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:** June 4, 2025

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** James Shelton, CED

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** June 24, 2025

4. **Subject:** 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, 2025-2026 CDBG & HOME Annual Action Plan, and Substantial Amendments of Previous Annual Action Plans

5. **Action Requested:** Public Hearing & Resolution authorizing the submission of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and the 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as well as substantial amendments to previous Annual Action Plans; authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to give effect to this resolution; and approval of a budget amendment in the amount of $1,022,202 for CDBG and $1,245,387 for HOME to accept the grant awards from HUD.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** Yes, time sensitive, because we are meeting HUD deadline(s) to submit Annual Action Plan for federal funding. The 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan must be submitted no later than July 13, 2025. This action will also approve several action plan amendments from prior years' unrealized projects to activate funds into the community.

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:** The FY2026 entitlement total will be $972,202 for CDBG and $1,051,896.84 for HOME. Any prior year / returned funds or program income will also be added to these allocations to formulate the final available funding amounts.

8. **Identify all vendor outreach for Minority & Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE).**
    - Not applicable

9. **Identify all Boards, Commissions and Council Committees with tentative dates - add in the vote and recommendation from each Board:**
    - Asheville Regional Housing Consortium Board (ARHC) - June 11, 2025 HOME Funding Recommendations
    - Housing & Community Development Committee (HCD) - June 17, 2025 CDBG funding recommendations

10. **Identify key issues:**
    - The City of Asheville is an entitlement community and participating jurisdiction with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and receives formula funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME).
    - The City receives these allocations annually through a federal formula allocation process.
    - CDBG funds support housing and community development activities within the City of Asheville.
    - HOME funds support affordable housing activities within the four-county Consortium region including Buncombe, Madison, Transylvania and Henderson counties.
    - All funded activities must meet the goals and priorities as outlined in the City's Consolidated Plan 2025-2029.

- In order to remain in compliance with HUD and to outline the CDBG & HOME priority needs and strategic goals, City Council must authorize the submission of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan
- In order to access these funds for community development projects, City Council will need to authorize staff to submit the FY25-26 Annual Action Plan to HUD to provide a concise summary of the projects and activities that will be used to address the priority needs and specific goals identified by the Consolidated Plan.
- Also, staff are requesting authorization to submit substantial amendments to several projects from prior years' Action Plans in order to effectively repurpose funding from projects that have not been realized