### Rail Freight Program

**Program Overview:** Loan & Grant program to facilitate investments in rail service by serving as a link between interested parties and channeling government funds to projects that achieve statewide economic development.

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**Who is Eligible?** Railroads, Businesses, Cities, Counties

**How to qualify?** Financial, Benefit/Cost Analysis

**How can it be used?** Infrastructure

**How much is available?** $6 million

**Average award of** $1.5 million

**How are applicants graded?** Benefit/Cost Analysis

**What do you need to begin?** No formal application process. Applicant writes a letter to the state requesting funds including general information about the project, benefits expected, names of industries involved, principal contact and engineer’s estimate if available.

**Program Website** [http://www.dot.state.il.us/rfp.html](http://www.dot.state.il.us/rfp.html)

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