

Recently Announced Federal Rail Grants for Virginia

2026 Federal-State Partnership Grants

Announced August 14, 2026

Curtis Street and West Street Crossing Improvements

- **Recipient and award amount:** Chesterfield County, Virginia (Up to \$2.3M)
- **Project description and benefits:** The grant supports the project development and support for a future grade separation at Curtis Street and permanent closure at West Street, two complicated at-grade crossings about 1/3 mile apart in a residential area of Chesterfield County. The section of railroad hosts the Amtrak Northeast Regional's services to Norfolk and the NCDOT-Supported Carolinian. Amtrak's long-distance Palmetto, Silver Meteor, Silver Star, Floridian, and Auto Train also stand to benefit.

Staunton Station State of Good Repair and ADA Improvements

- **Recipient and award amount:** Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (Up to \$15.6M)
- **Project description and benefits:** This grant supports the final design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction/ADA improvements at the Staunton Amtrak Station. The project will bring the station into a state of good repair and provide accessible transportation options for Staunton and the surrounding communities.

2026 BUILD Grants

Announced July 17, 2026

Richmond Layover Facility

- **Recipient and award amount:** Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (\$25M)
- **Project description and benefits:** The project will complete final design and construction of an overnight storage and servicing yard to support existing and future passenger rail service. The project includes design and construction of storage tracks, a maintenance platform, a service pit, track and signaling upgrades, and facilities for maintenance staff. The project will provide a layover and basic maintenance facility near Amtrak's Main Street Station, adding capacity and reducing congestion along a crowded section of track.

L'Enfant Station and Fourth Track Project

- **Recipient and award amount:** Virginia Railway Express (via Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission) (\$25M)
- **Project description and benefits:** The grant will help fund improvements at the station and construct a fourth main track in the corridor between the L'Enfant and Virginia interlockings, easing congestion at a point where track capacity constrains VRE and Amtrak operations. L'Enfant Station in Washington, D.C., is VRE's busiest stop, used by roughly 45% of all riders