Interested program providers must clearly state in their proposal how the programming responds to the themes through the integration and/or expression of art, science, history, and heritage. Sometimes, listening is the best plan of action, and so Culture Blocks came to be. Dedicated to building stronger relationships with specific geographic areas, Culture Blocks helps vibrant programming meet people exactly where they are: in the recreation center, at the library, and beyond. Below is a list of community feedback on important themes for which art, science, history and heritage programming could respond.

**Block 1 - Northwest**

*Northwest Charlotte bordered by Rozzelles Ferry and Beatties Ford roads and Freedom Drive and State Street*

- Public Art/Beautification Created by the Community
- Music Programs (reading & playing music, music history, music concerts in diverse languages, symphony performances, music in the park, jazz & Nina Simone Day)
- Dance Programs (for children and teens, to include African, Latin American, Multicultural, Hip-Hop, Ballet & Modern dance)
- Performing Arts (dance performances, musicals, plays & concerts)
- Visual Arts (ceramics, art, exhibits in the park & crafting)
- Cultural Education (diverse programs on food exploration & crafting with different cultural techniques)
- History (preservation & celebration, culinary history & local musicians paying homage to NC musicians)
- African-American Heritage (to include documenting the contributions that local African-Americans have made)
- Community Development (address gentrification issues, corridor revitalization & creative placemaking)
- STEAM Programs
- Teen/Youth Cultural Education Programs (to include music, visual art, dance & STEAM)
- Festivals/Block parties

**Block 2 - North End / Sugar Creek / Hidden Valley**

*North of uptown Charlotte along North Graham and North Tryon streets, Statesville Avenue and Sugar Creek Road*

- Music Programs (jazz, gospel, symphony in the park, live shows, drumming, steel drum & music classes)
- Spoken Word/Poetry Slams
- Performing Arts (theatre, musicals, plays, workshops and classes for acting and writing)
- Visual Arts (art and craft workshops, classes & exhibits)
- Cultural Education (multicultural programs that showcase a variety of cultures, language classes & dance workshops)
- Senior Programs (art, dance, theatre/drama, music, with transportation support & day trips)
- Public Art/Beautification Created by Youth & Teens in the Community
- Programs for Children/Youth/Teens (film/documentary workshops, dance, art and STEM classes, music lessons, cultural education, summer camps/programs & youth mentorship)
- Block Parties/Street Festivals/Community Events (in neighborhood & at the park)
- STEM/Nature Programs (to include community gardens)
- Health & Wellness (exercise, Tai Chi, community walks)
- History and Heritage (neighborhood focused, oral history & African-American heritage programs)
Block 3 - East
East Charlotte along the Central Avenue corridor, Independence Boulevard and Hickory Grove Road

• Multicultural Programs (learn about & celebrate the heritages of the different cultures in the community, including African, Asian, Latin American & Native American groups, music/dance events, culinary education, bus tours)
• Performing Arts (music and dance shows/classes)
• Music Programs (Native American and African drumming & singing workshops)
• History (to include African-American history and culinary history)
• STEAM Programs
• Visual Art (exhibitions to get to know and celebrate local artists, mural making, traveling art exhibits, international film screenings & art classes)

• Cultural Education (for teens/youth, summer camps, arts and cultural programs in the park)
• Multicultural Festivals in Neighborhoods or Parks
• Health & Wellness (to include art for healing/therapy, yoga)
• Senior Programs (exercise, dance, arts & crafts classes, day trips to see plays & community trips)

Block 4 - West
West of uptown between South End and the airport

• Public Art/Beautification Created by the Community
• Cultural Education (for teens/youth to include life skills, trips to museums, cultural & art camps, employment & training skills for all ages, art technique, music history & hymns, languages)
• Festivals/Block Parties & Community Events
• Visual Arts (visual art and craft workshops, mural making classes)
• Performing Arts (dance/music classes for all ages)
• Spoken Word/Poetry Slams
• Health and Wellness (to include nutrition, medicine education, community gardens)
• African-American Heritage
• Senior Programs (dance & music)
• Programs for Individuals with Disabilities
• Community Development (address gentrification issues & corridor revitalization)

Block 5 - Southwest
Southwest Charlotte

• Cultural Education for Youth (to include talent shows, art, music and dance workshops, afterschool programs and summer camps)
• Performing Arts (music, singing, dance, theatre/acting, culturally diverse drumming)
• Visual Arts (classes, creating art with recycled materials)
• Bilingual Spanish Programs
• Science/Nature Programs (to include hands-on STEAM nights)
• Multicultural Festivals/Block Parties
• Literacy (all ages)

• History & Heritage (using music to tell history, interactive history)
• Community Development (resource and information sharing)
Block 6 - Mallard Creek / University City / Prosperity Village
Mallard Creek and University City area bordered by Ridge Road, I-85, W. Mallard Creek Church Road, N. Tryon St., W.T. Harris Boulevard and Mallard Creek and Prosperity Church roads

- Musicals/Theatre/Plays
- Music Programs (jazz, concerts, local bands, steel drum)
- Culturally Diverse Programs (multicultural performances, food history and cultural cuisine, African drumming, Indian heritage, Tai Chi, capoeira, language classes)
- Dance Programs (to include salsa, ballroom and ballet classes for adults & children)
- Performing Arts (dance and music programs or workshops)
- Festivals/Exhibits (to include outdoor concerts, street festivals & film festivals)
- African-American history/celebrations (Black History Month & Juneteenth)
- Senior Programs (music, arts, day trips)
- Visual Art (painting, pottery, crafts)
- STEAM (international community garden, video game creation/coding & math bee)
- Programs for Individuals with Disabilities (ASL classes)

Block 7 - Pineville
Town of Pineville

- History and Heritage Programs
- Educational Lectures
- Dance Programs (multicultural & ballet)
- Musicals/Theatre/Plays
- Programs for children/youth
- Programs for Seniors
- Science & Nature (programs along greenway when it’s completed)
- Multicultural Programs (celebrating Asia and Latin America, featuring food, music and dance)
- Performing Arts (theatre and musical workshops)
- Visual Art (for children & families, painting, pottery, art workshops)
- Exhibits/Festivals (exhibitions featuring local artists, traveling art exhibits, at the park or on Main Street)

Block 8 - Steele Creek
Steele Creek area

- Music Programs (local bands, jazz, gospel, old school, concerts in the park, drum circles, symphony performances, Native American)
- History & Heritage (local and multicultural history, to include African-American history)
- Festivals (to include film screenings)
- Spoken Word/Poetry Readings
- STEM (science fairs for children or adults & programs for adults)
- Jewelry Making
- Dance (workshops and classes for adults including ballet, modern, ballroom, Latin American, Indian, African, Afro-Caribbean dance)
- Public Art/Beautification Created by the Community
- Visual Art (painting and pottery classes & art crawls)
- Theatre/Plays/Musicals
- Culinary Arts (featuring multicultural cooking classes & history)
- Programs for Children (theatre, music, singing & STEM)
Block 9 - Matthews / Mint Hill
Towns of Matthews and Mint Hill

- Dance Programs (classes for children/youth & performances)
- Visual Art Programs/Classes
- Music Programs (performances by local artists)
- Programs for Children/Youth (educational & multicultural)
- Programs for Teens (art, STEM & dance)
- Workshops for Adults (African and multicultural dance, step class, photography, spoken word & drawing)
- Culinary Arts (featuring multicultural cooking classes & history)
- History & Heritage
- Multicultural Activities
- Open Mic Nights

Block 10 - North County
Towns of Cornelius, Davidson and Huntersville

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