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## **Grade Crossing Protection Fund APPLICATION FOR FUNDING**

The commission's objectives in distributing monies from its Grade Crossing Protective Fund (GCPF) are to reduce accident frequency and severity at both public and private railroad crossings and to reduce pedestrian trespassing and the frequency of trespass-related deaths and injuries along railroad rights-of-way. Any public, private, or nonprofit entity may submit an application to the commission for GCPF monies.

The focus of the GCPF program is to fund projects that demonstrate a need for improved public safety related to one of the following four categories:

- Grade crossing safety projects. Grants for improvements to warning devices at public grade crossings must be requested through the commission's petition process pursuant to RCW 81.53.261. Contact Kathy Hunter at (360) 664-1257 for more information.
- Trespass prevention projects. Examples of projects in this category include fencing or other physical barriers that prevent trespassing on railroad rights-of-way, pedestrian warning devices, establishing new public grade crossings, installing channeling devices, media or public relations campaigns, and enforcement-related activities.
- Private crossing safety improvements. Examples of projects in this category include private crossing closures, installation of private crossing-specific warning devices, installation of nighttime or off-hours locked gates, and improvements to existing warning devices.
- Miscellaneous safety projects. Examples of projects in this category include improvements to motorists' ability to see approaching trains, including the removal of physical obstructions, participation in roadway improvements at or approaching grade crossings, and mitigation of crossing closures.

All projects that fall within any of these four general categories are eligible for funding consideration.

### Please complete and submit the following information as part of the application process.

Applicant Name: Bob Boston								
Organization: Washington Operation Lifesaver								
Address: 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW								
Olympia, WA 98504								
Office Phone: 360-664-1264								
E-mail: bgboston@comcast.net								
Cell Phone: 360-701-1615								
Fax Number: 360-586-1172								
Type of Application: <u>Trespass prevention (extension of Golden Gardens fencing in Seattle)</u>								
Private crossing safety improvement								
Trespass prevention								
Miscellaneous								

Please list all of the other companies (e.g., railroad companies) organizations, or state or local agencies that may be involved in implementing this proposal and the name, address and phone number of each.

City of Seattle (Risk Management) – Bruce Hori, Director – P.O. Box 94769, Seattle, WA 98124 – Phone 206-386-0073

BNSF Railway – Andrew Johnson, Director Govt. Affairs – 2454 Occidental Ave. South, Seattle, WA 98134-1451 – Phone 206-625-6135

*Note:* Requests for public grade crossing safety projects will be continue to be processed through the Commission's regular petition process.

#### <u>Project Information</u> – Please attach additional information if needed.

1) Provide a detailed summary of the hazard being addressed, including any accident/incident Information or other supporting data. If filing this application electronically, photographs, drawings, or other optional materials that are not in electronic format may be sent to the mailing address specified in the "instructions" section and should be clearly identified as an attachment to your application:

Approximately 700 feet of high-strength chain link fencing was installed at the north end of Golden Gardens Park in June, 2006 for trespass abatement measures. Nine fatalities involving pedestrians being struck by trains had occurred in the past ten years in the Golden Gardens area of North Seattle. To complete the entire project, and additional 1900 feet of fencing is needed to adequately deter pedestrian traffic in the park away from the railroad right-of-way.

2) Provide a detailed description of your proposed project and explain how its implementation will eliminate or mitigate the hazard. If available, please attach any drawings or construction plans for your proposed project (see section 1 if filing electronically):

Construction of high-strength chain link fencing (with barbed wire top) starting at the end of the north parking lot where the first fencing project ended. The new fencing would continue north for approximately 1900 feet to the entrance of the park from Golden Gardens Drive. Adequate fencing will keep the majority of pedestrian traffic away from the railroad right-of-way in the main area of the park where numerous trespass trails currently lead to the railroad tracks.

3) Provide cost estimates, including those related to long-term maintenance:

1900 feet of 6-foot high 2" 6 gauge fencing with barbed wire top (includes installation)

\$50,344.92

BNSF Railway will contribute \$15,000 to project City of Seattle will contribute \$12,000 to project

Proposal and contract from All City Fence Company enclosed

Total GCPF grant funds requested = \$20,000

- 4) Estimated timeline of project, if approved:
  Project would be completed by June 30, 2007.
- 5) If known, provide a description of how the project's success would be measured:

  The number of incidents (injuries/fatalities) occurring after completion of the project in this area of the park.

#### *6) Other comments:*

Washington Operation Lifesaver will also be providing "Danger No Trespassing" signs that will be installed on the completed fencing and surrounding area to help deter people away from the railroad right-of-way. Education and enforcement activity will also be continued in this area.

For questions or assistance, please contact Mark Halliday at 360-664-1232 (e-mail <a href="mailto:mhallida@wutc.wa.gov">mhallida@wutc.wa.gov</a>) or Kathy Hunter at 360-664-11257 (e-mail khunter@wutc.wa.gov)

#### **Instructions**

After completing the Grade Crossing Protective Fund application, please send the original and two copies to:

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission Attention: Grade Crossing Protective Fund 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Applications are available at <a href="www.wutc.wa.gov/GCPFgrants">www.wutc.wa.gov/GCPFgrants</a>. A signed application may be filed electronically at <a href="records@wutc.wa.gov">records@wutc.wa.gov</a>. When filing electronically, please specify "Grade Crossing Protective Fund" in the subject line.

Please ensure that the names and addresses of representatives from the relevant railroad company and local jurisdiction are correct and listed in the application.

#### **Funding**

RCW 81.53.271 allows the commission to grant up to twenty thousand dollars for selected projects without requiring a monetary match. The commission, however, may limit the amount of funding per project to a lesser amount so that an optimal number of projects may be funded with regard to relative safety benefits and project costs. The commission may also consider funding for larger safety projects for which the GCPF grant would constitute some portion of the total cost.

#### Selection of Projects

The commission will initiate a "call for projects," soliciting applications within a specific timeframe. After the specified submittal deadline, all applications will be reviewed

simultaneously. Further information about the Grade Crossing Protective Fund may be obtained on the commission's website at <a href="https://www.wutc.wa.gov/GCPFgrants">www.wutc.wa.gov/GCPFgrants</a>, or by contacting Mark Halliday at (360) 664-1232 or Kathy Hunter at (360) 664-1257.

The commission will review and select projects for funding based on the relative severity of the hazard being addressed, the safety benefits resulting from a project, the costs of implementing a project, and geographic diversity. Final award of GCPF grants will be contingent upon the recipient signing an agreement specifying the terms of the grant.



Representative

# ALL CITY FENCE CO.



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**Proposal and Contract** 

Customer			Phone Numbers					
Paula Hoff			Home	Home Business 206-615-036				
Strategic Advisor			Fax	Cell/Pager				
Seattle Department of Park	s & Recreation	on	Purchase Order#					
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