



SUBMISSION FORM

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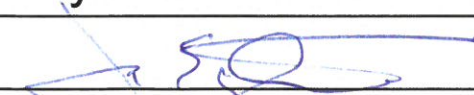
PROGRAM INFORMATION

County: Culpeper County
Program Title: The Culpeper Bike Bus
Program Category: Transportation

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The Culpeper Bike Bus

Executive Summary

Culpeper County in partnership with Culpeper County schools has created a bike education program that not only creates enthusiasm about learning to ride a bike safely, but also seeks to prepare students for walking and biking zones being created for those students living close to their schools. This program benefits students, promotes bike ridership, and acknowledges that the school bus driver shortage is not going away anytime soon. The lack of drivers is causing double routes and longer than normal ride times for our students. Culpeper County Schools are working to create walking/biking zones around the schools but want to ensure that students are prepared to safely bike to school if they live within one of those zones.

Culpeper County Schools were able to take a school bus no longer being used in daily routes and remove the seats in order to accommodate bike racks and storage bins. Culpeper Schools partnered with local foundations as well as the Town and County to design a vinyl wrap for the school bus that would help to promote the program and get students excited when it was their schools turn to have the bike bus bring bikes to their schools. This is an educational component partnered with infrastructure improvements (signage, crosswalks, sidewalks) that will increase the ability for students to walk or ride a bike to school or for recreation in Culpeper County.



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2022 VACO Achievement Award Nomination

Overview

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The Problem

Culpeper County is not unlike many other jurisdictions in that we are facing a shortage of bus drivers. The lack of drivers is causing double routes and longer than normal ride times for our students. Culpeper County Schools are working to create walking/biking zones around the schools but want to ensure that students are prepared to safely bike to school if they live within one of those zones.

Challenge

Culpeper County has purchased a fleet of bicycles to be used to teach bike education and safety in our elementary schools. We needed a way to move the bikes and related safety equipment such as helmets and cleaning supplies from school to school.

Awards Criteria

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Execution

The Culpeper Wellness Foundation in partnership with Culpeper County Schools and Culpeper County applied for and received a grant from the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth that allowed Culpeper County Schools to purchase \$10,000 of bikes, helmets, knee pads, and cleaning supplies. Culpeper County schools supplied a school bus to be used for transporting the bikes from school to school. The PATH Foundation supplied an additional \$7,000 to wrap the bike bus in a custom vinyl design. The Town of Culpeper provided for a local graphic designer to work on the project and a local print shop created the vinyl wrap and installed it on the bus.