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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: Michael Beehler
Signature: _____
Organization: Chehalis – Centralia Railroad & Museum
Address: 1101 SW Sylvenus St., Chehalis, WA 98532

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.

Phone: 360-451-2820
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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).

None

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.

USDOT #922998T, Willapa Hills Trail, Lewis County Consolidation of signage onto one post on each side of crossing, placing of new posts to be in compliance with MUTCD requirements for height and distance from pathway and rails, install reflective tape on back and front of posts, and place reflective tape on back of crossbucks
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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.

High Intensity Grade Prismatic Reflective Sheeting “white” 2” X 50 yards \$100.00 +tax
4 - 3/8ths X 3 galvanized hex lag screws #3.00 +tax
Sub-Total: \$128.20 (tax \$10.20 and shipping \$15.00)

2 treated 4x4 posts, one 10 ft at \$20.93 plus tax
and one 12 ft at \$25.11 plus tax
Sub-Total: \$50.37 (includes tax of \$4.33)

Total cost of materials is \$178.57

The railroad will provide the labor for installation.

4. An estimated timeline of the project.

Once approval from the UTC is received the estimated time for completion of project is 14 days. A volunteer crew will be scheduled to make the necessary signage and post installations

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.

The CCR&M has successfully managed five GCPF grants since 2006 and is currently in receipt of a \$149,500 Community Grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce for the repair and rebuild of the #15 steam locomotive.

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

This Hiking Trail is used by visitors to the area and is open to the public 24 hours a day. As the CCR&M operated both day and evening trains it is vital that the signage at the crossing is up to standard and is appropriately installed to be easily seen by pedestrians and bicyclists alike.

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:

- rail@utc.wa.gov

Railroad Commitment

The undersigned represents the Railroad Company in the accompanying GCPF grant application for funding to install a stop sign or yield sign, retro-reflective tape or retro-reflective cross buck signs, posts or emergency notification signs at the named railroad crossings. We have reviewed the application and agree to allow installation of the proposed safety devices as described in the application.

Michael C. Beehler

Printed name of Railroad Representative



Signature of Railroad Representative

President

Title

Chehalis-Centralia Railroad & Museum

Name of Railroad

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