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## **GRADE CROSSING PROTECTIVE FUND APPLICATION FOR FUNDING**

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission), through its Grade Crossing Protective Fund (GCPF), funds 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 to the commission for GCPF monies.

**Please complete and submit the following information as part of the application process:**

### **Applicant Information**

Applicant Name:	Paula Hoff
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Please list all other companies, organizations or state or local agencies that may be involved in implementing this proposal and the contact name, address and phone number for each.

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

BNSF Railway – Terry Finn, Director Govt. Affairs – 2454 Occidental Ave. South, Seattle, WA 98134. Phone (206)625-6135.

Washington Operation Lifesaver - Bob Boston, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW, Olympia, WA 98504. Phone (360)664-1234.

### **Project Information**

1. *Provide a detailed summary of the hazard being addressed. Include:*
  - *Any information about accidents or incidents at the site.*
  - *Photographs, drawings or other materials that supports the application.*

Approximately 1,370 ft. of high-strength chain link fencing has been installed in Golden Gardens Park from June 2006 to the present for trespass abatement measures. Nine

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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, an additional 710 ft. 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 the proposed project and explain how it will eliminate or mitigate the hazard. Include any drawings or construction plans for the proposed project.*

Construction of high-strength chain link fencing following the railroad tracks through the park will keep the majority of pedestrian traffic away from the railroad right-of-way. This section is located in the main area of the park where numerous trespass trails currently lead to the railroad tracks.

3. *Provide cost estimates. Include:*
  - *Total costs of the project.*
  - *Names of parties contributing to the project and the amount each is contributing.*

710 feet of 6 – foot high 2” 6 gauge fencing (including installation).

4. *Provide the name of the party responsible for long-term maintenance.*  
Seattle Parks and Recreation.

5. *Provide an estimated timeline of project, if approved.*  
Completed by June 30 2008.

6. *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.

7. *Provide any other information the applicant believes would be useful to the commission in considering the project.*

This would be the last section to complete the fencing project within Golden Gardens Park. Washington Operation Lifesaver will also be providing “Danger No Trespassing” signs that will be installed on the completed fencing in the surrounding area to help deter people away from the railroad right-of-way. Education and enforcement activity will so be continued in this area.

8. *If the project involves any construction, modification or demolition on a railroad right-of-way, complete the attached Railroad Commitment form. This includes fencing, gates or other structures located near enough to the tracks to be on the railroad right-of-way, modification to a grade crossing or any other project that involves railroad property or rights-of-way.*

### **Submitting the Application**

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After completing the GCPF application, please send the original to:

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
Attention: Grade Crossing Protective Fund  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW  
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:

- Kathy Hunter at (360)664-1257 or by e-mail at [khunter@utc.wa.gov](mailto:khunter@utc.wa.gov).
- David Pratt at (360)664-1100 or by e-mail at [dpratt@utc.wa.gov](mailto:dpratt@utc.wa.gov).

**Railroad Commitment**

The undersigned represents the Railroad Company in the GCPF application described as (enter a brief description):

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We have reviewed the application and are satisfied the conditions are the same as described by the applicant in this matter. We agree to allow construction, modification or demolition on a railroad right-of-way as described in the application.

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Printed name of Railroad Representative

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Signature of Railroad Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

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Phone

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E-mail

Date: \_\_\_\_\_