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Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation Opens Spring Grant Cycle

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The <u>Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation</u> – the grantmaking arm of Foundation For The Carolinas – recently opened its spring grant cycle. Applications will be accepted from eligible 501(c)3 publicly supported charities through Friday, April 18, at noon.

The Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation (CMCF) recently announced several changes to this grant cycle, including aligning investments to Leading on Opportunity's Opportunity Compass and allowing nonprofits to apply for operating grants. Programspecific requests will continue to be accepted. CMCF will consider applications from organizations that address at least one of the following focus areas:

- Support youth from cradle to career.
- Provide family stability.
- Build social capital.
- Encourage civic engagement.

"While recent research from the Opportunity Insights team indicates that children born in Charlotte have increasing opportunities, and Charlotte no longer ranks 50 out of 50 for economic mobility, our community's sustained investment to ensure economic mobility in Mecklenburg County remains essential," said Federico Rios, senior vice president of the Robinson Center for Civic Leadership at Foundation For The Carolinas. "These grantmaking focus areas reflect our ongoing commitment to this work and our belief that we must invest for the long-term to foster a landscape of economic opportunity for all current and future residents of our community."

A Tool Kit is available to support applicants during the application process. The <u>Tool Kit</u> includes answers to frequently asked questions, a copy of the grant application, and a new scoring rubric that will be used to review applications. CMCF also hosted a virtual information session outlining the priority areas of this grant opportunity, along with the application and review processes. <u>A recording of the virtual information session is now available.</u>

To apply – or for complete criteria – please visit the <u>Online Grants Center</u> and select "Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation" in the Grant Program Name field. Visit <u>www.charmeck-cf.org</u> for a complete list of grants. For more information about the spring grants cycle, contact Nicole Fote at <u>nfote@fftc.org</u> or 704.973.4559.

About Foundation For The Carolinas

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