



# FY 2019-2020 Railroad Trespassing Suicide Prevention Grant Program

## **California – Suicide Prevention Project**

**Up to \$59,000**

### ***Southern California Regional Rail Authority***

Deters trespassing and suicide by training key railroad staff, first responders, and community members on Metrolink's commuter rail system. Will reduce trespasser suicide at hot spots, using an outreach campaign that increases public and community capacity to deter suicides with training, public engagement, and awareness. The Southern California Regional Rail Authority also will develop a Suicide Safety Prevention Plan checklist, a step-by-step plan to assist railroad staff and other professionals when interacting with trespassers and other potential high-risk individuals. The project area includes four hotspot locations along 27 miles of FRA-regulated track.

## **California – Suicide Prevention Program**

**Up to \$80,000**

### ***Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District (SMART)***

Funds safety messaging and other outreach efforts for SMART's code-compliance officers and the agency's community-wide suicide prevention coalition working along 45 miles of FRA-regulated track in Sonoma and Marin counties. Materials include passenger handouts, track signage, and advertisements on radio and other media. Focuses on prevention, education, and enforcement, building on SMART's existing suicide prevention program.

## **Florida – Central Florida Rail Corridor and SunRail Trespassing Suicide Prevention Targeted Outreach Initiative**

**Up to \$79,000**

### ***Florida Department of Transportation***

Helps the Florida Department of Transportation develop a suicide intervention, outreach, and training program to use on the Central Florida Rail Corridor (CFRC)/SunRail Commuter Rail System, which it owns. FDOT will partner with the Mental Health Association of Central Florida to train CFRC/SunRail Frontline Personnel, Law Enforcement, and Shelter Organizations. CFRC will mobilize its railroad suicide prevention efforts, using closed-circuit television and Laser Detection and Ranging surveillance systems to identify vulnerable people in crisis. The project area includes 49 miles of FRA-regulated track.

## **New York – Expansion of Trespassing and Suicide Prevention Initiatives**

**Up to \$75,000**

### ***NY Metropolitan Transportation Authority***

Funds the expansion of NY MTA Metro-North Railroad's safety education and community outreach program, Together Railroads and Communities Keeping Safe (TRACKS). Using three existing initiatives related to trespassing and suicide prevention, this project expands the QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Gatekeeper training program for suicide prevention; upgrades the agency's Suicide Prevention and Awareness Outreach Campaign; and enhances its use of Metro-Man, the TRACKS program's iconic rail safety outreach ambassador. These education efforts, along with media and outreach, will target riders and communities along MNR's rail network, which includes 775 miles of FRA-regulated track.

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