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An update to the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners
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Mecklenburg Receives Preschool Development- Pay For Success Grant Award

On Dec. 21, the U.S. Department of Education announced new grant awards for fiscal year 2017. Mecklenburg County is one of eight government organizations to be awarded funding under the Preschool Development - Pay For Success (PFS) grant program. The County is receiving \$335,677 for a two-year grant period. The grant proposal was submitted in partnership with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) and other local key stakeholders in the early childhood education arena.

The purpose of the PFS grant is to conduct a feasibility study to determine whether and how the Pay For Success financing structure could be utilized in Mecklenburg County. The study is specifically focused on enhancing CMS' preschool model and increasing the number of educationally and/or economically at-risk four-year-old children served. The program proposed may be known as Public Pre-K in Mecklenburg County (PPKMC).

Pay for Success is an innovative way of partnering with private sector investors and philanthropic stakeholders to provide necessary resources for service providers to deliver better outcomes which are anticipated to produce a high return on taxpayer investments. Through Pay for Success, the government and/or other funding partners agree to pay for concrete, measurable outcomes, and taxpayer funds are spent only when and if those outcomes are achieved.

The County's priorities for the feasibility study include: 1) demonstrating the efficacy of PPKMC with use of existing research and the integration of existing data from the County, CMS and providers; 2) developing outcome measures that can be monetized to taxpayers, funders, and others; and applying performance based contracting to leverage accountable early childhood education innovation and investment.

To lead this feasibility study, Mecklenburg County will be contracting with Third Sector Capital Partners, one of the nation's leading experts on Pay for Success financing. Third Sector, a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization itself, serves as a trusted advisor that leads governments, service providers, funders, and other stakeholders from the early exploration of Pay for Success through feasibility and project construction and to successful launch. Their team brings extensive public and private sector experience in developing innovative financing and contracting for the social sector.

Updates on the project will be provided to the Board during a future Manager's Report and/or in a public policy workshop.

For more information, please contact Anthony Trotman at 980-314-2911
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Annual Budget Retreat Set for Jan. 26-27

The Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners meets for its annual Budget Retreat on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 26 - 27, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., at Goodwill Opportunity Campus, 5301 Wilkinson Blvd. in Charlotte.

The conference is the kick-off event of the FY2018 budget season. The packed agenda for the two-day conference includes briefings on fiscal policies and the financial status of the County.

The Board will also receive briefings from directors who will highlight service delivery and challenges the agencies are experiencing.

The retreat will be broadcast on the Government Channel and streamed online at www.mecklenburgcountync.gov. Live updates will be provided on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Park and Rec and UNC Charlotte Offer Free Health Risk Assessments for Seniors

Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation and UNC Charlotte are partnering to offer free health risk assessments for seniors ages 55 and better at various recreation and senior centers throughout January and February.

The assessment includes a blood pressure evaluation, pulmonary function assessment, movement functional assessment and a body composition assessment. Participants will receive free explanation and a copy of the results as well as referrals to medical care and exercise opportunities. No insurance or copay required.

Assessments will be offered from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the following locations:

- Jan. 18 Bette Rae Thomas Recreation Center
- Jan. 23 Shamrock Senior Center
- Jan. 31 Tyvola Senior Center
- Feb. 10 Southview Recreation Center
- Feb. 15 Mallard Creek Recreation Center
- Feb. 27 North Mecklenburg Senior Center

For more information, contact Trena Palmer at 980-722-2199 or Trena.Palmer@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, Jan. 10, 3 p.m. – BOCC Budget and Public Policy Meeting, CMGC Room 267
- Wednesday, Jan. 18, 5-6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH-14
- Wednesday, Jan. 18, 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber

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