



MECKLENBURG COUNTY
North Carolina

Lasalle Building

Community Center Process Update

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April 14, 2026 - BOCC Budget/Public Policy Workshop

AGENDA



Brief Recap of Prior BOCC Updates



Completed Activities



Ongoing Activities & Next Steps

Purpose of Today's Presentation

Update the Board on the process to identify a nonprofit organization to establish a community center in the facility located at **2324 Lasalle St.**

Brief Recap of Prior BOCC Updates



Lasalle Building
(2324 Lasalle St.)

During Commissioner-Ride-the-Districts, multiple commissioners inquired on the potential to utilize this building for a community center or to house community programs geared towards youth, teens, and families in the area.



Facility Recap

- Ownership rotated between the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, City of Charlotte, and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) from 1956-2024.
- Library donated the property to the County in November 2024 due to no usage needs.
- Building currently housing services for the Catherine Simmons Ave. until the end of the fiscal year. *(new)*
- Several CMS schools in the immediate surrounding area, neighbors the Lincoln Heights neighborhood, CATS bus stop directly in front of the property.

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Community Center Model Review & Initial Ideas

Community Center Models

- Crisis Intervention
- Comprehensive Support
- Creative & Artistic Expression
- Recreation & Safe Haven
- Services for Seniors
- Skills & Career Development
- Youth Leadership & Civic Engagement



Potential Program/Service Areas

Bucket 1

Youth/Teen Academic
& Life Skills

Bucket 2

Adult & Family
Empowerment

Bucket 3

Upwards Mobility
Pathways

Bucket 4

Community & Family
Engagement

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Community Feedback and Scope Finalization

Community
Organization
Feedback



Significant need for academic and skills assistance.



Inside = “set” services, outside = “pop-up” based on community needs.



Law enforcement involvement in some capacity.



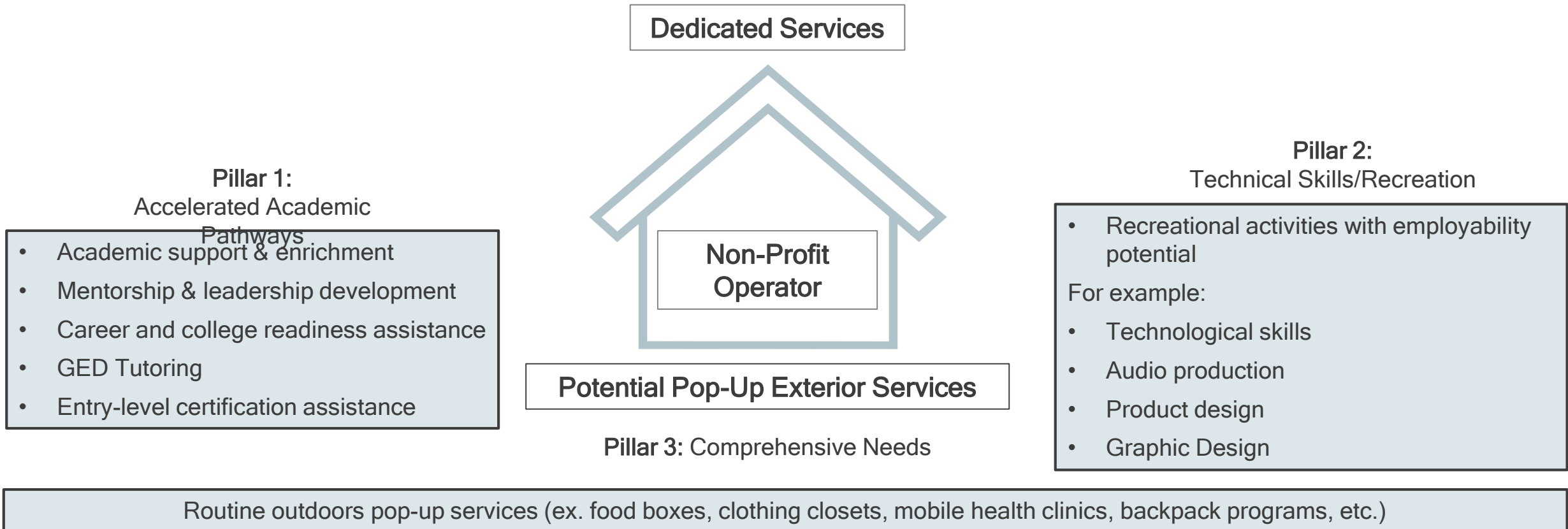
Quarterly community resource fairs.



