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TO: Mayor Joseph L. Gibbons
Lenoir City Council
City Manager Scott Hildebran

FROM: Ben Willis, CED Director, WPCOG
SUBJECT: Public Hearing for a Potential Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Application
DATE: June 2, 2026

In order to submit a North Carolina Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce Division of Community Revitalization (DCR), two public hearings are required to notify the citizens of available funding opportunities and allow them to ask questions and make public comments prior to the submission of any application. The city held the first public hearing on February 17, 2026 and this, the second public hearing has been publicly advertised for tonight's meeting.

Background: The City of Lenoir is seeking CDBG-DR funding for construction of the Overmountain Victory Trail (OVT) Pavilion, rehabilitation of the existing building at 1129 West Ave NW into a Visitors Center – Auxiliary Support Space, demolition of the existing building at 1136 Harper Ave., and stormwater improvements in the same area.

Proposed Application: This $4,620,000 CDBG-DR application proposes the construction of the Overmountain Victory Trail (OVT) Pavilion, rehabilitation of the existing building at 1129 West Ave NW into a Visitors Center – Auxiliary Support Space, the demolition of the existing building at 1136 Harper Ave, and the stormwater improvements to benefit 100% low-to-moderate income households.

Requested Action: After the public hearing is closed and the City Council is in session, if the Council is so inclined, a motion will be needed for the following actions.

Sample Language:

I move to approve the Authorizing Resolution to submit a $4,620,000 grant application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce Division of Community Revitalization (DCR).

Next, I move to approve the Citizen Participation Plan and Resolution and the Anti-Displacement Plan as required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development

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