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Island Transit Launches 2021 Community Surplus Vehicle Program for Non-Profit Agencies

Coupeville, WA -- Island Transit, Island County’s public transit agency, announces its 2021 launch of its Community Surplus Vehicle Program. This relaunch continues Island Transit’s commitment to enhance the quality of life for Island County residents. Begun on April 5, 2002 Island Transit’s Board of Directors approved the first Community Surplus Vehicle Program. The vehicles, originally part of Island Transit’s fleet, will be used to improve equitable access to transportation throughout Whidbey and Camano Islands and strengthen connections in the community. Vehicles in the program were purchased with public funds and have reached the end of their useful transit life. This is a competitive program, averaging over 30 applications in each surplus year, with only 14 vehicles available in 2021. Vehicles not surplused will be auctioned at a future date.

Since its inception, Island Transit has awarded surplused vans and wheelchair lift-equipped paratransit vehicles to qualified 501(c)3 organizations throughout Island County. All qualified 501(c)3 organizations with transportation needs are encouraged to apply. Recipients will be chosen through a competitive process based on how they propose to use the vehicles to serve their communities. Applicants must be prepared to demonstrate current 501(c)3 status. Program materials and documentation are available online www.islandtransit.org.

Interested applicants are invited to preview available vehicles; this is in-person and by appointment only from May 17-21. All safety measures will be in effect including required masks and social distancing. Appointments can be made via email to riley@islandtransit.org. Recipients will be announced to the public on June 22.

Applicants who require assistance with obtaining materials or have questions about the program may contact the main office at 360-678-7771. Completed applications should be emailed to info@islandtransit.org or mailed to: Island Transit, 19758 SR 20, Coupeville, WA 98239, ATTN: CSVP.

Applications must be postmarked no later than June 4, 2021.

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Island Transit serves Whidbey and Camano Islands in Island County. The mission of Island Transit is to provide safe, accessible, convenient, and friendly public transportation services which enhance our Island quality of life.