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**GRADE CROSSING PROTECTIVE FUND
2019 – 2021 GRANT APPLICATION
OPEN CALL FOR PROJECTS**

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

To apply for a grant to eliminate or mitigate 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. If you are proposing a change to the warning devices at a public railroad crossing, complete the GCPF petition form.

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

Applicant Information

Applicant Name:	Sean Horst-
Signature:	
Organization:	Town of Index
Address:	511 Avenue A
Phone:	360-793-2488
Email:	townhall@cityofindex.org

Project Information

Attach additional sheets as necessary that provide the following:

1. A detailed summary of the hazard being addressed. Include any information about accidents or incidents at the site and photographs, drawings or other materials that support the application.

Presently the signs at the Index avenue crossing are not compliant with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. The signs are 30 inches, the minimum requirement being 36 inches. One of the 3 advanced warning signs need to be replaced with a W10-4.

2. A detailed summary of the proposed project and how it will eliminate or mitigate the hazard. Include any drawings or construction plans for the proposed project.

The advanced warning signs will be six inches wider in overall diameter making them easier to see at longer distances allowing drivers to be better prepared for the railroad crossing. The 36 inch W10-4 sign will be a better representation of the upcoming right turn over the railroad crossing.

3. A list of all other companies, organizations, state agencies or local governments that may be involved in implementing this proposal, and the contact name, address and phone number for each (if known).

Town of Index will be the only agency implementing this proposal

Sean Horst Maintenance Superinterndant for Town of Index
511 Avenue A Index Wa 98256
360-440-0415

4. A cost estimate, including:
- An itemized list of the total costs of the project.
 - Names of parties contributing to the project, including the applicant and the amount each is contributing.

Approximately \$250.
1 – 36 inch W10-4 Grade Crossing and intersection Sign at \$81.00
2 – 36 inch Advanced Warning Signs at \$162.00

5. The name of the party responsible for long-term maintenance, such as repair of fencing.

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6. An estimated timeline of the project.

2 days maximum once materials are received

7. A description of how the project's success would be measured.

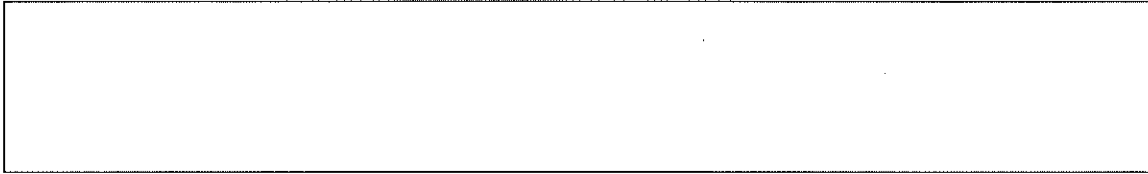
An increase in safety due to the increase in visibility of the signs at greater distances allowing drivers to be more prepared for the upcoming railroad crossing.

8. A description of the applicant's experience in grant management or completing grant projects of this nature, including years of experience, types of projects completed and project cost/scope.

I Sean Horst, in the last three years, have had multiple projects working for the Town of Index that have been funded by grant money. Some of the more basic grants have been for the replacement of Stop signs and posts costing \$500. One for the replacement of all of the towns fire extinguishers costing \$500. One for the restoration of a town garage. We lifted the building, poured a new foundation and slab, and reframed the walls. This completely rectified an otherwise doomed building. The cost approximately \$6000, \$5000 of it paid for by a grant, the remainder paid for by local fundraising. The most recent project was the replacement of a sliding glass door in our old fire hall as well as the refurbishing of its old barn style doors. Connected to this project was the repair of an old walkway costing appriciamatel \$3900. The funds for all of these projects were granted through AWC Municipal Resources. All projects were completed in the time frame set forth by the granting agency.

9. Any other information the applicant believes would be useful to the UTC in evaluating the project.

We are a small town with a small budget. Every bit helps. Thank you for your consideration and time.



Railroad Commitment

If the applicant is not the railroad owning the crossing or the tracks, the applicant must submit the attached Railroad Commitment form completed and signed by the railroad owning the crossing or tracks.

Submitting the Application

After completing the application, please send the original to:
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
Attention: Grade Crossing Protective Fund
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
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PO Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

A signed application may be filed electronically at records@utc.wa.gov. When filing electronically, please specify “Grade Crossing Protective Fund” in the subject line.

Assistance

For questions or assistance, please contact:

- Mike Turcott at (360) 664-1119 or mike.turcott@utc.wa.gov
- Lori Halstead at (360) 664-1262 or lori.halstead@utc.wa.gov