City Council Agenda Item Request
Submit to Clerk's Office
No later than 30 days before proposed Council meeting

1. **Date submitted to Clerk's Office:** 11/3/35

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Bridget Herring and Jaime Matthews / Recovery

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** 11/18/2025

4. **Subject:** North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) - Disaster Relief and Mitigation Fund 2025 - Grant Application and Encumber Funds

5. **Action Requested:** Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit applications and receive funds for the North Carolina Emergency Management - Disaster Relief and Mitigation Fund 2025.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** The NCEM - Disaster Relief and Mitigation Fund 2025 has tight deadlines for the completion of design documents. Delaying until future meetings may be detrimental to meeting the FEMA deadlines.

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:** n/a

8. **Identify all vendor outreach for Minority & Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE).**
    - Funding for the grants requires compliance with state requirements.
    - City staff will comply with state outreach requirements when the related projects and contracts are solicited.

9. **Identify all Boards, Commissions and Council Committees with tentative dates - add in the vote and recommendation from each Board:**
   If awarded, Council will approve all applicable procurements. Should community engagement be needed prior to the implementation of any resulting projects, the relevant Recovery Boards will be engaged prior to Council consideration. The State intends to notify applications in January 2026. All grant funded projects must be completed within 36 months or by February 2029.

10. **Identify key issues:**

    - **Purpose:** Funds projects that reduce future flood damage through stormwater improvements, drainage upgrades, elevation/relocation of at-risk infrastructure, and other resilience measures.

    - **Objective:** Supports engineering and design work to advance shovel-ready mitigation projects and strengthen transportation infrastructure against extreme weather and future risk.

    - **Funding Details:** ~$20M available; up to $2M per project and $4M per county; no local cost share required; reimbursement-based funding; performance period up to 36 months.

    - **Focus Areas:** Structural and nonstructural flood mitigation, engineering/design for shovel-ready projects, stormwater improvements, critical infrastructure protection, and resilient transportation upgrades.

- **Timeline:** Applications due November 28, 2025; award notifications expected January 2026 with grant agreements finalized in February 2026.