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Purple Line Transit Partners Selects 6 Outstanding Organizations to Receive Initial '*Beyond the Rails*' Community Grants

Riverdale, MD – Purple Line Transit Partners (PLTP) has selected six exceptional organizations to receive its initial group of [*Beyond the Rails*](#) community grants. PLTP, the private-sector partner of the Maryland Transit Administration, is the sole funder of the *Beyond the Rails* community grant program.

“We’re excited to provide financial backing to these six remarkable groups, which work tirelessly to make our local communities better places to live, work and play,” said Doran Bosso, PLTP Chief Executive Officer. “Choosing these awardees from the numerous worthy applications we received was not an easy task.”

The grantees are:

1. Art for Education on Reuse and a Sustainable Environment, Community Forklift, Edmonston
2. Envisioning the Purple Line Forum Series, Purple Line Now, Silver Spring
3. Greater Riverdale Thriving Health Fairs, The Metamorphosis Community Project, Riverdale
4. Practical Entrepreneurship Education Program, WETATi Academy, Riverdale
5. Purple Line Walkability Community Outreach, Carole Highlands Neighborhood Association, Takoma Park
6. Youth-Led Community Festival on Flower Avenue, Healing Practice Counseling, Takoma Park

Starting with these grant awards, PLTP will award 12 *Beyond the Rails* community grants annually (i.e., six groups every half-year). The next group of awardees is slated to be selected in mid 2024. PLTP encourages community groups that either did not apply for the initial group of grants or were not selected to apply by completing the [two-page application](#). Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis.

Beyond the Rails grants are valued at between \$1,000 and \$3,000 and community-oriented groups in Montgomery and Prince George’s counties are invited to apply. Successful applications will support organizations or neighborhoods (as opposed to individuals); provide benefits to a community adjacent to the Purple Line corridor; and must be related to the following categories:

- **Community** – Supports the overall wellbeing of neighboring communities (e.g., safety, health, recreation, education); and
- **Environment** – Enhances or protects the natural environment.

As a long-time member of the community itself, PLTP sponsors the *Beyond the Rails* community grant program as a way to give back to communities in which PLTP, in partnership with MDOT MTA, is building the Purple Line and through which it will operate the system for 30 years after opening.

[The Purple Line](#) is designed to provide rapid, convenient transit service between New Carrollton in Prince George’s County and Bethesda in Montgomery County. The east-west line will connect with five branches of Metrorail, three MARC commuter rail lines, Amtrak and a host of bus services. As it supports community revitalization and transit-oriented development, the Purple Line aims to help reduce dependence on auto travel.

PLTP is comprised of majority partner Meridiam and Tikehau Star Infra.

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