

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Application of  Clark County,  Applicant,  Requesting Disbursement from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund	DOCKET TR-180123  ORDER 01  ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR DISBURSEMENT FROM THE GRADE CROSSING PROTECTIVE FUND
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On July 27, 2017, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) sent to various interested parties a “Notice of Opportunity to Apply for Grant Monies” from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund (GCPF).
- 2 On February 13, 2018, Clark County (County or Petitioner) filed with the Commission an application requesting a disbursement of \$3,115.60 from the GCPF to pay for a project related to improving safety at nine railroad crossings. On February 21, 2018, the County filed a revised application that corrected information in the original application. The revised application requested a disbursement of \$1,127.55 for signage upgrades at six crossings. See Appendix A, attached to this Order, for a list of the crossings and signs requested.
- 3 Clark County is the owner of the Chelatchie Prairie Railroad, and the Portland Vancouver Junction Railroad is the operating railroad.
- 4 Clark County seeks to replace passive signage including yield signs, low ground clearance signs and sign plaques, number of tracks plaques, a “Do Not Stop on Tracks” sign, and steel and wooden posts with reflectorized tape. Specific information about these crossings is contained in the County’s GCPF application.
- 5 Clark County must also meet the following conditions for administering the GCPF grant.
  - Expenditure from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund must not exceed \$1,127.55.
  - The work for which the Grade Crossing Protective Fund disbursement was approved must conform to the project description specified in the application.

- Clark County must sign and return the attached project agreement.
- Payment will be made upon presentation of claim for reimbursement and verification by Commission Staff that the work has been satisfactorily completed.
- The project must be completed and the associated request for reimbursement from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund must be filed with the Commission no later than March 29, 2019.
- Traffic control devices must comply with all applicable standards specified in the U.S. Department of Transportation *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.

### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 6 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington having authority to approve and administer disbursements from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund.
- 7 (2) The project for which Clark County seeks disbursement from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund is eligible for funding consideration under Commission rules and complies with the requirements of RCW 81.53.271, RCW 81.53.281, and WAC 480-62.
- 8 (3) Commission Staff investigated the request based on the review criteria specified in the Commission's rules and recommended that it be granted, subject to specified conditions for administering the grant.
- Expenditure from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund must not exceed \$1,127.55.
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9 (4) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 29, 2018.

10 (5) After reviewing Clark County's application filed on February 13, 2018, and revised on February 21, 2018, and giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission grants the request for disbursement of funds.

### ORDER

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

11 Clark County's application for disbursement from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund for improved crossing signage, is granted, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Expenditure from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund must not exceed \$1,127.55.
- (2) The work for which the Grade Crossing Protective Fund disbursement was approved must conform to the project description specified in the application.
- (3) Clark County must sign and return the attached project agreement.
- (4) Payment will be made upon presentation of claim for reimbursement and verification by Commission Staff that the work has been satisfactorily completed.
- (5) The project must be completed and the associated request for reimbursement from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund must be filed with the Commission no later than March 29, 2019.
- (6) Traffic control devices must comply with all applicable standards specified in the U.S. Department of Transportation *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective March 29, 2018.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary