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GRADE CROSSING PROTECTIVE FUND
2023 – 2025 GRANT APPLICATION
OPEN CALL FOR PROJECTS

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC), through the Grade Crossing Protective Fund (GCPF), provides grants for projects that eliminate or reduce public safety hazards at railroad crossings and along railroad rights-of-way in Washington State. Any public, private, or non-profit entity may apply for a GCPF grant.

To apply for a grant to eliminate or reduce a public safety hazard at a railroad crossing or along a railroad right-of-way, complete the following information and submit it and any attachments to the UTC. *(Note: If you are proposing a change to the warning devices at a public railroad crossing, use the [Petition to Modify Warning Devices - GCPF](#) application instead.*

Please be sure to complete the entire form. Incomplete or missing information will delay the grant review process.

Applicant information

Contact Name: Jared Jungmann
Organization: CWW, LLC & YAK Rail, LLC
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Phone: 509-386-7753
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Project information

Attach additional sheets as necessary that provide the following:

- 1. What is the project location?

Our two rail lines: CWW, LLC located in Walla Walla County and YAK Rail, LLC located in Yakima County. Project targets all our Railroad Signals but not the functionality of the Signals.

2. What are the existing hazards being addressed? Include any information about accidents or incidents at the site including photographs or other materials that support the application.

Main hazards on both our Rail Lines are Pedestrians using Railroad Tracks as a foot path and people vandalizing/leaving obstacles on our property or across our tracks.

3. How will the project eliminate and/or mitigate the hazards listed above? Include any design drawings or construction plans for the proposed project.

"No Trespassing" signs will be installed and bring awareness to pedestrians that they are violating the law by walking on Railroad Tracks. These "No Trespassing" signs also legitimize the rights of Local Authority to give warnings or to process violators for Trespass. This Project should reduce the amount of people occupying our Railroad tracks, both increasing their safety and our Locomotive Engineers safety.

Security Cameras will be installed on our Signal Bungalows and will help support the "No Trespassing" signs by identifying those who vandalize or put hazardous objects across our tracks. These Cameras will also give our Signal Maintainers visual confirmation remotely, helping them troubleshoot false activations and other signal anomalies. Any Train/Vehicle collisions or accidents that occur at these Signalized locations, will be better equipped to show what happened and who was at fault, helping to better safe proof in the future.

4. How will the project benefit public safety by a) reducing accident frequency and severity at the location and/or b) reduce trespasser, pedestrian, or motorist injuries and deaths on the railroad right-of-way?

Reduce pedestrian foot traffic on our Railroad Tracks.
 Allows Local Authority to better monitor the area and warn off/process violators.
 Cameras give better insight for signal maintainers, to help them troubleshoot, making the signals safer all around.
 Cameras will help identify potential hazards on tracks or surrounding area before train runs its route.

5. Does the project involve coordination with the railroad? Yes No

If yes, please provide the railroad contact information:

Columbia Rail
 709 N 10th Ave
 Walla Walla, WA
 99362
 509-386-7753
 (This is contact information for both CWW, LLC & YAK Rail, LLC)

6. Does the project support under-resourced communities and/or rural areas? Yes No

If yes, please describe.

Our railroad, located in Yakima County: YAK Rail, LLC is an under-resourced community. It is an Indian Reservation.

Our railroad, located in Walla Walla, County: CWW, LLC is NOT an under-resourced community.

7. Provide a project budget, including:

a. An itemized list of the total costs of the project.

Sign and Camera file attached, showing break down of all costs.

b. The requested grant amount.

\$17,320.50

c. Names of parties contributing financially to the project, including the applicant, and the amount each is contributing.

CWW, LLC & Yak Rail, LLC: Contributing Labor and any extra material costs that go over the Grant Amount.

UTC: Contributing Grant Funds, \$17,320.50.

8. What is the name of the party responsible for long-term maintenance of the project, such as repair of fencing?

CWW, LLC
YAK Rail, LLC

9. What is the estimated timeline for project completion?

UTC: Approves Project end of October 2024 (estimate).
Columbia Rail: Receives Project material's end of Novemeber 2024.
Columbia Rail: Finish Project and have all required paperwork back to UTC June 1st, 2025 or before.

10. How will the project's success be measured?

We've recently seen the success of this type of Project on another Railroad line that we maintain, Port of Benton in Richland, WA. We installed the "No Trespassing" signs and Cameras are installed on their bungalows. We have seen a reduction in foot traffic there and the cameras have allowed us to react and troubleshoot the signal systems much more efficiently. We know this Project is already a success due to have already experienced its impact, but these will be the key factors on how we gauge the success of our Project on our own lines in

11. What is the applicant’s experience in grant management or the successful completion of grant projects of this nature, including years of experience, types of projects completed and project cost/scope?

From 2021-2024, I've applied for multiple Grant Crossing Protective Funds with the UTC, all of which have been awarded. The types of projects include: Installing 12" LED Roundels, Batteries/Chargers across all of our Railroad Signals. I've recently been awarded a "Improvements to Warning Devices at Public Grade Crossings" grant from UTC, that I'll have completed before the deadline of June 1st, 2025. I've also been granted multiple "Safety Improvements at Passive Crossings" from UTC, that included replacing all sorts of railroad signage all that which have been

12. List any other information that may be useful in evaluating this project. Include additional attachments if needed.

The "Sign Location" attached file is an example of how our signs will be placed. They will be facing toward the road so when people walk off the main road to turn onto our tracks, they will be met with those "No Trespassing" signs.

An example of what our "No Trespassing" Signs will look like and say is attached. These are the same signs we recently installed on Port of Benton railroad line.

13. I hereby affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this application is true and accurate.

Jared Jungmann

Jared Jungmann

Railroad Consent

If the applicant is not the railroad owning the right-of-way, crossing, or tracks, the applicant must submit the attached Railroad Consent form (page 5) completed and signed by the railroad owning the right-of-way, crossing, or tracks.

Submitting the Application

After completing the application, file the signed application at [EFile](#). Under “Filing Type,” select “Application for Funding.”

Assistance

For questions or assistance, please contact the following UTC staff:

- Mike Turcott at (360) 664-1119 or mike.turcott@utc.wa.gov
- Tyler Whitcomb at (564) 669-0943 or tyler.whitcomb@utc.wa.gov

Railroad Consent

The undersigned represents the Railroad Company in the accompanying GCPF application.

We have reviewed the application and are satisfied that the conditions are the same as described by the applicant in this matter.

Jared Jungmann

Printed name of Railroad Representative

Jared Jungmann

Signature of Railroad Representative

Lead Signal Technician

Title

Columbia Rail

Name of Railroad

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Walla Walla, WA
99362

Mailing Address of Railroad

5093867753

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Email

July 25 2024

Date

USDOT#	ROAD	TYPE	MP	SIGNS	POSTS	CAM PACK	ROUTER	MATS.
808488E	ROSE	SIG.	46.21	4	2	3	1	
808487X	POPLAR	SIG.	45.9	4	4	2	1	
808943V	CHESTNUT	SIG.	45.78	4	4	2	1	
808942N	9TH ST	SIG.	45.35	5	5	2	1	
808941G	TIETAN	SIG.	45.2	4	4	2	1	
808939F	PROSPECT	SIG.	44.3	4	4	3	1	
810016H	MYRA	SIG.	29.79	4	4	2	1	
810015B	WALLULA	SIG.	29.55	4	4	3	1	
810011Y	COLLEGE AVE	SIG.	29	4	4	2	1	
810106G	LAST CHANCE	SIG.	25.91	4	4	2	1	
808632U	SR125	SIG.	42.8			2	1	
808621G	HWY124	SIG.	55.8			2	1	
TOTAL UNITS				41	39	27	12	
COST PER				\$19.50	\$40.00	\$186.80	\$97.90	
TOTAL COST				\$799.50	\$1,560.00	\$5,043.60	\$1,174.80	\$50.00
SHIPPING				\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FINAL PROJCT COST				\$8,827.90				
CROSSING AVG COST				\$735.66				

USDOT#	ROAD	TYPE	MP	SIGNS	POSTS	CAM PACK	ROUTER	MATS.
808925X	HWY397	SIG.	12.73	4		3	1	
099199T	HWY97	SIG.	1.42	4	4	3	1	
099206B	S.WAPATO	SIG.	3.27	4	4	3	1	
099216G	LATERAL A	SIG.	6.27	4	4	3	1	
099239N	BROWNTOWN	SIG.	12.4	4	4	2	1	
099246Y	BARKES	SIG.	14.37	4	4	2	1	
099255X	CURTIS	SIG.	19.39	4	4	2	1	
099256E	SIGNAL PEAK	SIG.	18.4	4	4	4	1	
099250N	WHITESWAN	SIG.	19.8	4	4	3	1	
917948E	WESLEY RD	SIG.	20.58	4	4	2	1	
TOTAL UNITS				40	36	27	10	
COST PER				\$19.50	\$40.00	\$186.80	\$97.90	
TOTAL COST				\$780.00	\$1,440.00	\$5,043.60	\$979.00	\$50.00
SHIPPING				\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FINAL PROJCT COST				\$8,492.60				
CROSSING AVG COST				\$849.26				