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COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

The Express Lanes Grant Program arises from Transurban's commitment to its customers and the wider community as the operator of Express Lanes in Northern Virginia. Transurban aims to be a "good neighbor and long-term partner" in the region, actively seeking opportunities to address the needs of local organizations and neighborhoods within its operational corridor.

Key aspects of the program's mission include:

- Providing travel choices and congestion relief through the Express Lanes in Northern Virginia.
- Supporting community-led projects that contribute to specific areas of need within the communities surrounding the 95, 495, and 395 Express Lanes.
- Enhancing sustainability, safety, innovation, and inclusion in these areas.
- Empowering local communities, fostering collaboration, and supporting initiatives that align with Transurban's core values.

RULES AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE GRANT PROGRAM

Express Lanes Community Grant Program: Supports organizations in the I-95, I-395, and I-495 corridors, with grants typically ranging from \$1,000-\$5,000.

A. Eligibility

- Applicants must be:
 - Non-profit organizations;
 - Community groups; or
 - Local government entities.
- Projects must be located within Transurban's operational footprint.
- Projects must align with one or more of Transurban's core values/categories:
 - **Sustainability:** Focuses on environmental stewardship and climate resilience, or generally "enhances or protects the environment".
 - **Safety:** Aims at enhancing public safety and wellbeing, or generally "promotes safety".
 - **Innovation:** Involves creative solutions to community challenges.
 - **Inclusion:** Promotes equity and accessibility.
 - **Workforce Development:** Supports initiatives that develop the workforce.
 - **Community Well-being:** Contributes to the overall well-being of the community.

B. Restrictions

- No funding is provided for political, religious, or for-profit initiatives.
- Projects must be completed within 12 months of receiving the grant.
- Grants can only be awarded to an organization once per year.

C. Application Requirements

Interested eligible candidates are invited to submit an application form. The application requires:

- A project description (maximum 1,000 words).
- A budget breakdown.
- A timeline and milestones for the project.
- A community impact statement.
- A letter of support from a local government official.

D. Grant Schedule (Application Deadlines)

Applications are accepted bi-annually, with the following deadlines:

- October 30
- April 30

E. Grant Recipient Responsibilities

To maintain the partnership, grant recipients are asked to:

- **Provide project updates** (specifically, two project updates within six months of receiving the grant payment, and two additional updates within 12 months). These updates confirm that the grant is being used as specified in the application.
- **Coordinate external engagement with Transurban.** This is to recognize the Express Lanes Grant Program and showcase the partnership. Engagement activities may include Transurban's participation in an event hosted by the partner organization, media releases, social media campaigns, and photo opportunities.

Grant winners may also be invited to Transurban in August/September to provide project updates and interact with staff and local officials, recognizing the impact of these funds on local organizations.

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