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**Item:**  
**Announcements**

**Date of BOCC Meeting: October 26, 2020**

**Request for Board Action:**

1. **Early Voting Begins on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** - For a complete list of early voting locations, dates and hours, please visit [www.dcovotes.com](http://www.dcovotes.com) <<http://www.dcovotes.com>> or call 919-560-0700
2. **Durham Youth: Cast Your Ballot with Kids Voting Durham!** - Everyone has a voice, including kids. Youth under 18, may cast their vote by visiting [www.kidsvotingdurham.org/elections/](http://www.kidsvotingdurham.org/elections/) <<http://www.kidsvotingdurham.org/elections/>> on or before November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
3. **Webinar on Special Education Services** - Join Durham County Cooperative Extension as they host special education experts and advocates for a webinar on special education resources for children in Durham and North Carolina. The webinar will take place on October 29 from 6-7 p.m. on Zoom at <<https://go.ncsu.edu/ecwebinar>>

For more information, contact Christa Gibson at [cgibson@dconc.gov](mailto:cgibson@dconc.gov) <<mailto:cgibson@dconc.gov>>

4. **HOPE Program Aims to Help Prevent Evictions and Utility Disconnections** - The Housing Opportunities and Prevention of Evictions (HOPE) Program is now accepting applications from low- and moderate income renters experiencing financial hardships due to COVID-19.

Renters can call 2-1-1 to get started or visit [www.nc211.org.hope](http://www.nc211.org.hope) <<http://www.nc211.org.hope>> for more information. Applications can be found on the website in both English and Spanish.

5. **Welcome Baby Giving Closet** - Welcome Baby Giving Closet needs girls and boys winter clothes sizes newborn - 7/8. Please drop off your donations at 721 Foster Street on Mondays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Please make sure clothes are washed for everyone's safety due to COVID. For more information, please contact Patience Mukelabai at 919-560-7392 or by email at [pmukelabai@dconc.gov](mailto:pmukelabai@dconc.gov) <<mailto:pmukelabai@dconc.gov>>

6. **Durham County Nonprofit Agency Funding Program** - Durham County began accepting applications for its new COVID-focused nonprofit funding program on October 15, 2020. 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 application process opened 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.

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) <<mailto:ahawksworth@dconc.gov>>

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->  
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- 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)  
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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. 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) <<http://www.durhamnc.gov>> (COVID-19 Updates and Resources Section).

- 10. 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) <<http://www.ncmoves.gov>>. Persons who do not speak English or have limited ability to read, speak or understand, please call 1-800-481-6494.