

## FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

DATE: February 2026  
ITEM: New Business 5  
SUBJECT: UP Grant and UP 6946 Stairs  
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### **COST FOR PUBLIC RATED STAIRS**

I have been receiving quotes for the stairs that were the main goal of the UP grant for \$5,000 we received at the end of the year. My hope is to have them in place by early April 2026.

So far, the quotes I have been receiving are running \$2,000 to \$3,000 over the grant amount. At the convention, when the grant award was announced, a member offered to donate some of the difference, about \$2,000. I have reached out to that member and am trying to confirm the donation. However there will be other costs to install these, including hardware, a custom bridge piece from the stairs to the 6946 walkway and possibly a concrete pad and walkway to reach the stairs.

I am hoping to donate toward this myself, but I would like the board to authorize up to \$2,500 toward this project to be repaid out of special event and surplus property sales income during the first half of 2026. I will do all I can to keep expenses covered by the grant and donations.

Considering how prominent and popular the Centennial is, I think it is important to get safe, code compliant public access returned to the locomotive as soon as possible.

### **Requested Action**

Provide approval for additional expense on the UP 6946 stairway access project up to \$2,500 to be charged to line item 70031 – Grounds Improvement.