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GRADE CROSSING PROTECTIVE FUND 2011 – 2013 GRANT APPLICATION OPEN CALL FOR PROJECTS

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission), 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 to the Commission 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 Commission.

Applicant	<u>Information</u>	l
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Applicant Name:

Signature:

Organization:

Union Pacific Railroad-Portland Service Unit

Address:

4315 E. Sprague Ave Spokane Washington 99212

Phone: 509-570-3480

Email: malt@up.com

Fax: 509-570-3480

Project Information

Attach additional sheets as necessary that provide the following:

Michael A. Alt

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.

- 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.
- 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).
- 4. 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.
- 5. The name of the party responsible for long-term maintenance, such as repair of fencing.
- 6. An estimated timeline of the project.
- 7. A description of how the project's success would be measured.
- 8. Any other information the applicant believes would be useful to the Commission in considering the project.

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 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 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW PO Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

A signed application may be filed electronically at <u>records@utc.wa.gov</u>. 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 email at khunter@utc.wa.gov
- David Pratt at (360)664-1100 or by email at dpratt@utc.wa.gov

Grade Crossing Protective Fund Grant Application Detailed Project Information.

Project Information

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.

The Union Pacific Railroad ("Union Pacific") is applying for a grant to establish a public safety fence in Southwest Whitman County between its right of way and Palouse Falls State Park. Palouse Falls is a big attraction during the spring and summer months that draws thousands of visitors each year due to the spectacular nature of this waterfall. The proximity of the falls to Union Pacific's mainline track presents a safety risk as park visitors explore the area. Union Pacific has worked to be proactive in addressing this risk by posting "No Trespassing" signs and performing educational outreach for the public and the park officials. A public safety fence would further enhance these enforcement and outreach efforts by providing a physical barrier to Union Pacific's mainline tracks.

Union Pacific is proud of the success it has seen with safety fences in other locations, and endeavors to work with local governments to improve rail safety.

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.

We are proposing to construct approximately 1000 feet of fencing in two locations, along with tying into natural barriers that would separate the visitors to Palouse Falls from the railroad right of way. By constructing this fence the general public will be funneled away from the railroad tracks to trail systems within the park to enhance rail and public safety.

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).

The organizations that are and will be involved in this project include the Union Pacific Railroad headquartered in Omaha Ne. Local representatives will be Michael A. Alt, and Jacob Allen 4315 E. Sprague Ave, Spokane Wa, 99212 Phone 509-536-5231, 509-536-5233 respectively. Washington Operation Lifesaver, represented by Bob Boston. Phone 360-664-1264. Palouse falls state park.

- 4. 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.

Over the last year we have attempted to solicit several bids for this project, and were only able to secure two bids for the project due to the remoteness of the location and access to the site on which the fence

will be constructed. One from Rick Franklin Corporation for \$65,515.00, and one from Telecky Custom for \$23,005.78 Please see detailed cost estimate below.

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Union Pacific Railroad

Attention: Jake Allen

RE: Fence installation at Palouse Falls

The following estimate is for the purchase of material and installation of approx. 850' of 6' high chain link fence to be installed at three locations adjacent to the Palouse Falls Park.

In this proposal we have included a hi rail excavator and pull cart capable of handling 40,000 lbs. A track driven rock drill and all fencing materials will be transported to the site by rail from the Joso crossing utilizing this excavator and cart.

Mobilization and Demobilization of equipment and materials \$29,500.00

Materials (galvanized) \$7,230.00

Drilling and Installation \$28,785.00

Total: \$65,515.00

If you wish to use a more decorative black fence material it will cost an additional \$2,600.00

If any additional information is needed, please give me a call at 541-401-4009.

Thank you,

Wade Towery

We have believe that the bid from Telecky Custom Fencing is good and believe the Public Fencing Project should be completed by Telecky Custom Fencing out of Sprague, Washington. Union Pacific will provide flagging services while project is being completed, along with rail transportation for Contractor to and from the job site due to the remoteness of road access to the site. Project will be supervised by Manger of Track Maintenance Jacob Allen, along with Union Pacific Manger of Operating Practices Michael A. Alt.

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

Once installed the Union Pacific Railroad will provide for the long-term maintenance and repair of the fencing project.

6. An estimated timeline of the project.

Once the grant is approved Construction of the fence could begin almost immediately with a desired completion date of June 1st 2014. Timeline could be extended to September 1st if depending on the amount of time it takes for the grant to be approved.

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

Success of this project would be the elimination of park visitors from the railroad right of way. The success of the project can be quantified through visual inspection at peak tourism times, and also by comparing the number of public safety calls to local or Union Pacific law enforcement before and after the fence is installed.

8.) Any other information the applicant believes would be useful to the Commission in considering the Project.

Union Pacific employees have spent time providing educational outreach near the Visitor's Center at Palouse Falls. From this educational outreach, the Public Safety Team began researching additional safety programs that would further its outreach initiatives. The employees of Union Pacific strive to improve their work environment and work with local agencies to identify areas of risk. Approval of this grant and completion of this fencing project would enhance public and rail safety. The Union Pacific realizes that funding is typically up to \$20,000 and if the excess \$3,005.78 is necessary it will be provided by Union Pacific. Thank you for considering this project for possible funding under the Grade Crossing Protective Fund.

Railroad Commitment

The undersigned represents the Railroad Company in the accompanying GCPF application.

We have reviewed the application and are satisfied that 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.

WILLIAM P. MERLWETTER

Printed name of Railroad Representative

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