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:** May 19, 2025

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Emily Ball, CED

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** June 10, 2025

4. **Subject:** Homelessness Prevention Pilot: Right at Home

5. **Action Requested:** Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a planning grant for the Right at Home initiative and to execute any agreements if awarded.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** Implementation is anticipated to begin by July

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:** TBD, but final materials will include anticipated amount

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:**
    - Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care (CoC) has been invited to apply for this planning grant and subsequent implementation of a 3-year pilot initiative. The CoC Board approved this opportunity unanimously at their May 8, 2025 meeting, and it aligns with their draft 3-year strategic plan scheduled for vote June 12, 2025.
10. **Identify key issues:**
    - The City of Asheville is the designated Lead Agency for the Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care (CoC). The CoC oversees homelessness response in Asheville and Buncombe County.
    - The CoC has been invited to participate in a 3-year pilot initiative on homelessness prevention called Right at Home.
    - Right at Home is seeking to pilot prevention work in 10 communities across the country and has selected Asheville-Buncombe for inclusion in the pilot.
    - The City as the CoC's Lead Agency will submit and manage the planning grant on the CoC's behalf.
    - The planning grant will add a funded staff position to the Homeless Strategy Division in the Community and Economic Development Department for project management of the initiative during both the 6-12 month planning phase and the 3-year implementation period.
    - Planning is expected to conclude by June 2026 with implementation to begin in July 2026. Plans will be approved by the CoC Board and by Right at Home prior to implementation.
    - This funded opportunity will provide critically needed rental assistance to help households maintain housing and avoid entering homelessness.