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North Carolina Community Foundation announces new statewide fund to support local news

*The Democracy Fund establishes the North Carolina Local News Lab Fund
to support the future of local news*

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The North Carolina Community Foundation announces that a group of local and national funders has established the North Carolina Local News Lab Fund with NCCF to support the future of local news.

The North Carolina Local News Lab Fund will invest in organizations that are working to ensure people and communities have access to the news and information they need. The Fund is currently accepting applications from nonprofit news organizations and news providers; other types of information providers such as libraries and community centers; and storytellers that provide news and information such as documentarians, youth media and organizations that work on community engagement.

To learn more and apply, visit <http://bit.ly/NCFUND>. Applications will be accepted until March 30 at 5 p.m.

“Local news is critical to a healthy democracy, and we believe that the future of local news is local,” said Teresa Gorman, local news associate with the Public Square Program at the Democracy Fund. “This simple idea has shaped the way the Democracy Fund has thought about its work to support and strengthen the public square in America.”

The Fund is the start of a new multi-year commitment to the state from the Democracy Fund, which is working together with local funders and stakeholders to build the Fund. Opening with an initial investment of \$720,000, the Fund will be housed at the North Carolina Community Foundation and will be managed by an advisory group made up of local stakeholders and the Democracy Fund. Local partners on the advisory board include representatives from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation, Prentice Foundation and the A.J. Fletcher Foundation.

The Democracy Fund also launched a sister fund in New Jersey, the New Jersey Local News Lab Fund, in partnership with the Community Foundation of New Jersey.

About the North Carolina Community Foundation

The NCCF is the single statewide community foundation serving North Carolina and has administered more than \$130 million in grants since its inception in 1988. With nearly \$247 million in assets, NCCF sustains 1,200 endowments established to provide long-term support of a broad range of community needs, nonprofit organizations, institutions and scholarships. The NCCF partners with a network of affiliate foundations to provide local resource allocation and community assistance across the state. An important component of NCCF's mission is to ensure that rural philanthropy has a voice at local, regional and national levels.

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About the Democracy Fund

The Democracy Fund is a bipartisan foundation created by eBay founder and philanthropist Pierre Omidyar to help ensure that our political system can withstand new challenges and deliver on its promise to the American people. Since 2011, Democracy Fund has invested more than \$70 million in support of a healthy democracy, including modern elections, effective governance, and a vibrant public square. Learn more by visiting democracyfund.org and localnewslab.org.

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