NORFOLK SOUTHERN GRANTS
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Effective: September 2023

Who is eligible to apply for the grants?
Eligibility is dependent on the grant type.

- Safety First Grant organizations must align with Norfolk Southern's safety focus area and qualify as a tax-exempt nonprofit organization as either a public 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as listed in the IRS Master File or a state, county or municipal government entity and seeks funding to serve the needs of the community at large

- Thriving Communities Grant organizations must align with one of Norfolk Southern's focus area and qualify as a tax-exempt nonprofit organization based as either a public 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as listed in the IRS Master File, a public or charter school, or state, county or municipal government entity that seeks funding to serve the needs of the community at large

What are Norfolk Southern's philanthropic focus areas?
Norfolk Southern's focus areas can be found here.

How much funding is available per grant recipient?
The Thriving Communities Grant typically ranges from $1,000 to $50,000. The Safety First Grant typically ranges from $1,000 to $15,000.

When are grant applications due?
Applications will be accepted through November 15, 2023 for the 2023 program year.

Can the same organization apply for multiple grants under this program simultaneously?
Organizations are eligible to receive one grant per fiscal year.

Can awarded funds be used for general operating support?
The Thriving Communities Grant is awarded for specific projects or programmatic support. The Safety First Grant is awarded for specific project, programmatic support, or general operating support.

If awarded how soon after the announcement can we except the funds to be disbursed?
Funding for approved grants will be dispersed on a rolling basis. Last payment for the 2023 year will be made mid to end of December 2023.

Are there restrictions on collaborating with other organizations or institutions?
Grant will only be disbursed to the organization that applies but they are not restricted from working with other organizations on a project.

Who can I contact for technical support with my application?
Applicants can select the "Need Support?" link at the bottom of their application or account to request technical support.