; the CDFI ERP Application (the Application); all related materials and guidance documents found on the CDFI Fund’s website (Application Materials); and the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR part 1000), which is the Department of the Treasury’s codification of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) government-wide framework for grants management at 2 CFR part 200 (the Uniform Requirements). Capitalized terms used but not defined in this NOFA are defined in the Regulations, the Application, the Application Materials, or the Uniform Requirements. Details regarding Application content requirements are available in the

¹ Service Request means a written inquiry or notification submitted to the CDFI Fund via AMIS.

² Certified CDFI shall mean an entity that the CDFI Fund has officially notified that it meets all CDFI certification requirements set forth in 12 CFR part 1805.