Connection to mental health supports.

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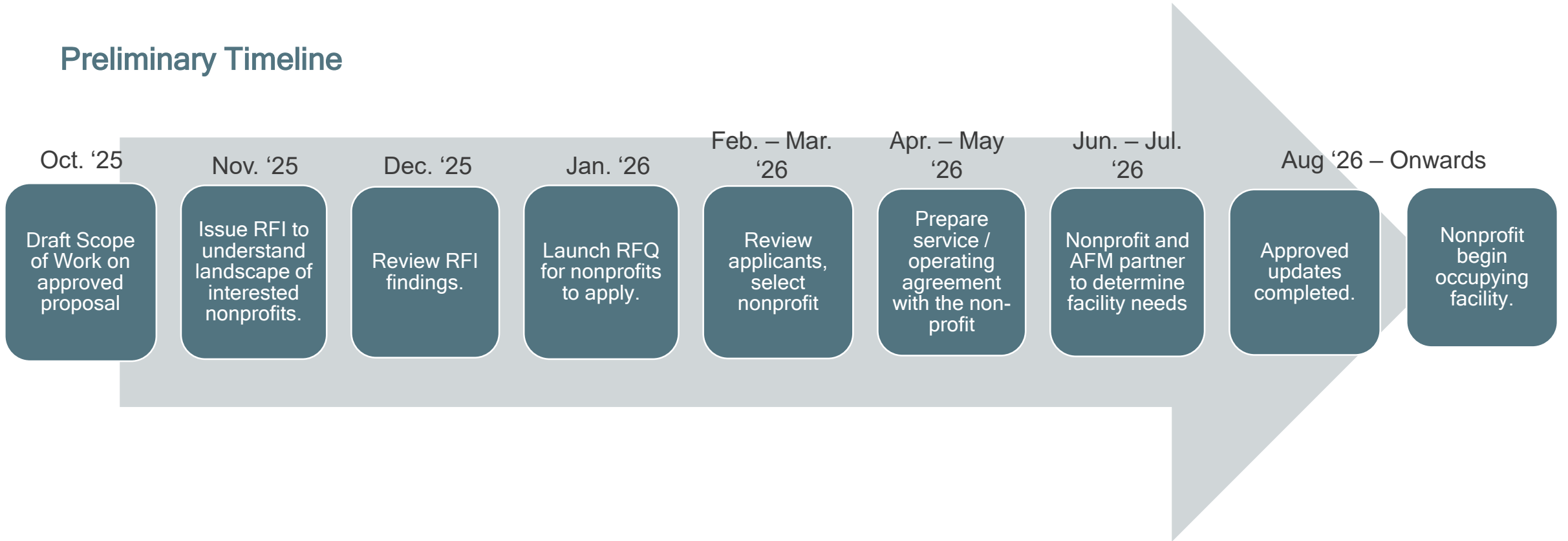
Community Feedback and Scope Finalization

Role	Stakeholder	Responsibilities
Lead Entity	Mecklenburg County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract administrator • Provides facility • Identifies activity scope • Manages application process for identifying Lead Nonprofit Operator • Provides operational funding (<i>if applicable & available</i>) • Oversees performance • Assists in outreach and communications
Lead Operator	Primary Non-Profit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes and manages operations and upkeep • Identifies and maintains partners for pop-up services • Develops program scheduling and pop-up calendar. • Identifies additional funding streams • Establishes performance indicators and reports
Advisory Board	Neighborhood residents, county representative and nonprofit community, CMPD, MCSO, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Often established during planning stages • Directs activities and major decision points in operations • Provides recommendations on programmatic changes

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Community Feedback and Scope Finalization

Preliminary Timeline



Completed + Ongoing Activities & Next Steps

Scope of Work & Application Process



PROCUREMENT DIVISION

County Managers Office

Non-Profit Tenant for The LaSalle Building

Request for Quotes

487-TM-MGR002004

December 11, 2025

Application window open from
December 11, 2025 - January 30,
2026

(~45 days)

5.2. PROGRAMS OF INTEREST

The County views the Lead Operator as the primary anchor for long-term growth inside the building. Organizations should detail their ability to offer services in the following areas. ***Submissions are not limited to this list and creative models and ideas driving upwards economic mobility are encouraged.***

Scope of Work & Application Process

Yes/No Questions

Do you understand this opportunity is primarily for a lease agreement, and additional operating funds may be considered if available?

