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:** 05/23/2025

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Elise Lewis, Asheville Police Department

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** 06/10/2025

4. **Subject:** 2025 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Grant

5. **Action Requested:** Adoption of a resolution to accept the 2025 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Grant on behalf of the Asheville HIDTA branch and authorizing the City Manager to execute all the documents associated with the grant; and adopt a budget amendment in the City's Special Revenue Fund in the amount of $160,904.00.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** No

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:** None

8. **Identify all vendor outreach for Minority & Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE).** None. Funding for this grant is provided by the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP).

9. **Identify all Boards, Commissions and Council Committees with tentative dates - add in the vote and recommendation from each Board:** The Environment & Safety Committee approved to move the application of this grant forward to City Council on 3/26/2024 with a 3-0 vote. Council then voted to approve Resolution 24-80 on 4/23/2024.

10. **Identify key issues:**
    - The purpose of the HIDTA program is to reduce drug trafficking and especially production in the United States, specifically in areas where drug-related activities are having a significant harmful impact.
    - This unit does not focus on, or adopt cases, that are for simple possession, but focuses only on cases that deal in trafficking, manufacturing, and distribution of illegal drugs.
    - The Asheville Police Department acts only as the fiduciary for the grant.
    - When expenses are incurred, the fiduciary settles the claims using appropriated City of Asheville funds and then requests a 100% reimbursement from the Federal government.
    - The Asheville HIDTA is the direct beneficiary of the grant funds and not the Asheville Police Department.
    - The Asheville HIDTA is composed of members of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, one officer from the Asheville Police Department, and various individuals from the Sheriff Offices of several Western North Carolina Counties.
    - A United States Drug Enforcement Administration supervisor, who is the Asheville HIDTA manager, determines how grant funds will be expended.
    - All members of the Asheville HIDTA receive reimbursement when they incur qualified expenses conducting Asheville HIDTA business.
    - The Office of National Drug Control Policy has determined that the City of Asheville is eligible to manage this grant totaling $160,904.00.
    - Grant funds are used for overtime, travel, services and supplies.
    - All expenses are tracked and audited by local and federal authorities.