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:** July 9, 2025

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

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** July 29, 2025

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

5. **Action Requested:** Budget amendment in the amount of $275,000 to accept awarded grant funds for the Right at Home Homelessness Prevention initiative

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** Grant has been awarded and agreement needs to be executed

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:** $275,000 in philanthropic funding

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 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 3-year strategic plan adopted June 12, 2025.
    - Staff submitted the planning grant and it has been awarded in the amount of $275,000.
    - City Council previously authorized grant submission and execution of grant agreement on June 10, 2025 via Resolution 25-122.

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.