[**https://www.transit.dot.gov/grants/grant-programs/areas-persistent-poverty-program-fy2021-selected-projects**](https://www.transit.dot.gov/grants/grant-programs/areas-persistent-poverty-program-fy2021-selected-projects)

**Areas of Persistent Poverty Program**

**What's New**

On June 23, 2022, FTA [announced](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.transit.dot.gov%2Fabout%2Fnews%2Fusdot-announces-more-16-million-grants-help-communities-improve-transportation-areas&data=05%7C01%7CMfitzsimons%40transitchicago.com%7C80766e14f6354156572f08da764af033%7C6174173c95354211a564c3c1c562dd6e%7C0%7C0%7C637952361477153481%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=MMej9TwyXS9ypyRm%2BCNk2Y8MmkgqEJOAjhAfhHjT1Ns%3D&reserved=0) approximately $16.2 million in FY20 and FY21 funding to the Areas of Persistent Poverty program for 40 projects in 32 states and two territories. View the [project selections](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.transit.dot.gov%2Fgrants%2Fgrant-programs%2Fareas-persistent-poverty-program-fy2021-selected-projects&data=05%7C01%7CMfitzsimons%40transitchicago.com%7C80766e14f6354156572f08da764af033%7C6174173c95354211a564c3c1c562dd6e%7C0%7C0%7C637952361477153481%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=yuN%2Bu8d%2B2u%2BIlqwfOf9f6ofOh1RTJX%2FirGLZDHjyKaI%3D&reserved=0).

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| I    L | Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) | The Chicago Transit Authority will receive funding to develop an engagement plan for communities that will be served by the planned 5.6-mile Red Line rail extension. The Red Line extension will reach some of Chicago’s most underserved communities, including Roseland, Washington Heights, West Pullman, and Riverdale, all of which have experienced decades of neglect and remain disconnected from opportunities in other parts of the city. The project will allow CTA to focus engagement efforts on the Far South Side by engaging with residents and other advocates to maximize the impact of increased transit access and the positive effect it can have on community revitalization efforts. | $450,000 |