



CLT250 Neighborhood FUN Grant

*The City of Charlotte North Carolina was founded in honor of Her Majesty Queen Charlotte of Mecklenburg on December 3, 1768. Charlotte's 250th anniversary (CLT250) is a time to recognize our history, commemorate our spirit of independence and celebrate our bright future ahead. CLT250 commemorative events are being hosted throughout the year, we're excited to offer the **CLT250 Neighborhood FUN Grant** to extend the celebration inside Charlotte's neighborhoods.*

The **CLT250 Neighborhood FUN Grant** (FUN Grant) provides up to \$750 to support neighborhood celebrations that honor Charlotte's 250th anniversary. Events may be CLT250 themed, or feature a CLT250 component within an otherwise planned neighborhood event.

Eligible events include CLT250 celebrations, National Night Out (NNO) festivities, community days, cultural events, neighborhood festivals and parades, back to school events, holiday celebrations, movie nights and more. In addition to funding, grantees will receive celebration kits containing t-shirts, sunglasses, coloring pages and other branded items to support the CLT250 theme, while supplies last.

Who Can Apply?

- Any neighborhood within Charlotte's city limits who is registered on the [Neighborhood Organization Contact List \(NOCL\)](#). To register for NOCL visit Charlottenc.gov/NOCL, or call (704) 336-4594.
- The application deadline is **Wednesday June 5, 2019** at 11:59 pm, funded events must occur between July 1 and December 31, 2019.

Eligible Expenditures:

- Awarded neighborhoods will receive grants of up to **\$750**, eligible expenditures include:
 - food and refreshments
 - event supplies
 - signage, banners & flyers
 - branded items
 - entertainment (including speakers, musicians, performance art, muralists, etc.)
 - community art
 - placemaking features

Ineligible Expenditures:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Items purchased before grant approval
- Items purchased for personal use



Holiday Celebrations



Heritage Festivals



Community Picnics



NNO and MORE!

How to apply:

1	Plan Event(s) - work with your neighbors to select and plan the event(s) to be funded. Think creatively about how CLT250 will be featured as part of your event(s).
2	Prepare Budget Worksheet - gather cost estimates for non-food proposed expenditures. Download and complete the CLT250 Neighborhood FUN Grant budget worksheet at charlottenc.gov/HNS/CE/NMG/Pages/CLT250-Neighborhood-FUN-Grant.aspx .
3	Sign-in or Create Account – access the online grants portal by clicking “Apply Online” at charlottenc.gov/HNS/CE/NMG/Pages/CLT250-Neighborhood-FUN-Grant.aspx . Existing grantees may use current credentials, new users click “Create New Account” to login.
4	Complete CLT250 Neighborhood FUN Grant Application - once logged in select “CLT250 Neighborhood FUN Grant.” Applicants unable to apply online may contact Trent at Trenton.huntley@charlottenc.gov or 704-336-4594 to request support or alternative options.
5	Submit – submit the application by 11:59 pm on Wednesday June 5th .

Requirements & Considerations:

- FUN Grants will be awarded on a first come first considered basis, with priority given to geographic distribution. At least 40 grantees are expected, while funds last.
- FUN Grants are limited to one application per organization and **can be** concurrent with other grants.
- Multiple events may be funded within one application, with a maximum total request of \$750.
- Applicants are encouraged to feature CLT250 creatively, and to inspire diverse event participation.
- Grant funds aren’t awarded in advance; funds are released as reimbursement via the submission of invoices including receipts for approved items.
- An event summary including number of attendees and event photos featuring the CLT250 theme is required for final reimbursement. Social media use of #CLT250FUN and #CLT250 is encouraged.

CLT250 Neighborhood FUN Grant - Online Application Questions:

1. Name of event(s)
2. Applicant’s name
3. Neighborhood organization name
4. Describe how the CLT250 theme will be celebrated and featured as part of your event (*examples could include but are not limited to 250, queen or crown décor or favors, a birthday cake, 250 hotdogs served, 250 second race, 250 best wishes for your neighborhood, 250 invitees, 250 volunteer hours contributed, 250 cans collected for donation, happy birthday Charlotte sing-along, 250 recipes shared, 250 high fives given, 250 lights on for NNO*)
5. Please list any additional neighborhoods to be invited (if applicable)
6. Upload budget worksheet
7. Upload cost estimates for non-food proposed expenditures

For questions about [CLT250 Neighborhood FUN Grants](#), Neighborhood Matching Grants, or other neighborhood opportunities, please contact Trent at Trenton.huntley@charlottenc.gov, or 704-336-4594