

VPRA Decision Brief

Authority to Execute \$100 Million CRISI Grant Agreement with Federal Railroad Administration

August 26, 2025

Issue: Section 33.2-292(A)(14) of the Code of Virginia empowers VPRA, *inter alia*, to accept federal grants.

Facts: VPRA applied for and has been awarded \$100,000,000 of Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements federal financial assistance in support of VPRA's Franconia-Springfield Bypass Project. The funding will be administered by the FRA under an agreement using standard grant terms and conditions.

Recommendation: Authorize the VPRA Executive Director to finalize and enter into an agreement between VPRA and FRA for the grant funding.

Action Required by VPRA: Authorize the grant agreement.

Options: Approve. Deny. Defer.