ASUA SafeRide: Student Services Fee Grant

**What is the reason for creating/maintaining this program?**

Since 1981, ASUA SafeRide has provided an alternative to walking alone at night. The Student Services Fee funding this year has allowed SafeRide to continue improving campus safety by providing rides to students, faculty, and staff.

The Student Services Fee provides funding for much of SafeRide’s operational expenses. Payroll, app maintenance, and vehicle maintenance are currently the three most significant operational expenditures. Student Services Fee funding has allowed SafeRide to continue providing the exceptional and consistent service of which our passengers rely while also employing UA students in high-risk leadership roles. The stability of the Student Services Fee has also allowed SafeRide to continue its hours of operation of 6:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. from Sunday through Thursday, and 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. on Friday, while also maintaining and expanding its boundaries that extend well beyond campus limits.

**How many students will be directly impacted?**

SafeRide regularly transports over 30 thousand passengers through school’s start in August, to the end of finals week in December. Of these students using SafeRide, many rely on the service for nightly transportation home, to the library, or simply to get groceries.

In addition to these students who are directly impacted, we also employ more than 40 students at any given time. These students are all allowed the opportunity to work a part-time job that has no interference with their school schedule.

**How the success of this initiative will be assessed?**

In the last two years, we have given surveys to our passengers randomly, which give them a variety of questions to evaluate their thoughts on SafeRide services such as boundaries, general satisfaction, and the new app. Some of our results are summarized in Figures 5 and 6, and can also be found on the Office of the Provost Assessment website in the Reports and Summaries. Furthermore, we have begun work to acquire CatCard scanners for our passengers, which will allow us to email and communicate with our passengers more efficiently through that avenue.

**How are you ensuring the longevity of this program?**

SafeRide has a comprehensive training program to ensure that the service fully staffed. Students safety is our number one priority, and therefore, we must ensure that our drivers are well-trained. The longevity of the program will continue due to our well-established functions and keeping up-to-date on the latest trends, such as the adoption of the new app. Additionally, we hope to continue our close partnership with the Student Services Fee to assist us in financially supporting our over 40 student employees. We have greatly appreciated the continual support to our program, and to keeping UA students safe while traveling at night.