

VPRA Decision Brief
Capital Grant Budget Adjustment for Newport News
Station, Platform, & Service Facility Project
August 30, 2023

Issue: The Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (“VPRA”) was awarded a \$1,200,000 earmark in the budget passed for federal fiscal year 2023 from the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (“CRISI”) program for the Newport New Transportation Center.

Facts: VPRA has been a partner with the City of Newport News to build a replacement passenger train facility. The project is nearing completion, and it was awarded funding in the federal fiscal year 2023 budget totaling \$1,200,000 under the CRISI program. VPRA was listed as the recipient of these funds due to its existing relationship with the Federal Railroad Administration (“FRA”). The City of Newport News does not have an existing relationship with the FRA. VPRA will administer these federal funds and work with the City of Newport News to provide the funds to the project in accordance with the requirements of the grant. This amendment to the budget allows VPRA to contract with the FRA and the City of Newport News to allow these federal dollars to assist in the completion of the train facility.

Recommendation: Approve the \$1,200,000 increase to the VPRA budget line item for the capital grant “Newport News Station, Platform, & Service Facility” within VPRA’s FY24 budget.

Action Required by VPRA: Approve the budget adjustment by majority vote.

Options: Approve. Deny. Defer.