Would your service model be sustainable if no additional County operating funds were provided, relying solely on the lease agreement?

Does your organization understand this facility is to provide services to Mecklenburg County residents, specifically in the area this facility is located?

Does your organization have experience developing strategic partnerships with additional organizations to offer identified services?

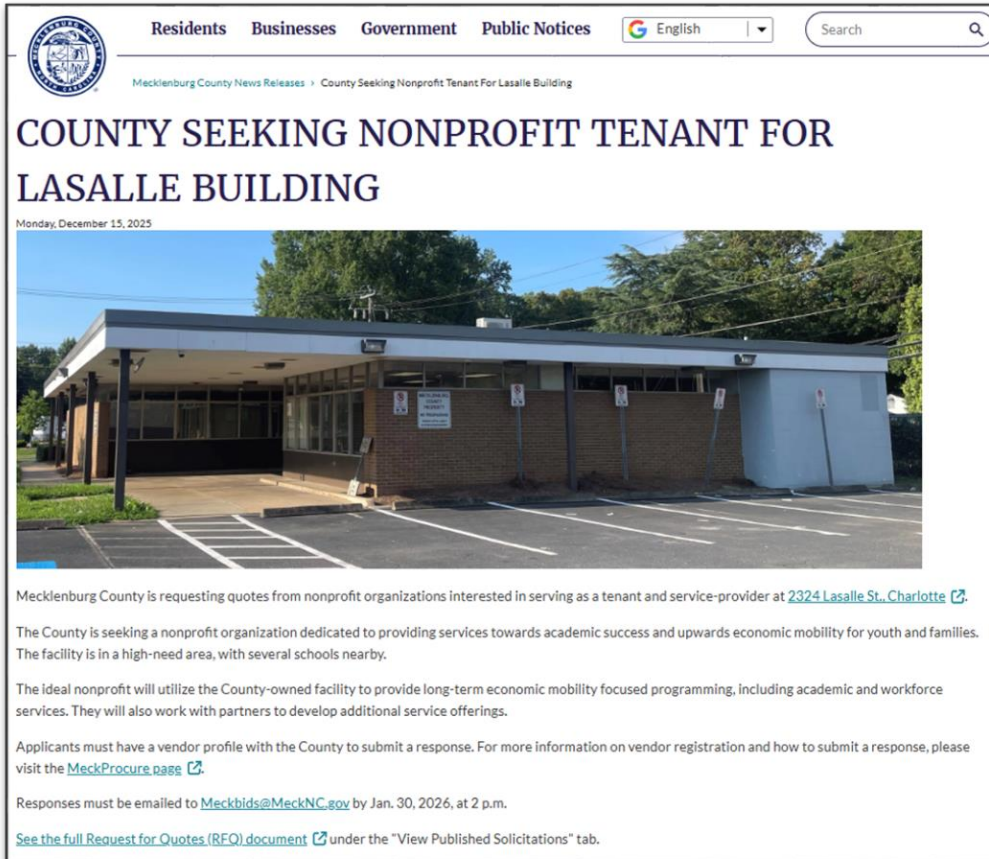
Does your organization currently have partnerships with service providers to offer pop-up services on site?

Does your organization have experience identifying and managing a community council to help steer the direction of the services offered?

Does your organization have experience delivering services in an urban area of high need?

Does your organization have a formal policy/training on Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) for staff who work directly with youth and families?

Communicating the Opportunity



The screenshot shows a news release from Mecklenburg County. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Residents, Businesses, Government, and Public Notices, along with a language dropdown set to English and a search bar. The main heading is "COUNTY SEEKING NONPROFIT TENANT FOR LASALLE BUILDING" dated Monday, December 15, 2025. Below the heading is a photograph of a single-story brick building with a covered entrance and a parking lot. The text of the release states that the county is requesting quotes from nonprofit organizations interested in serving as a tenant and service-provider at 2324 Lasalle St., Charlotte. It describes the facility as being in a high-need area and suitable for long-term economic mobility programming. Applicants are required to have a vendor profile and submit responses by January 30, 2026, at 2 p.m. via email to Meckbids@MeckNC.gov. A link to the full Request for Quotes (RFQ) document is provided at the bottom.

