

H&NS eNewsletter: Training & Engagement Opportunities: 02/10/2022



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Upcoming Events and Engagement Opportunities

Attend a Neighborhood Matching Grant Pre-Application Workshop to learn how your neighborhood can receive up to \$25k!

The Neighborhood Matching Grants Program (NMG) awards up to \$25,000 to eligible neighborhood-based organizations to complete projects including art, beautification, signage, festivals, sustainability, safety improvements, community gardens, recreational features and more! Applications are accepted March 1, June 1, and September 1, annually. Organizations match funds received with at least 50% volunteer labor, the remaining match may be in the form of more volunteer labor, cash, or in-kind donations (equipment, supplies, professional services, etc.). Participation in a pre-application workshop is required.

To get started, attend one of the following virtual workshops or view the workshop presentation and program guidelines online at www.charlottenc.gov/nmg. [Register for a workshop here](#).

- Thursday, February 16, 6 - 7 p.m. Presentation (with Q&A after)
- Friday, February 18, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Presentation (with Q&A after)

Applications are now open for the 2022 Placemaking Grant and Placemaking Creative Pool

The City of Charlotte's Placemaking Program launched in 2018 with the mission of using urban design and placemaking to transform underutilized public spaces into vibrant places for people.

Applications for the 2022 Placemaking Grant are now open!

Charlotte's Placemaking Grant Program provides project funding and technical support to create and enhance community vibrancy, safety, and creative identity through:

- Activating leftover and/or underutilized spaces
- Streetscape improvements
- Art and beautification efforts
- Creating community gathering spaces

Eligible Applicants:

- Neighborhood and homeowners associations
- Community organizations
- Businesses or merchant organizations
- Individuals with written support from the community or private property owners as appropriate
- Applicant groups must be significantly composed of people who live within the City of Charlotte limits

[Find out more and apply for the Placemaking Grant.](#)

In addition, the City is accepting qualifications from local professional creatives (visual artists, performing artists, fabricators, photographers, poets, etc.), teams of creatives, and artist management businesses/organizations for potential inclusion in the Prequalified Creatives Pool (Pool). The Pool will be used to match local creatives on a rolling basis, with opportunities throughout Charlotte.

[Find out more and apply to part of the Creatives Pool.](#)

Applications for both the Placemaking Program and Creatives Pool are due on Friday, March 4.

42nd Annual Police Community Relations Awards

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee is now accepting nominations for the 42nd annual Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police-Community Relations Awards.

The awards recognize officers and work teams from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department who are building positive, problem-solving relationships with individual residents and neighborhood groups.

Residents are invited to submit nominations online at the [Community Relations nominations](#)

[page](#) or by mail.

Nominations by mail should include:

- Name, phone number and email address of the person making the nomination.
- Names of officer or officers being nominated.
- District where the officers work.
- Characteristics that qualify them for an award.

Mail to:

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee
Belmont Regional Center
700 Parkwood Ave.
Charlotte, NC 28205

The deadline for submissions is Friday, March 18.

A subcommittee of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee will review the nominations and select awardees.

Officers selected will be honored at an awards ceremony on May 19 during National Police Week.

The City of Charlotte wants your input on the fiscal year 2023 budget

The City of Charlotte is hosting a series of budget virtual listening sessions to receive input from Charlotte residents concerning fiscal year 2023 budget priorities.

During these sessions, residents will be the first of three sessions that will continue through March 1. During these sessions, residents will be able to engage with staff, learn about the city's budget process and provide real-time feedback on the city's budget priorities. Interested residents who would like to speak directly to city staff during the sessions must complete the listening session sign-up form or contact the City of Charlotte Strategy & Budget Department at strategyandbudget@charlottenc.gov.

Listening sessions will be held on the following dates and times:

- Wednesday, February 16, 6 - 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 1, 6 - 7 p.m.

The sessions will be streamed on the city's Facebook and YouTube pages, as well as the GOV Channel.

Residents also have the opportunity to rank their priorities and share their thoughts by completing the FY 2023 Budget Survey (which is also available in Spanish) and by using the Balancing Act simulator. Balancing Act is a tool that allows residents to test their budgeting skills and balance the more than \$2 billion budget.

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library's Community Read program kicks off March 1

Community Read is the Library's month-long effort to have the community read (or listen) to books on current and relevant topics and participate in discussions, book clubs and events hosted by the Library and community partners. The 2022 selected titles explore themes such as gentrification, women's empowerment, immigration and more. The signature title, "Tomorrow's Bread" by Anna Jean Mayhew, is a novel that explores the impact of urban renewal on Charlotte's Historic Brooklyn Neighborhood. Selected companion titles for children and teens are also available.

There are several ways to participate in Community Read, including reading a book, sharing perspectives, attending a program, and engaging on social media.

Visit the [Charlotte Mecklenburg Library website](#) to see a list of featured book titles and related events for all ages.

For your consideration

[Guide to 23 Beatties Ford Road corridor murals](#)

[The Great 28: Black Charlotteans who are shaping our city.](#)

[3 Charlotte streets officially drop names tied to slavery, Confederacy.](#)



Housing & Neighborhood Services

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