

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

DATE: September, 2015

ITEM: Department Report

FROM: Eugene Vicknair

SUBJECT: **Funding Department**

Grants and Other Fundraising

Our application to the Dailey Foundation for a grant to support archives operations was turned down. I am trying to set up a meeting with one of the directors to review the application and determine how to improve it for next round.

A Union Pacific Foundation grant was submitted, also for archives operations and specifically to support construction on the Archives Research Facility.

Two grants are currently in the works, one for the Sierra Pacific Foundation asking \$20,000 to support restoration work on the WP 165. The other is a grant through Wells Fargo for archives support. I am also reviewing a submission to Trains Magazine, likely to support painting on the WP 1503 as the Trains grant this year is pitched to be the "last dollar" for completing a project.

I am working with Chris Allan on a Kickstarter for the WP 165. The Board had previously approved using Kickstarter for a campaign for the WP SW1 501, however work on the 501 progressed well with funds on hand and a few donations, so that plan was shifted to the 165. Unless there is any objection, I will complete the proposed campaign with input from Chris and we will be seeking a net of about \$30,000.

Year End Fundraiser

I am nearly done with the year end fundraising letter. Hope to have samples at the October meeting for approval.

Amazon Smile

Amazon has a program where you can sign up for a non-profit and have 0.5% of your purchase price go to that non-profit. It is not a lot, but it takes nothing special except initial set-up. The FRRS is an accepted non-profit in the system and I know a couple members have us as their selection, including myself.

I am going to draft a Train Sheet item on this program and encourage the membership to sign up.