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 23, 2025

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Bridget Herring and Jaime Mathews

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

4. **Subject:** Disaster Recovery Management Services Contract Amendment

5. **Action Requested:** Adopting a resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend a contract with Hagerty Consulting Inc. for recovery management services from Tropical Storm Helene

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** The contract entered into on October 17, 2024 needs additional funds to continue the storm recovery work.

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:**

8. **Identify all vendor outreach for Minority & Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE).**
    - Funding for this project is provided through City general fund and/or operating budgets.
    - Outreach for this Request for Proposals was conducted through the North Carolina electronic Vendor Portal and the City's bid webpage and direct outreach to potential providers.
    - This contract was bid under federal guidelines and is in compliance with the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program.
    - No responses were received by Minority and Women Owned Businesses.

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 existing contract was ratified by City Council on November 12, 2024.
    - This contract was amended January 28, 2025 for a total amount not to exceed $5,994,885 for work occurring through June 30,2025 (Q3 and Q4 of FY25).
    - Accomplishments from the FY25 contract include but are not limited to the development of the CDBG-DR Action Plan and associated policies and procedures and oversight of 842,706 cubic yards of debris removed from the Right of Way (ROW), waterways and private property.
    - This contract amendment will increase the contract by $6,831,140 for work to occur in FY26 and brings the total not to exceed amount to $12,826,024.
    - The contract for FY26 is anticipated to include the work to complete debris removal and a significant increase in infrastructure projects working through the FEMA Public Assistance program.
    - There is no definitive end date for this contract. Staff anticipates bringing contract amendments to Council as needed but will attempt to limit the amendments to one per fiscal year.
    - The scope of work is intended to be flexible and scalable, allowing the City of Asheville to activate services as needed based on the specific requirements of each disaster event
    - The scope of work includes capacity and support to the City in working with specific federal agencies to maximize access to direct financial reimbursement, grant support and technical assistance.

- The federal agencies referenced in the scope of work are: FEMA (Public Assistance, Individual Assistance, Hazard Mitigation), HUD, and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) disaster recovery programs:
- It is expected that 90% of this expense will be reimbursed by FEMA and CDBG-DR.
- To date Hagerty Consulting's support resulted in the obligation of $10.3 million dollars to the City through the FEMA Public Assistance Program.
- Hagerty Consulting's support resulted in an approved Action Plan from HUD for the $225 million direct allocation for CDBG-DR.
- Ongoing work will focus on maximizing cost recoverable opportunities and funding resources to support the City's infrastructure, housing and economic recovery efforts.