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COVID-19 UPDATE

Click [here](#) for the latest data report. To learn about vaccination sites and COVID-19 related resources, please click [here](#).

County Continues to Accept Applications for ARPA Funds Ahead of Feb. 4 Deadline

Mecklenburg County is still accepting applications from entities and organizations interested in receiving some of the ARPA funds that the County received from the U.S. Department of Treasury in May 2021.

ARPA, which stands for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, provides relief funds to eligible state, local and tribal governments that have been negatively affected by the coronavirus. The purpose of the funding is to support communities hardest hit by COVID-19.

The County is currently requesting proposals for projects geared toward helping the community respond to COVID-19 and its negative economic impacts.

Qualifying projects must:

- Align with the County's COVID-19 Strategic Recovery Plan and its priorities
- Support equitable outcomes for most impacted populations
- Leverage and align with other governmental funding sources
- Make best use of this one-time infusion of resources
- Meet a minimum threshold of \$250K
- Have a lasting impact

The funds can also be used for incurred costs dating back to March 3, 2021. All funding must be obligated by Dec. 31, 2024. Projects using the funds have until Dec. 31, 2026 to be completed.

For more information on Mecklenburg County's Strategic Recovery Plan, [additional eligibility requirements](#)

and the application process, contact ARPA@MeckNC.gov or visit <https://mecknc.gov/COVIDRelief>.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Library to Host Community Event Unveiling New Mobile Library on Jan. 29

The Charlotte Mecklenburg Library will be hosting a community event to introduce County residents to MoLi (pronounced "Molly"), the County's new Mobile Library. The Mobile Library seeks to connect people of all ages to the [Charlotte Mecklenburg Library](#) by making services easily accessible in many of the County's underserved communities.

The 33-foot-long vehicle has a wheelchair lift for accessibility, a side awning for outdoor programming, eight public-use Chromebooks and the capacity to hold up to 2,400 physical materials including books, audiobooks, magazines, CDs and DVDs.

Join Charlotte-Mecklenburg Library staff on Saturday, January 29, 2022, at the Eastway Regional Recreational Center (3150 Eastway Park Drive, 28213) from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., to learn more about MoLi and its services. The event will feature giveaways, tours, story time, a puppet show and more.

For more information, please visit <https://www.cmlibrary.org/mobilelibrary> or contact Marketing & Communications Specialist, Jessica DiGiovanni, at jdigiovanni@cmlibrary.org.

County Manager's Office Launches Environmental Justice Action Plan

Mecklenburg County is the convener of the Environmental Justice Action Plan. Since adoption of the Environmental Leadership Policy and Action Plan in March 2021, the County Manager's Office has been working to bring a consultant on board to assist with the development of a community-centric Environmental Justice Action Plan. This comprehensive plan will serve as a roadmap toward making Mecklenburg County a more environmentally just community.

The Environmental Justice Action Plan will be informed from updated environmental justice data (e.g., demographic, transportation, health outcomes, equitable access to viable resources) as well as feedback from County residents. The County Manager's Office will lead the effort to get input from County residents regarding what they are experiencing as it relates to environmental justice. In addition to seeking feedback from residents to populate the plan, the County Manager's Office is also seeking guidance from the County's Advisory Boards.

Commissioners or members of the public who would like additional information about the Environmental Justice Action Plan are asked to contact Erin Stanforth, Sustainability & Resiliency Manager, at Erin.Stanforth@MeckNC.Gov

Mecklenburg County Government's FY2021 Performance Report Results Available Online

The County's FY21 Performance Report, which provides an overview of accomplishments that have occurred during year two of Mecklenburg County's FY2020-FY2022 strategic business plan, is now available [online](#). The report includes a review of the impact that the pandemic has had on the County, and highlights some of the County's achievements from the past year.

FY2021 Achievements include:

- A 99.22% personal and real property tax collection rate. The rate has been consistently over 99% for the last five fiscal years.
- 786 children served via the County's [MECK Pre-K program](#)
- 97% of individuals served in three of the County's supportive housing programs were stably housed and remained stably housed at the end of the fiscal year.

The report also reveals the pandemic's impact on the County.

- Customer satisfaction surveys went from 216,285 unique responses in FY20 to 120,324 unique responses in FY21 due to closures.
- Active library cardholders decreased from 36% of County households (FY20) to 32% (FY21) because of COVID-19 related closures.
- The Unified Workforce Development retention rate declined from 63% (FY20) to 57% (FY21). The decline was driven by layoffs due to the pandemic and customers concerned about the risks of working.

For more information on the report please contact, Director of Strategic Planning & Evaluation, Dr. Monica Allen, at Monica.Allen@MeckNC.Gov.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Continuum of Care (CoC) Prepares for 2022 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Continuum of Care (CoC) is preparing for the 2022 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count, referred to locally as "EverybodyCountsCLT." The PIT Count is slated to begin on Wednesday, Jan. 26, and is intended to capture the number of people experiencing homelessness in an emergency shelter, safe haven, transitional housing facility, or in an unsheltered location unfit for human habitation.

[Mecklenburg County Community Support Services](#) manages the work of the PIT Count on behalf of the CoC, which is a mandated, annual activity of all Continuums of Care as a condition of receiving federal homelessness assistance from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).

This year's PIT Count will spotlight the issue of [youth homelessness](#). In addition to the new youth-PIT Count, Charlotte-Mecklenburg will complete the unsheltered portion of the PIT count by relying primarily on street outreach, PATH staff, and grassroots organizations already engaged with individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness. In response to COVID-19, the 2022 PIT Count will not utilize volunteers to conduct surveys; however, there are multiple ways individuals and groups can still meaningfully support the homeless service organizations who will shoulder most of the work.

To learn more about the 2022 updates and how to support the PIT Count, please contact, Director of Community Support Services, Stacy Lowry, at Stacy.Lowry@MeckNC.Gov; or visit: www.everybodycountsclt.org.

NEWS RELEASES

- [Mecklenburg County Weekend Service Operations Update](#)
- [Extreme Weather Event - Homeless Shelter Update Jan. 21](#)
- [FY2021 Performance Report Results Available](#)
- [Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners FY2023 Budget Retreat](#)
- [Gibbie Harris Inducted into Order of the Hornet](#)
- [BOCC Regular Meeting January 19](#)
- [Emergency Shelters Demobilizing on Monday, Jan. 17](#)
- [County Delays Opening Due to Winter Weather](#)
- [Extreme Weather Event - Homeless Shelter Update](#)
- [Two New COVID-19 Testing Sites Opening Jan. 17](#)
- [First Budget Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2023 Scheduled for January 19](#)
- [County Hosts Information Session for ARPA Funds - Virtual Option Added](#)

Click [here](#) to view a full list of news releases.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Thursday, Jan. 27 & Friday, Jan. 28 - BOCC Annual Retreat
- Tuesday, Feb. 1 - BOCC Audit Review Committee Meeting, 2:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 1 - BOCC Economic Development Committee Meeting, 3:30 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 1 - BOCC Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 3 - BOCC Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.



Learn about symptoms, testing, medical advice, what to do when you are feeling sick, as well as links to state and local ordinances at [MeckNC.gov](https://www.mecknc.gov).

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