

## CARES ACT Funding

Mecklenburg County and City of Charlotte each have areas that are available for funding. Eligible CARES Act funding is available for the areas listed below.

### **Mecklenburg County funding is available to organizations working in the following areas:**

- **Civic Engagement** (e.g. organizations that protect and promote civil rights and the rights of marginalized populations; expand public awareness and understanding of key community issues and prepare people to engage in the democratic process; promote understanding within the community including local, national and international audiences).
- **Education** (e.g. organizations that provide educational programming within the formal educational system or offered as an adjunct to a traditional school curriculum that help students succeed in school, e.g. tutoring, early childhood literacy, special education programming, etc. Individual pre-K-12 schools and post-secondary educational institutions are ineligible.)
- **Environment** (e.g., reduction of greenhouse gases, including renewable energy generation, energy efficiency, green workforce development, transition to low or no emission mobility options; land conservation, water resources, clean water/air, tree canopy preservation, environmental education, wildlife protection, etc.)
- **Health and Human Services** (e.g. organizations that provide a broad array of health and human services programming for individuals and families, which may include health and mental health care, vision and hearing, care for specialized populations, elder services, housing, emergency financial assistance, financial literacy, basic needs to ensure access to food, shelter, safety and financial security.)

### **City of Charlotte funding is available to organizations working in the following areas:**

- **Equity, Inclusion and Social Justice** (e.g. diversity training, social capital, immigrant rights, LGBTQI centers/advocacy, racial justice, re-entry to society, mental health support, food access, job access/workforce development, entrepreneurship opportunities for marginalized groups, legal services, advocacy for the disabled and English Language Learners)
- **Environment** (e.g., reduction of greenhouse gases, including renewable energy generation, energy efficiency, green workforce development, transition to low or no emission mobility options; land conservation, water resources, clean water/air, tree canopy preservation, environmental education, wildlife protection, etc.)
- **Housing and Neighborhood Development** (e.g., Neighborhood alliances & advocacy, community service coordination/collaboration providers, neighborhood associations providing direct services, neighborhood stability and vibrancy, neighborhood youth programs, local economic development, housing rehabilitation, ensuring housing stability, permanent supportive housing, temporary housing, etc.)

- **Safety and Security** (e.g. crime prevention and reduction, including: gun violence prevention, conflict mediation, high risk mental health support, domestic violence reduction, child abuse prevention, sexual abuse prevention, crime prevention through environment design)
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### **Eligible Expenses for the CARES Act funding**

- Employee compensation (including wages and benefits)
- Operating equipment costs or rental (COVID related)
- Business inventory and purchases (COVID related)
- Mortgage, rent or lease payments
- Utilities (excluding Charlotte Water)
- PPE or physical improvements such as plexiglass barriers (COVID related)
- Equipment and supplies for disinfecting, sanitizing, and deep cleaning (COVID related)
- Cost of equipment/technology purchased for COVID-related safety or shift to online programming