



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Mecklenburg County ABC Board Community Health & Wellness Grant Applications Now Being Accepted

Charlotte, NC—

The Mecklenburg County ABC Board has begun accepting applications for their Community Health & Wellness Grant Program which began on March 1, 2018. Grants will be made to non-profit, tax-exempt, charitable organizations which are exempt under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or to governmental entities such as the State of North Carolina and its agencies, municipal corporations, and political subdivisions of the State.

Funding is available for education, prevention, treatment or research of alcohol or substance abuse (substance use disorder) per Chapter 18B-805 (h) of the North Carolina General Statutes. Organizations applying for any grants must be located in Mecklenburg County and funding is restricted to programs that provide services to Mecklenburg County residents. Annual grants are awarded in any amount up to \$100,000 and multi-year grants are awarded in any amount up to \$200,000 at the discretion of the Board. Applications will be accepted online until March 31, 2018 and can be found on the Board’s website: www.meckabc.com under the *Community Outreach* menu tab.

For over 70 years, the Mecklenburg County ABC Board, through NC General Statute 18B-805, has returned over \$84,053,951 in profits back to the community for alcohol and substance abuse (substance use disorder) education, prevention, treatment and research. Funds for the grant program come from the sales of distilled spirits in Mecklenburg County.

The Mecklenburg ABC Board is an independent political sub-division of the state authorized to sell distilled spirits. No state or local tax dollars fund ABC operations; however, system profits return to Mecklenburg County (including incorporated towns), the City of Charlotte and the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library.

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