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Notice of Funding Opportunity
FY26-27 Georgia Freight Rail Program (GFRP)
April 1, 2026

Dear Rail Partners,

The Division of Intermodal of the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is excited to announce the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the FY26/27 Georgia Freight Rail Program (GFRP) project applications. Established under O.C.G.A. 32-2-41.3 and §48-8-78, the GFRP was designed to bolster Georgia's rail network by enhancing State investment in freight rail for public benefit. Program funding is subject to annual appropriations and will be available to the Class 1 and Short Line rail Operators that provide freight service within the state as per the percentages below. Please review the attached documents for additional information. Additional GFRP information is accessible via this [link](#).

GDOT will begin accepting applications on **April 1, 2026**, for the FY26/27 GFRP. The 60-day application period will close at 5:00 pm on **June 1, 2026**.

GDOT will announce the awards in mid to late October 2026. Please review the GFRP documents thoroughly, as applications for GFRP funds will be time sensitive.

It is anticipated that funds collected under the Locomotive Fuel Tax will be distributed as listed below:

- **67% of funds shall be distributed to the Class I operators by way of a Memorandum of Agreement upon approval of a project proposal for which the funds will be utilized.**
- **33% of funds shall be distributed among the short line railroads in the state of Georgia, in accordance with the processes set out in the GFRP.**

Attached, please find:

- Georgia Freight Rail Program Application Guide – 10.08.2024

Rail Operators will be required to submit the application package, including a detailed proposed project description and budget. The format to apply for funds allocated to your service area is straightforward, and the GDOT Rail Program team is ready to assist.

Please direct all applications and inquiries to FreightRailApplications@dot.ga.gov

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We appreciate your participation in this program and look forward to collaborating with you to further rail transportation in Georgia.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Georgia Freight Rail Program Application Guide – 10.08.2024