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:** September 15, 2025

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Emily Ball, CED

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** October 14, 2025

4. **Subject:** Code Purple Funding

5. **Action Requested:** Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Buncombe County to accept and administer their matching funds to support Code Purple Emergency Shelter in the 25-26 season.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** Code Purple is slated to begin in October 2025

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:** Receive up to $50K from Buncombe County to match City's $50K in annual budgeted general funds.

8. **Identify all vendor outreach for Minority & Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE).**
   N/A

9. **Identify all Boards, Commissions and Council Committees with tentative dates - add in the vote and recommendation from each Board:**
   - Code Purple will be coordinated by the Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care (CoC). The CoC will also manage the allocation process to provide budgeted City and County funding to Code Purple providers.

10. **Identify key issues:**
    - Code Purple is a longstanding community initiative led by homeless service providers to provide additional emergency shelter capacity with fewer requirements during extremely cold weather, typically 32 degrees below or 33-40 degrees with precipitation.
    - For the past several years, both the City and County have provided funding to shelter providers to support Code Purple operations.
    - Funds have been matching and administered by the City's Homeless Strategy Division through funding agreements with shelter providers.
    - Buncombe County has provided an interlocal agreement reflecting this arrangement.
    - The Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care is leading Code Purple planning efforts, including recommendations about best use of City and County budgeted funds for Code Purple.
    - Staff anticipate additional Council action to authorize contracts for these funds once plans are confirmed.