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Announcements

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Request for Board Action:

- 1. Durham County Nonprofit Agency Funding Program** - Durham County will begin accepting applications for its new COVID-focused nonprofit funding program October 15, 2020, this coming Thursday. The 18-month program, which runs January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, will seek funding proposals from nonprofits that address both COVID response and recovery issues, as well as plan for stronger, more equitable systems in the aftermath of COVID, across three strategic target areas (Food Security; Child, Youth, and Family Wellness; Workforce Development).

The County will open the application process on Thursday, Oct. 15, with submissions due on Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020. Awards will be announced in early January. Recipients of funds will meet with County staff to finalize a quarterly report template, including a list of activities, deliverables, and performance measures.

The County will hold two information sessions about the new process via Zoom videoconferencing on the following dates:

- Tuesday, October 20 from 7 to 8 p.m.
- Thursday, October 22 from 11 a.m. to noon

Please use the following link to the county Budget Web page for more details:

<https://www.dconc.gov/government/departments-a-e/budget-management-services/non-profit-agency->

If you have questions about this process, including eligibility or application procedures, please contact Anna Hawksworth in the Durham County Budget Office at ahawksworth@dconc.gov
<<mailto:ahawksworth@dconc.gov>>

- 2. New 2020 Census Deadline** - The deadline for the 2020 Census is October 31st. Time is running out and we need everyone to be counted to ensure that Durham County receives our fair share of federal funds for the next 10 years for education, transportation, medical services, housing and more. As you know, traditional Census activities were interrupted by the pandemic, but we must pick up the pace. We need every household to respond.

If you have not responded please do so today, it only takes 10 minutes to complete the Census online, or you may simply use your smartphone and call 844-330-2020 for English or 844-468-2020 for Spanish.

To complete online, please visit www.2020census.gov <<http://www.2020census.gov>>

3. **Early Voting Begins on Thursday, October 15th** - For a complete list of early voting locations, dates and hours, please visit www.dcovotes.com <<http://www.dcovotes.com>> or call 919-560-0700
4. **Health Equipment Loan Program (HELP)** - Are you a Durham County resident in need of durable medical equipment? If so, Project Access will **LOAN** durable equipment (walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, etc.) every Tuesday from 10am - 2pm and Friday from 1pm - 5pm at 4206 N. Roxboro St, Suite 100.

You must provide proof of residency when picking up equipment. For more information, please call 919-748-1022, email at help@projectaccessdurham.org <<mailto:help@projectaccessdurham.org>> or visit their website at www.projectaccessdurham.org <<http://www.projectaccessdurham.org>>

5. **Durham Seeks Feedback on the Transit Plan** - the Durham Transit Plan is re-examining the 2017 Durham County Transit Plan in light of the discontinued Durham-Orange Light Rail project and would your feedback on how to use the transit funds.

Online surveys are available until November 20, 2020 in English and Spanish by visiting www.engagedurham.com/durham-county-transit-plan/ <<http://www.engagedurham.com/durham-county-transit-plan/>>

6. **Coronavirus Economic Support for Families: Extra Credit Grant Program** - Most NC families with children ages 16 or younger are eligible for a \$335 COVID-19 relief payment. Eligible families will receive the payment automatically, however; if you did not file a 2019 state tax return, you may qualify if you apply before October 15, 2020.

For more information, please visit www.ncdor.gov/extracredit <<http://www.ncdor.gov/extracredit>>

7. **NC launches fund to help small business adversely impacted by pandemic** - A new grant program called RETOOLNC is available to help North Carolina historically underutilized Businesses (HUB) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms impacted by COVID. Additionally, NC Commerce has resources to support mortgage and utility and rent assistance to firms that experienced extraordinary disruptions through the MURR Mortgage Utility and Rent Relief Program. To learn more about these programs please go to:

<https://www.nccommerce.com/grants-incentives/disaster-recovery/mortgage-utility-and-rent-relief-murr-and> and <https://ncadmin.nc.gov/businesses/hub> <<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fncadmin.nc.gov%2Fbusinesses%2Fhub&data=02%7C01%7Cmtoomer%2F>>

8. **EAT NC Delivers DPS School Meals** - If your DPS Student is attending school at home and you are unable to pick up school meals from a DPS site, please sign up for EAT NC's weekly home meal deliveries by visiting www.eatnorthcarolina.org/dpsschoolmeals <<http://www.eatnorthcarolina.org/dpsschoolmeals>>

This work is made possible by Durham County Government and a growing list of businesses, organizations and people. To support his effort, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/drivemeals>

9. **DCHC MPO Seeks Comments on U.S. 15-501 Corridor Study** - The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro

Metropolitan Planning Organization is now seeking public feedback on their proposed study for the corridor. This study identifies future highway, transit, bicycle, pedestrian and other transportation improvements along U.S. 15-501.

Those interested in submitting comments can do so on Wednesday, October 14th beginning at 9 a.m. during the public hearing. Please contact Andrew Henry by phone at 919-560-5366 ext. 36419 or by email at andrew.henry@durhamnc.gov <<mailto:andrew.henry@durhamnc.gov>> for more information.

- 10. Durham Announces Halloween Safety Guidelines** - Because of COVID-19, traditional activities like trick or treating, indoor events, and large gatherings are strongly discouraged and considered high risk.

The City of Durham and Mayor Steve Schewel have shared Halloween Safety Guidelines for the Durham Community which can be found by visiting www.durhamnc.gov <<http://www.durhamnc.gov>> (COVID-19 Updates and Resources Section).

- 11. COVID Friendly Trunk or Treat** - Please join Central Piedmont Community Action for their 4th Annual CSBG Family Fun Day on October 23, 2020 from 2pm - 4pm on 1007 Broad Street.

This is a FREE outside event and face coverings are REQUIRED. For additional information, please contact Allexus Porter at 919-797-0888 or by email allexusp@cpcanc.org <<mailto:allexusp@cpcanc.org>>

- 12. NC MOVES 2050** - The NC Department of Transportation wants your feedback for the NC Moves 2050 plan - an update to the state's long-range transportation plan. To learn more about NC Moves 2050, please visit www.ncmoves.gov <<http://www.ncmoves.gov>>. Persons who do not speak English or have limited ability to read, speak or understand, please call 7-800-481-6494.

- 13. COVID-19 Assistance for Farmers Market Operators and Local Food Hubs** - A total of \$750,000 will be available from federal COVID-19 funds to assist with losses from reduced number of vendors, plus offset additional expenses associations with PPE, handwashing stations and other COVID educational materials.

The deadline to apply is Thursday, October 22 and details can be found at www.ncarg.gov <<http://www.ncarg.gov>>