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MECKLENBURG COUNTY ABC BOARD DISTRIBUTES \$1.1 MILLION TO THE CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG LIBRARY

Charlotte, NC – August 15, 2022 - The Mecklenburg County Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board approved an additional distribution of \$263,158 to the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, bringing the total to \$1.1 million for FY22. As one of the largest unrestricted revenue sources for the Library, ABC contributions have historically been used for critical operating expenses that are at the core of helping serve the residents of Mecklenburg County.

“Contributions from local organizations like the Mecklenburg County ABC Board are vital to the operations of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library,” said Library CEO Marcellus Turner. “These additional funds will strengthen the Library’s budget in the coming year, allowing us to invest in a variety of items, including books, electronic materials, website enhancements, technology within Library branches, enhanced programming both within and outside of branches, staff development, and more. Ultimately, all support from the ABC Board helps the Library to achieve our mission to improve lives and build a stronger community.”

Funds such as those invested by the Mecklenburg County ABC Board allow the Library to extend its reach in the community and positively impact the lives of Mecklenburg County residents. Many of these investments likely impact the entire community as they are spread across 20 physical library branches as well as digital and electronic resources.

“Since inception, the Mecklenburg County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board proudly invests in the community critical work consistently delivered by the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library,” Mecklenburg County ABC Board CEO Keva Walton, said. “The Board believes in being ‘socially responsible and community invested’. The Charlotte Mecklenburg Library system is an exceptional example for all Mecklenburg County citizens.”

A total of \$500,000 of the ABC allocations – \$100,000 a year between FY2021 and FY2025 – will be used to support the Library’s CommonSpark campaign. The CommonSpark is a public-private partnership to infuse \$143 million into improving lives and building a stronger community in Mecklenburg County. Funds contributed to this campaign will be used to impact the New Main Library; The Library’s Administration Center; Technology, Innovation, and Programming; Endowment for the Future; and Annual Library Operating Support.

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ABOUT CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG LIBRARY:

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library is one of America’s leading urban public libraries, serving a community of more than one million citizens in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Through 20 locations, targeted outreach and online, the Library delivers exceptional services and programs, with a mission to improve lives and build a stronger community. For more, visit cmlibrary.org.

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.

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