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**GRADE CROSSING PROTECTIVE FUND  
 2021 – 2023 GRANT APPLICATION  
 IMPROVEMENTS AT PASSIVE RAILROAD CROSSINGS**

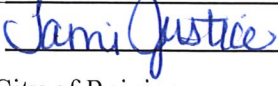
The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC), through the Grade Crossing Protective Fund (GCPF), provides grants for projects that eliminate or reduce public safety hazards at railroad crossings and along railroad rights-of-way in Washington State. As part of this emphasis the UTC is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

GCPF funds may be used for purchasing stop signs<sup>1</sup>, yield signs, retro-reflective tape, posts (if required), retro-reflective cross buck signs, private crossing signs, and emergency notification signs to a maximum of \$600 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: Tami Justice  
 Signature:   
 Organization: City of Rainier  
 Address: PO Box 258, Rainier WA 98576

<sup>1</sup> Replacement signs only. Proposals to install a stop sign at a public 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 summary of the existing hazards at the crossing(s) and how the proposed project will mitigate or eliminate the hazard and improve public safety at the crossing(s).

[The railroad crossing markings at the Centre St. crossing is fading and in disrepair. This grant will give us the resources that we need to repair this crossing marking and make it more visible from a further distance. Since it lies within our truck route, there is significant amount of traffic that it will affect.](#)

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

[N/A](#)

3. 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 and necessary hardware or accessories or other measure will be installed at each crossing.

[USDOT number is: 396735C](#)  
[Located on Centre St. N in Rainier Wa, Thurston County](#)  
[Repaint current markings](#)

4. A cost estimate, including:
- a. An itemized list of the materials and costs per item for each crossing included in the project. (Note: applicants may attach a spreadsheet that meets the requirements of both #2 and #3.)
  - b. Names of parties contributing to the project, including the applicant, and the amount each is contributing.

10 gallons of line striping paint-\$300.00  
Paint supplies ie rollers, pans, brushes-\$100.00

5. An estimated timeline of the project.

This project will be completed by the end of the summer while the weather is still cooperative.

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

City of Rainier has previously received grants from the Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund, the Thurston County Heritage Foundation, and several grants through Association of Washington Cities and Risk Management Services Agency. I applied for and received my first grant in 2016. The Clerk prior to me had applied for grants on the city’s behalf for several years before me. The projects that we’ve completed are the playground

equipment at Wilkowski Park, a facelift for Gehrke Park to include repair and painting of shelter, lighting, benches, and fencing. The historical church received a complete makeover however not all of that cost was covered by the grant, and miscellaneous grants for cameras and lighting at our other parks.

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

[This crossing was repainted last summer by a striping company that did a poor job, and the paint is already faded to the point of barely visible. There is no warranty on this work and therefore the restriping of this crossing will fall on our city staff. This grant will give us the resources needed to purchase the paint and supplies to get this crossing back into adequate condition. This crossing is on our truck route, therefore the amount of traffic on this road is fairly large and the need for a clear crossing is imperative .](#)

### **Railroad Consent**

If the applicant does not own the railroad crossing, the applicant must submit the attached Railroad Consent 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](mailto: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](mailto:mike.turcott@utc.wa.gov)
- Betty Young at (360) 292-5470 or [betty.young@utc.wa.gov](mailto:betty.young@utc.wa.gov)



**Railroad Consent**

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.

Robert Didelius

Printed name of Railroad Representative



Signature of Railroad Representative

General Manager

Title

WRL LLC dba Rainier Rail

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