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Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation Opens Fall Grant Cycle

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

The Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation (CMCF) announced several changes to this grant cycle earlier this year, including aligning investments to Leading on Opportunity's Opportunity Compass and expanding eligibility to include requests for operating support. Program-specific 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. These focus areas for the fall grant cycle reflect CMCF's commitment to fostering a landscape of economic opportunity for all current and future residents of our community.

<u>A Tool Kit is available</u> to support applicants during the application process. The Tool Kit includes answers to frequently asked questions, a copy of the grant application, and the scoring rubric that will be used to review applications. CMCF will also host a virtual information session on Thursday, September 4, at 11:00 a.m. outlining the priority areas of this grant opportunity, along with the application and review processes. <u>Registration is available online.</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 fall grants cycle, contact Nicole Fote at <u>nfote@fftc.org</u> or 704.973.4559.

About Foundation For The Carolinas

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