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:** 10/09/2025

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Wesley Rogers, Division Chief, Asheville Fire Department

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** October 28, 2025

4. **Subject:** NC Department of Insurance Office of State Fire Marshal's Helene Disaster Recovery Grant HB1012

5. **Action Requested:** Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept a $50,000 grant from the N.C. Dept. of Insurance Office of State Fire Marshal's Helene Disaster Recovery Grant which is provided to eligible fire departments to strengthen wildfire response and preparedness, recover, repair, and replace equipment and/ or facilities damaged due to Tropical Storm Helene.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** Acceptance of the Helene Disaster Recovery Grant is time sensitive due to the strict timelines established by the State for distribution and expenditure of funds.

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:** City receives funds to enhance preparedness response, and replace vital equipment to preparedness from the NC Department of Insurance Office of State Fire Marshal's.

8. **Identify all vendor outreach for Minority & Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE).**
    - Funding for these services are provided to the City from NC Department of Insurance Office of State Fire Marshal's.
    - All services are then funded through the City's general fund and/or operating budgets.
    - As a result, the outreach and engagement will follow the City's business inclusion processes.
    - These process at a minimum require staff to outreach to businesses that have a documented contracting disparity directly and/or through prime contractors.;

9. **Identify all Boards, Commissions and Council Committees with tentative dates - add in the vote and recommendation from each Board:** N/A

10. **Identify key issues:**
    - The State of North Carolina,through House Bill 1012, has made funding available to assist with recovery efforts related to Tropical Storm Helene.
    - This grant opportunity provides critical financial support for the City's disaster response and community recovery initiatives.
    - By accepting this grant it will give state funded support in enhancing the city's preparedness, while minimizing local fiscal impact.
    - The City has a record of successful collaboration with State partners, this grant aligns with the City's strategic operating plan by supporting resilience, public safety, and intergovernmental partnerships.
    - Firefighter and public safety will be enhanced, along with overall community preparedness and sustainability.