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## Grade Crossing Improvement Program (GCIP)

Did you know that almost half of all railway-related deaths and injuries result from accidents at crossings?

Transport Canada's GCIP will fund up to 50% of eligible costs of a crossing improvement project to a maximum of \$550,000. Program funds cover the cost of safety improvements only. They do not cover future maintenance costs.

### Who can apply?

Grade crossing owners including road authorities (provinces/territories, municipalities, and band councils) and railway companies can apply.

### What projects are eligible?

Eligible projects must improve a crossing in the interest of safety. The crossing must:

- be on a federally regulated railway line; and
- have been open for public use for at least three years.

### Project examples include:

- Installing flashing lights, bells and gates
- Adding gates or extra lights to existing signal systems
- Improving roadway alignment or grades
- Replacing incandescent light bulbs with LEDs

### Are there GCIP priorities?

Yes. Since program funds are limited, the GCIP assesses applications and gives priority to those that address the greatest safety concerns and present the greatest potential for avoiding deaths, injuries and damage.

When setting priorities, the GCIP considers:

- Number of trains (annual daily average)
- Number of vehicles (annual daily average)
- Maximum train speed
- Maximum road speed
- Existing type of warning devices
- Multiple track crossings
- Width of the travelled portion of the roadway
- Angle of crossing
- A history of accidents

### How are costs shared?

The GCIP funds up to 50% of the eligible costs. Other involved authorities (usually railway companies and municipalities) would divide the remaining costs.

# Grade Crossing Closure Program (GCCP)

Transport Canada provides a \$5,000 grant for closing a private crossing, and \$20,000 for closing a public crossing under federal jurisdiction.

## Who is eligible?

Recipients will be road authorities (provinces/territories, municipality or band council) or private grade crossing owners with rights to a crossing. A railway company cannot receive a grant.

To qualify, recipients must address the impacts of a crossing closure on all vehicle and pedestrian traffic. The closure must not create a potential trespassing situation or a safety concern at other crossings.



## How can I apply?

To learn more, visit these websites:

- GCIP Applicant Guide for Railways  
[www.tc.gc.ca/eng/railsafety/publications-767.htm](http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/railsafety/publications-767.htm)
- GCIP Applicant Guide for Road Authorities  
[www.tc.gc.ca/eng/railsafety/publications-768.htm](http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/railsafety/publications-768.htm)
- GCCP Applicant Guide for Crossing Closures  
[www.tc.gc.ca/eng/railsafety/gccp-guide-799.htm](http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/railsafety/gccp-guide-799.htm)

## Where should I send my application?

Send applications for both GCIP and GCCP to:

Transport Canada  
Surface Infrastructure Programs, Programs Group  
Tower C, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor  
330 Sparks Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0N5  
Attention: Director, Transit and Ontario Projects

Contact us at [railsafety@tc.gc.ca](mailto:railsafety@tc.gc.ca) or at 613-998-2985 should you have any questions.

For more information on rail safety in general, visit: [www.tc.gc.ca/railsafety](http://www.tc.gc.ca/railsafety).