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NEWS RELEASE

**\$4 Million in CARES Act Funding Available to Support
Area Nonprofits Impacted by the Coronavirus Pandemic**

City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County Boost COVID-19 Response Fund Efforts

CHARLOTTE (October 28, 2020) – Through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, \$4 million in funds are now available in grants to support critical nonprofit organizations in Mecklenburg County through the COVID-19 Response Fund.

Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte each committed \$2 million of CARES Act funds to support the COVID-19 Response Fund, which is administered through a partnership between Foundation For The Carolinas and United Way of Central Carolinas in close coordination with Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte.

The combined \$4 million will be awarded through a competitive grant application process to nonprofit organizations in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County that are experiencing revenue losses or increases in expenses as a direct result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The application opens at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2020 and closes at noon on Monday, Nov. 9, 2020. Organizations whose grant requests are approved will be notified by 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 20, 2020.

The funding expands the capacity of the local community to respond to the social, health and economic conditions resulting from the coronavirus, helping organizations to remain financially solvent and continue to support individuals and families in need throughout Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

To apply for CARES Act funds, specific eligibility criteria and areas of focus must be met by organizations. Funding areas include:

- **City of Charlotte:** Equity, inclusion and social justice; environment; housing and neighborhood development; safety and security
- **Mecklenburg County:** Civic engagement; education; environment; health and human services

For complete application guidelines and information, visit <https://uwcentralcarolinas.org/grants/caresact>.

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About United Way of Central Carolinas

United Way fights for the education, health and financial stability of every person in our region, improving lives by mobilizing the caring power of local communities in Charlotte/Mecklenburg, Mooresville/Lake Norman, and Anson, Cabarrus and Union counties. For more information, please visit uwcentralcarolinas.org

About Foundation For The Carolinas

Founded in 1958, Foundation For The Carolinas is the sixth-largest nonprofit community foundation in the country, serving donors and a broad range of charitable purposes in North and South Carolina. With assets of \$2.8 billion, FFTC's mission is to inspire philanthropy and empower individuals to create a better community. Visit www.fttc.org