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:** 7/25/2025

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Charlie Savage, Economic Development Specialist, Community and Economic Development Department

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

4. **Subject:** Agreement to Fund City of Asheville Youth Leadership Academy (CAYLA)

5. **Action Requested:** Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Buncombe County to accept funding for the City of Asheville Youth Leadership Academy (CAYLA).

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** N/A

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:** This agreement will result in the City receiving $65,000 to administer the CAYLA 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:**
    - The City of Asheville Youth Leadership Academy (CAYLA) is a program for high school students that focuses on career exploration, leadership development, and the acquisition of 21st-century job skills.
    - CAYLA aims to provide young people with work experience in Asheville, contributing to their future career development.
    - CAYLA funds the Asheville City Schools Foundation (ACSF) to disburse $2,000 scholarships to graduating CAYLA students to support their continuing education at their higher learning institution of choice.
    - CAYLA was first created in 2007 under the direction of Mayor Bellamy. The program received authorization most recently in 2022, when Council passed resolution 22-182 authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with ACSF to administer its annual disbursement of CAYLA scholarships for an additional five years.
    - Buncombe County has offered to provide the City with $65,000 in funding for the purpose of administering CAYLA activities.
    - Buncombe County has financially supported the CAYLA program since 2018.
    - The authorization of this annual agreement with Buncombe County will allow for their continued financial support for the program.