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:** July 25, 2025

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Alex Cole

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** August 26, 2025

4. **Subject:** Application for NC Dept. of Commerce Small Business Infrastructure Grant

5. **Action Requested:** Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to NC Dept. of Commerce Small Business Infrastructure Grant for Biltmore Village.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** Yes - resolution is required to accompany grant application that will be submitted ASAP

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:** Total grant request: $2,500,000

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:** N/A

10. **Identify key issues:**
    - Purpose of the grant funding is financial assistance to support community recovery and resilience in communities impacted by Helene; funding is for restoring critical infrastructure that supports small businesses.
    - Grant guidelines define small businesses as those with 150 or less employees; it's estimated that at least 50 small businesses were operational in the village pre-Helene.
    - Project scoping is underway; if awarded, funding will be used for project planning and repair/restoration of infrastructure in the village, such as sidewalks, curbing, street lights, and/or street trees and landscaping.
    - Grant is capped at 10% of total allocated funding per county ($5.5 million.
    - The second round of grants will be awarded October 31, 2025.
    - Additional funding and/or alternative funding to support infrastructure recovery in Biltmore Village will likely be needed.