Communications Channels

- Web Story
- News Release
- Board Bulletin
- Economic Development Channels
- Community Organizations
- Nonprofit Networks
- Facebook



LOCAL
West Charlotte residents back plan to convert former library into community hub

Below the headline are five social media sharing icons: Facebook, X (Twitter), Email, a link icon, and a comment icon.

Communicating the Opportunity (cont'd)

Facebook Engagement:

- Over 2,000 link clicks.
- ~70% engagement rate*
- 1,600 Likes.
- 770 Shares.
- Over 500 comments

Overwhelmingly positive response & agreement of proposal.

*Engagement rate is a measurement of how frequent those that view the post engage with it in some capacity.

Government social media averages ~3%

Mecklenburg County Government December 17, 2025

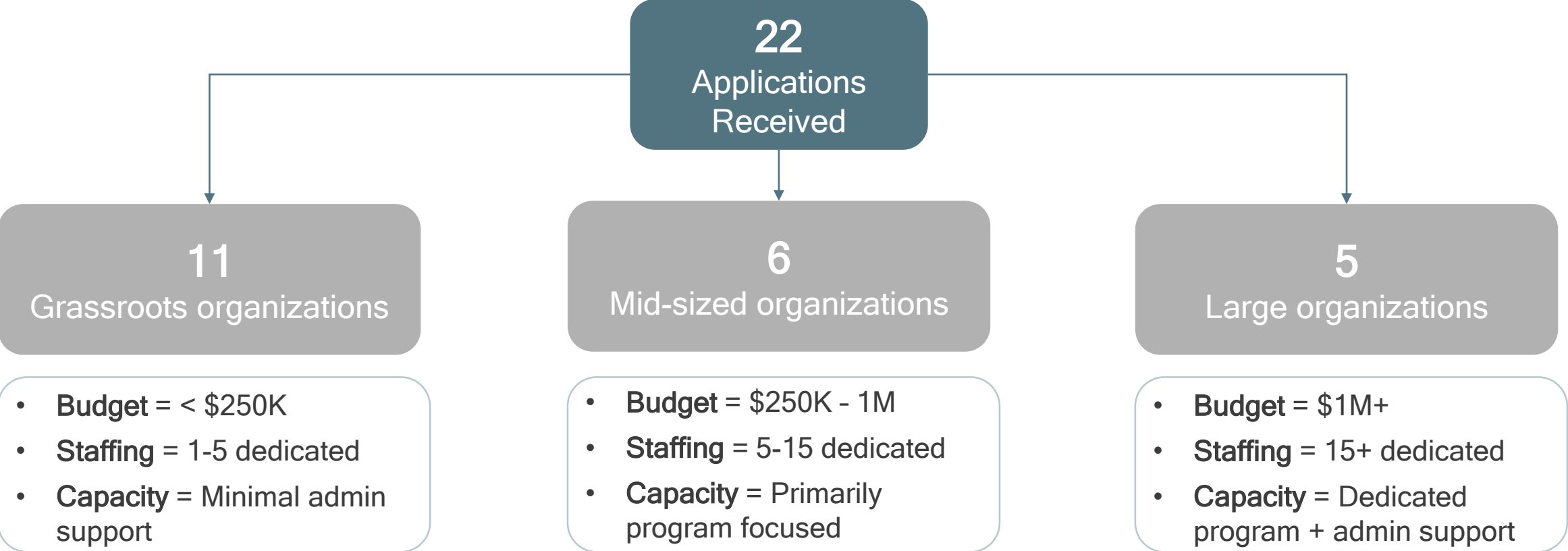
We're looking for a nonprofit tenant and service provider at 2324 Lasalle Street in Charlotte.

The County-owned facility is in a high-need area near several schools. The ideal organization is focused on helping youth and families succeed in school and build long-term economic opportunities. The building will be used for academic and workforce programs and services developed in partnership with other organizations.

Apply by Jan. 30, 2026 at 2 p.m.: <https://meck.co/3XYxXEI>

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Application Overview



Application Scoring - Initial Review

SUMMARY OF SCORING

Section	Evaluation Category	Max Points	Evaluator Score
1	Urban Setting Experience	25	-
2	Mission and Program Model	20	-
3	Facility Operational Capacity	20	-
4	Hub & Partnership Strategy	20	-
5	Financial Sustainability	15	-
TOTAL		100	0



Rating	Description
5 (Excellent)	Exceeds all requirements, innovative, high evidence of success.
4 (Good)	Fully meets all requirements, clear and logical plan.
3 (Adequate)	Meets requirements but lacks detail or innovation; standard approach.
2 (Marginal)	Missing key details, weak plan for one or more core areas.
1 (Poor)	Does not address the requirement, lack of experience or capacity.

Application Scoring - In Person Interviews



Sustainability



Program Recruitment & Experience



Neighborhood Governance

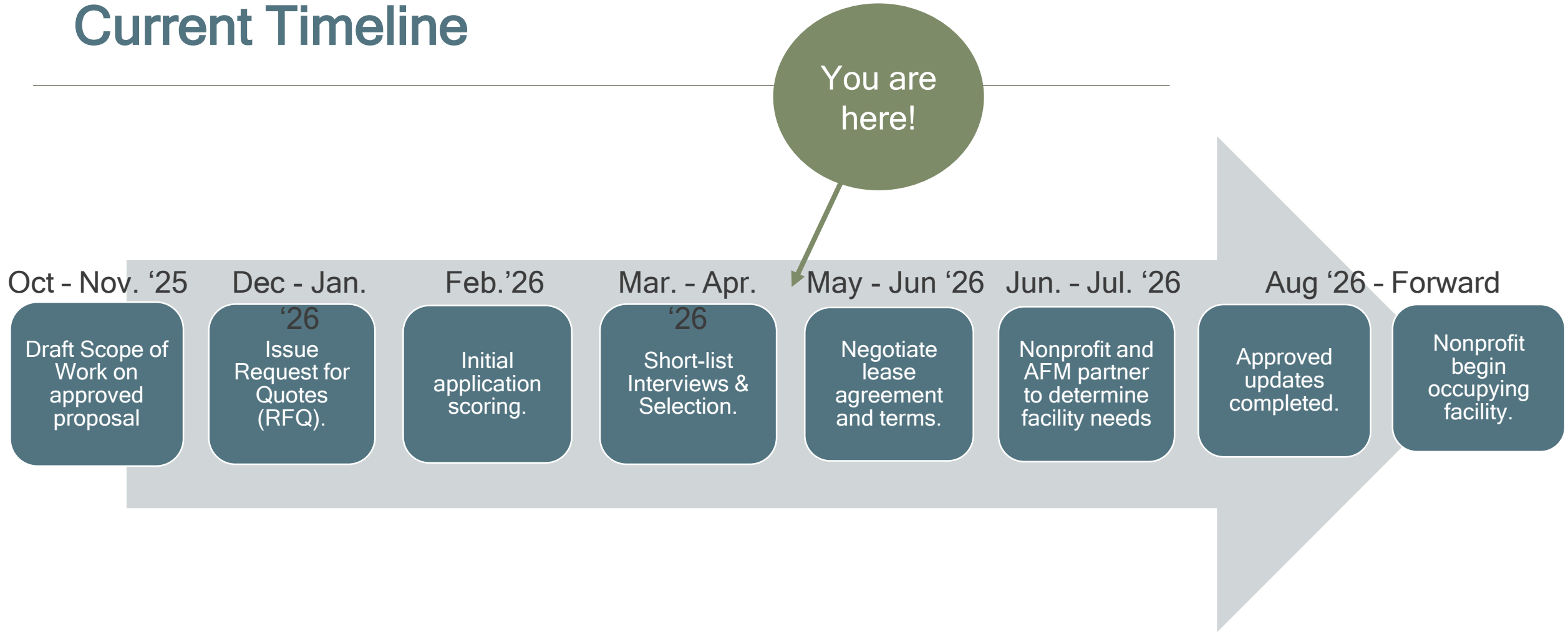


Partner Continuity



Physical Building Maintenance

Current Timeline



Next Steps

1. Consideration of operating funding *(if applicable)*

If the chosen nonprofit requested operational funding support and the Manager approves, you will see this in the County Manager's FY 2027 Recommended Budget.

2. Service Agreement

Begin drafting the service agreement between the county and nonprofit, including measurable outcomes and reporting.

Q&A