



## **MECKLENBURG COUNTY ABC BOARD ANNOUNCES GRANT AWARD RECIPIENTS**

*Community Health & Wellness Grant Program invests \$1 million  
into 26 local non-profit organizations on 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Board*

CHARLOTTE - The Mecklenburg County Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board announced it will provide grants to 26 local non-profit organizations in the Charlotte area in support of the education, prevention, treatment and research of alcohol and substance abuse. Through the Small, Annual and Renewal Grant Programs, the Board is investing a total of **\$1 million** to assist the citizens of Mecklenburg County and improve their quality of life.

For 75 years, the Mecklenburg County ABC Board has invested in community partners supporting alcohol & substance use education, prevention, treatment, and research. Since the Board's inception, it has returned \$102,916,741 through FY21 to local nonprofits and through alcohol education. September 25 marks the official 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary date of the Mecklenburg County ABC Board.

"The Mecklenburg County ABC Board is proud to invest \$1 million into the-community organizations and their unique and impactful programming focused on the education, prevention, treatment and research of alcohol and substance abuse," Keva Walton, CEO of the Mecklenburg County ABC Board, said. "As we commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Board, I want to personally acknowledge the incredible work of our grant recipients as well as our community volunteer program and financial evaluators who graciously give their time to support this important community program."

Through its Community Health & Wellness Grant Program, the Mecklenburg ABC Board provides grant funding to eligible non-profit organizations and state entities, supporting programs that focus on alcohol and substance abuse education, treatment, and prevention. Current community partners provide a wide array of programs and services to improve the health and well-being of county residents.

Community volunteer program evaluators and financial evaluators were tapped for the evaluation process, bringing a wealth of knowledge, expertise, and diversity to the process and drive robust discussion.

See below for a breakdown of this year's grant award recipients:

*The **Small Grant Program** allows smaller nonprofits the opportunity to receive a grant and create a new partnership with the ABC Board.*

- **100 Black Men of Charlotte**
- **Healthy Charlotte Alliance, Inc.**
- **A Better World**
- **Thrive Global Project**
- **Changed Choices, Inc.**
- **Supportive Housing Communities**
- **Charlotte Community Services Association @ First Baptist Church-West**
- **RunningWorks, Inc.**

*The **Annual Grant Program** is a long-standing opportunity for funding through new and innovative programming by the organization.*

- **Safe Alliance**
- **Dilworth Center**
- **Carolina Youth Coalition**
- **Charlotte Rescue Mission**
- **Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center Foundation**
- **Center for Prevention Services**
- **Carolinas CARE Partnership**
- **Care Ring**
- **The C. W. Williams Community Health Center, Inc.**

*The **Renewal Grant Program** focuses on previous grantees and supports its trusted partners.*

- **Dilworth Center**
- **Mental Health America of Central Carolinas**
- **Roof Above**
- **Teen Health Connection, Inc.**
- **Care Ring**
- **BraveWorks**
- **Hope Haven, Inc.**
- **Hope Community Clinic**
- **Florence Crittenton Services, Inc.**

#### **ABOUT MECKLENBURG COUNTY ABC BOARD:**

The mission of the Mecklenburg County Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board is to manage the sale of distilled spirits by promoting excellence in customer service, fiscal responsibility, operational effectiveness, compliance with laws that govern the sale and use of alcoholic beverages and creating community partnerships to improve public health and safety. A self-sustaining entity, the Mecklenburg County ABC Board is not a government organization - it is a stand-alone organization formed by state law, independent of the county or city and its operations are completely funded by customer purchases and store profits. For more information, please visit [www.meckabc.com](http://www.meckabc.com).