

Project Grants Available from Community Relations Council

The City of Hickory Community Relations Council (CRC) is currently seeking projects to fund for the 2024-2025 fiscal year and is inviting qualified groups or individuals to consider submitting grant requests.



PROJECT GRANTS

Application Deadline: October 10

"Hickory is one of the most generous cities in North Carolina. The Community Relations Council is honored to support the organizations that give back to the community. For over 60 years, the CRC has provided grant awards to the Hickory community," said Phyllis Michaux, chair of the CRC.

Non-profit agencies, churches, institutions, schools, and individuals are invited to submit their programs for consideration. Applications are reviewed twice per year, in the spring and the fall. The deadline for submitting for the CRC's Fall 2024 grant cycle is Thursday, Oct. 10, at noon. Applicants may include any 501(c)(3) or otherwise tax-exempt organizations.

Priority will generally be given to projects designed to deliver the greatest impact on positive human relations, that are most effective in bringing different sub-communities of Hickory together, and that provide services and resources to the people who can most benefit. Agencies are encouraged to partner with each other to avoid duplication of services and to maximize efficiency in delivering needed services.

Grant application forms are available on the City of Hickory's website at www.hickorync.gov/community-relations-council, or by contacting staff liaison Captain Philip Demas with the Hickory Police Department at 828-261-2608 or pdemas@hickorync.gov.

Urgent Repair Program



Does your home need urgent repairs or accessibility improvements? Is your household income less than 30% of the statewide median income, which is \$26,600 for a family of four? The City of Hickory's Urgent Repair Program can help! This program for Hickory residents provides forgivable loans to homeowners of up to \$12,000 to households with special needs. Program funds may be used for home repairs or accessibility improvements that are required to avert the displacement of the homeowner. Examples include heat system replacement, plumbing repairs, repairs of electrical wiring, and roof repairs. For more information, contact the Community Development Division at 828-323-7414.

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76 North Center Street

WEBSITE

HickoryNC.gov

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828-323-7400

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HICKORY CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, October 18 & 15
6 p.m.

Julian G. Whitener
Municipal Building (City Hall)
HickoryNC.gov



OWL PROWL NIGHT WALK

Friday, October 4
7-9 p.m.

Registration Required
Hickory City Park
Hickory.RecDesk.com

CATAWBA RIVERSWEEP

Saturday, October 5
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Registration Required
Geitner Park
CatawbaRiversweep.org

THE AUTOLAWN

Saturday, October 5
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

SALT Block Lawn
HickoryArt.org

OKTOBERFEST

October 11-13

Downtown Hickory
HickoryOktoberfest.com

GREAT TRAILS STATE DAY

Saturday, October 19

TRICK OR TROT 5K

Saturday, October 19
9 a.m.

Highland Recreation Center
RunSignUp.com

TRUNK OR TREAT FALL FESTIVAL

Friday, October 25
5-8 p.m.

Brown Penn Recreation Center

HickoryEventsCalendar.com



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Miracle of Hickory Park Playground

The City of Hickory and the Rotary Club of Hickory held a ribbon cutting on Aug. 12 to celebrate the new playground at Miracle of Hickory Park.

In November 2023, the Rotary Club of Hickory donated \$150,000 to the City of Hickory to go toward enhancements at Miracle of Hickory Park. The City of Hickory matched the Rotary's donation to purchase and install new playground equipment for the park.

The new playground provides a variety of physical, social, and sensory experiences for park visitors. With different zones of play offering multiple levels of challenge, the thoughtfully designed play space features inclusive elements such as adaptive swings, a wheelchair accessible glider, cozy spaces, and specially engineered slides. Come check it out!

Miracle of Hickory Park, also home to the Hickory Music Factory, is located at 1515 12th St Dr NW in Hickory.



Oktoberfest Returns Oct. 11-13

Hickory Downtown Development Association organizes a three-day outdoor festival called Oktoberfest to celebrate Hickory's German heritage. A tradition started back in 1985, Oktoberfest is hosted in downtown Hickory during the second weekend in October. Hickory Oktoberfest has grown to become one of the premier festivals in Western North Carolina.

This year's Oktoberfest will feature live music entertainment, a KidsFest area, beer tents, food and craft vendors, and more! Festivities begin on Friday, October 11, with food vendors serving lunch at noon and the official opening of the festival at 5 p.m. Oktoberfest fun will continue Saturday and Sunday, October 12-13. Visit www.hickoryoktoberfest.com for event hours and more details for each day.

