



FY2026 APPLICATION FOR SHORT LINE RAILROAD PRESERVATION GRANT FUNDS

Please read the FY2025 Guidance and Procedures for the Short Line Railroad Preservation Grant Program prior to completing the application. The guidance and procedures were emailed to you and are also located on our website at the following link: <https://www.tn.gov/tdot/transportation-freight-and-logistics-home/competitive-rail-connectivity-grants.html>.

Agency Information		
Railroad Authority		
Legal Entity Name		
Mailing Address		
Board Chairperson / Signatory	☐ Mr. ☐ Ms.	Name:
	Title:	
	Phone:	
	Email:	
Contact Person	☐ Mr. ☐ Ms.	Name:
	Title:	
	Phone:	
	Email:	
Railroad Operator		
Legal Entity Name		
Mailing Address		
Signatory	☐ Mr. ☐ Ms.	Name:
	Title:	
	Phone:	
	Email:	
Contact Person	☐ Mr. ☐ Ms.	Name:
	Title:	
	Phone:	
	Email:	
Right of Way Owner		
Legal Entity Name		
Mailing Address		
Signatory	☐ Mr. ☐ Ms.	Name:
	Title:	
	Phone:	
	Email:	
Contact Person	☐ Mr. ☐ Ms.	Name:
	Title:	
	Phone:	
	Email:	

Application Summary			
	TDOT requires one project per application		
Project Costs	Total Cost:	Local Cost:	State Cost:
	Short Description		

Please attach the following documents:

- ☐ Project Information Form for the Project (Please see Guidelines)
- ☐ Railroad Authority’s 2024 Audit Report, certified by an independent accountant OR documentation that the Comptroller of the Treasury has waived the requirement for the Authority to complete the audit
- ☐ Letter from the entity providing local matching funds that such funds are available to commit to the project
- ☐ List of Railroad Authority Board members with email addresses, phone numbers, and information about Board meeting schedule (date of last meeting, dates of upcoming meetings)

Signature of Authority Board Chair	Date

I certify that all information provided is correct and that I have read the *FY2025 Guidance and Procedures for the Short Line Railroad Preservation Grant Program*.



SHORT LINE RAILROAD PROJECT INFORMATION FORM

(Please complete one Project Information Form per Project)

Project

Project Location (Please specify mileposts and FRA crossing numbers.)			
Description of Proposed Project (Attach if additional space is needed)			
What is the public benefit of the proposed project? (Attach if additional space is needed)			
Expected number of months to complete the project			
Estimated total cost of project construction, including engineering (If engineer's estimate is available, please provide)			
State funds to be applied to this project: (90% of total cost)	<u>Engineering</u> (up to 10% of project costs)	<u>Construction</u>	<u>Construction Administration</u> (up to 2% of construction costs)
Local matching funds to be applied to this project: (10% of total cost)	<u>Engineering</u> (up to 10% of project costs)	<u>Construction</u>	Construction Administration (up to 2% of construction costs)
Local match funding source: (Authority, Operator, Local Government)			
If project bids exceed the estimated construction costs how will the Authority respond?	☐ Scale down the scope of the project to fit within available funds ☐ Authority or Operator will provide the additional funds or reallocate from its grant pool ☐ Authority will discontinue project and repay TDOT for engineering costs already invoiced		
Method of Procuring Labor, Materials, and Equipment	☐ Labor rate to be negotiated between Authority and Operator with competitive procurement of materials and equipment ☐ Competitive bidding for both labor, materials, and equipment		