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:** 7/29/2025

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Tony McDowell Finance

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** 8/26/2025

4. **Subject:** Interlocal Agreement Between the City and the County for the Homeowner Grant Program.

5. **Action Requested:** Motion to adopt a resolution approving the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Asheville and Buncombe County for the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Homeowner Grant Program.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** Must be done but not time sensitive; can be moved to later meeting.

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:** The City has budgeted $75,000 in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget to fund its participation in the Homeowner Grant Program.

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:**
    - In FY 2021-22, Buncombe County launched an economic public assistance program called the Homeowner Grant Program in which the City of Asheville also participates.
    - The program is designed to assist homeowners of low and moderate income as defined by homeowners earning 80% or below of Area Median Income (AMI).
    - Grantees who apply for the program, meet the AMI criteria and other qualifications, and reside in the City limits, will receive a maximum grant award of $300 from Buncombe County and $200 from the City of Asheville.
    - The County is responsible for administering the program and paying any grants awarded, and thereafter invoice the City for its share of any grants awarded.
    - This Council action will approve the City continuing as a partner in this program in Fiscal Year 2025-26.