



Culture For All.

CULTURE BLOCKS PROGRAM THEMES BY GEOGRAPHY

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)
- **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, Irish, Latin American & Native American groups, music/dance/photography events, culinary education, language learning)
- **Performing Arts** (music and dance shows/classes, theatre, spoken word)
- **Music Programs** (music outdoors, symphony performances)
- **History** (to include African American, Afro-diaspora & multicultural history and culinary traditions)
- **STEAM Programs**
- **Visual Art** (exhibitions to get to know and celebrate local artists, community created mural making, international film screenings, painting and pottery classes, pottery)
- **Cultural Education** (for teens/youth, summer camps)
- **Multicultural Festivals and Art Festivals in Neighborhoods or Parks**
- **Health & Wellness** (to include art for healing/therapy, yoga)
- **Senior Programs** (to take place in the morning or early evening, dance and other interactive activities)
- **Family Friendly Programs**

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, cultural & art camps, 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, bilingual programs)
- **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, 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)
- **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 and adults)
- **Visual Art Programs** (painting, clay & woodworking classes)
- **Music Programs & Performances** (performances by local artists of jazz, bluegrass, blues, Motown; music lessons)
- **Sewing/Quilting/Folk Art Programs for Children/Youth** (educational & multicultural, interactive music classes for children)
- **Programs for Teens**
- **Programs for Adults** (African and multicultural dance, step class, photography, spoken word & drawing, songwriting class, literary classes)
- **Senior Programs** (to take place in the morning or early evening)
- **Culinary Arts** (featuring multicultural cooking classes & history)
- **History & Heritage**
- **Multicultural Activities & Events**
- **Open Mic Nights**
- **STEM Programs**

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

- **Dance Programs** (Latin American, Salsa, Arabic/Belly, Line dancing, Capoeira)
- **STEAM** (programs for adults and kids, coding, gardening, lectures on the environment, animal encounters)
- **Visual Art Classes** (clay/pottery, Master Classes taught by local artists, art shows, artists as entrepreneurs)
- **Culinary Classes**
- **Classes for ESL Community** (especially adults)
- **Multicultural Festivals/Art Block Parties** (Día de Muertos, Bon Odori, Chinese New Year, international food)
- **History & Heritage** (history of Davidson & Huntersville, African American history, walking tours)
- **Music Programs & Classes** (pop-up choirs, Blue Grass/Folk music performances, music in the park, music classes)
- **Literacy/Bilingual programs**
- **Performing Arts** (theatre/acting, culturally diverse)
- **Movies in the Park**