

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Application of)	DOCKET TR-061559
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OPERATION LIFESAVER,)	ORDER 01
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Petitioner,)	
)	ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR
Requesting Disbursement from the)	DISBURSEMENT FROM THE GRADE
Grade Crossing Protective Fund)	CROSSING PROTECTIVE FUND
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On September 1, 2006, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) sent a “Notice of Opportunity to Apply for Grant Monies from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund” in Docket TR-051633 to various interested parties eligible to apply for Grade Crossing Protective Fund (GCPF) grants.

- 2 On October 6, 2006, Washington Operation Lifesaver filed an application with the Commission, requesting a disbursement of \$20,000 from the GCPF to pay for a project related to migrant worker education.

- 3 Washington Operation Lifesaver (OL) proposes to translate and publish current English-only rail safety presentation materials to Spanish. In addition, it proposes to produce a video public service announcement in Spanish and broadcast it on television and radio.

- 4 The OL program is an important part of the Commission’s rail safety program. Migrant workers, many of whom speak and read only Spanish, do not receive the same safety messages from OL as the English-speaking community. Staff has developed a public education plan with a primary focus on migrant worker safety. The Federal Railroad Administration also lists increased migrant worker safety as a goal in its 2006 work plan.

- 5 Washington Operation Lifesaver seeks \$20,000 to pay for the cost of the migrant worker education. There are currently funds available to pay for the project.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 6 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington having authority to approve and administer disbursements

from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund. *Chapter 81.53.271 RCW and 81.53.281 RCW.*

- 7 (2) The project for which disbursement from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund is sought is eligible for funding consideration under Commission rules and complies with the requirements of RCW 81.53.271 and RCW 81.53.281.
- 8 (3) Commission staff investigated the request based on the review criteria specified in the rules and recommended that it be granted.
- 9 (4) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 8, 2006.
- 10 (5) After examination of the application filed by Washington Operation Lifesaver, Inc., on October 6, 2006, and giving consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission grants the request for disbursement of funds.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11 The request of Washington Operation Lifesaver, proposing to translate and publish current English-only rail safety presentation materials to Spanish and to produce a video public service announcement in Spanish and broadcast it on television and radio, is granted, subject to the following conditions:
- (1) Expenditure from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund must not exceed \$20,000.
 - (2) The work for which the Grade Crossing Protective Fund disbursement was approved must conform to the project description specified in the application.
 - (3) Payment will be made upon presentation of claim for reimbursement for costs incurred and verification by Commission staff that the work has been satisfactorily completed.
 - (4) The project must be completed no later than June 30, 2007.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective November 8, 2006.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary