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Van Grant Applications Due January 10

SHELTON, WA – Mason Transit Authority will continue its Van Grant Program in 2022, donating two used 12-passenger vans to local nonprofits. Groups are invited to apply for a van grant by January 10, 2022.

The Van Grant Program awards surplus transit vans to help solve transportation issues and benefit the Mason County community. The application process is competitive, and nonprofits are chosen based on demonstrated community benefit and the number of trips the vans would provide.

"These vans help hundreds of Mason County residents through our hardworking nonprofit partners. We're pleased to extend our community connections with this program," said Amy Asher, Mason Transit General Manager.

In 2022 the agency will donate two 2006 Ford Econoline 12-passenger vans. Both have about 94,000 miles, automatic transmission and no wheelchair lift.

The vans will be available for inspection after the Pre-Application Workshop on December 29, 2021, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the MTA Conference Room, 790 E. Johns Prairie Road, Shelton.

The Van Grant Program application, selection criteria and other information are available at www.masontransit.org/vangrantprogram/

Those with questions about this program are asked to call Chris Wilder, Operations Coordinator, at 360-432-5754.

<u>Mason Transit Authority</u> serves the Mason County community and connects with area transit systems including Grays Harbor Transit, Intercity Transit (Thurston County), Jefferson Transit, Kitsap Transit, Squaxin Island Transit and Sound Transit, which in turn provides connections to the ferries, Amtrak and Greyhound service. **You can go anywhere from here!** Mason Transit Authority is a partner in the Health & Safety Commitments Program of The American Public Transportation Association.