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Durham County Library Receives LSTA Grant from State Library to Support the Tech Mobile

Durham, NC — Durham County Library is pleased to announce its receipt of a State Library of North Carolina (SLNC) Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Project Grant to support the refitting of the Tech Mobile. Included in the funds totaling close to \$80,000 is a provision for the hiring of a staff person to carry out Tech Mobile programming. The Durham County Board of County Commissioners approved the funds at their August 8th session.

The Tech Mobile is Durham County Library's mobile unit for cutting-edge technology; it aims to bridge Durham County's digital divide by facilitating access to video editing, 3D printing, virtual reality, and more. In addition, the grant-funded staff person will carry out technology programming for library patrons of all ages. Working closely with partners like Durham Public Schools and Digital Durham, this grant-funded project aims to serve the Durham community's technological needs and interests.

"The Tech Mobile is a fantastic resource, and we are looking to provide access to our library's resources and services in new and unique ways," said Sarah Alverson, the project manager and Library Community Engagement Administrator. "I am excited to work with our partners to empower the community with cutting-edge technology and give the community a glimpse into technology they might otherwise never encounter."

This program is supported by grant funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) as administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (IMLS grant number LS-252476-OLS-22).

Durham County Library encourages discovery, connects the community, and leads in literacy. As a department of Durham County Government, the library furthers Goal 1 of the county's Strategic Plan by enhancing cultural, educational, and creative opportunities. For more information about the library, visit DurhamCountyLibrary.org.

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