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**GRADE CROSSING PROTECTIVE FUND
2019 – 2021 GRANT APPLICATION
IMPROVEMENTS AT PUBLIC PASSIVE RAILROAD CROSSINGS**

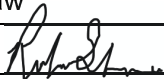
The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC), through its Grade Crossing Protective Fund (GCPF), provides grants for projects that eliminate or mitigate public safety hazards at railroad crossings and along railroad rights-of-way in Washington State. As part of this emphasis the UTC is also committed to improving safety at public, passively-protected railroad crossings in Washington.

GCPF funds may be used for purchasing stop signs¹, yield signs, retro-reflective tape, posts (if required), retro-reflective cross buck signs, and emergency notification signs to a maximum of \$250 for each crossing. Under this program, GCPF funds may not be used for labor costs if labor is provided by the applicant with current staff. All installations must comply with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, 2009 edition.

To apply for a grant to improve safety at a passive railroad crossing, complete the following information and submit it and attachments to the UTC.

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

Applicant Information

Applicant Name: Robert Shaw
Signature: 
Organization: Puget Sound and Pacific Railroad
Address: 501 N. 2nd St.
Elma, WA 98541

¹ Replacement signs only. Proposals to install a stop sign at a crossing not currently stop-controlled requires an on-site diagnostic meeting with UTC staff, the railroad and road authority, filing a petition and a UTC order authorizing the installation.

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Project Information

Attach additional sheets as necessary that provide the following:

1. 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 or email address for each (if known).

Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad and parent company Genesee & Wyoming RR

2. A list of each railroad crossing, by USDOT number, street name, and county, where the applicant plans to improve safety. Indicate which type of warning sign or other measure will be installed.

See attached spreadsheet

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

See attached spreadsheet

4. An estimated timeline of the project.

To be completed in November of 2019

5. 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.

Robert Shaw does not have any experience in grant management, however, he does have 6 years of expertise in the Railroad industry and this grant is limited in scope. He has worked with the vendor providing the signs in the past and has done this type of work before but not under grant funding. The 12 crossings in this application can be completed in 2 days once the material is on-hand.

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

Current ENS signs do not meet standard and will all need upgraded. Multiple crossings do not have sign posts and other sign posts have deteriorated. This is a heavily populated area and we are looking to provide the correct signage for the safety of the public and trains. The railroad is willing to put the funds up for the project and apply for reimbursement knowing that not all railroad funds will be returned due to the cost per crossing on some of the crossings will exceed the \$250.00 maximum.

Railroad Commitment

If the applicant does not own the railroad crossing, the applicant must submit the attached Railroad Commitment form signed and completed by the railroad owning the crossing.

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
Lacey, WA 98503
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
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