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:** 1/20/26

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Bridget Herring and Jaime Matthews / Recovery

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** 1/27/26

4. **Subject:** Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Allocation Request

5. **Action Requested:** Adoption of a resolution authorizing staff to submit a formal letter to Congressional Leadership and North Carolina delegation members requesting a direct additional Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) allocation from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to accept funds if allocated.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** Appropriation requests are due January 30, 2026.

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:** The estimated remaining unmet need to the community is $1,322,710,821. If the City does not receive additional funds, the City may need to spend additional capital and operating funds to assist with Helene recovery.

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:** n/a

10. **Identify key issues:**

    - In September 2024, the City of Asheville (City) was severely impacted by Tropical Storm Helene (DR-4827-NC), producing unprecedented impacts on the City's infrastructure and economy, along with widespread housing damage.
    - On January 16th, 2025, HUD announced that the City of Asheville will receive a direct allocation of Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds in the amount of $225,010,000
    - The CDBG-DR Action Plan, approved by City Council on April 8, 2025, included a summary of estimated unmet need and proposed allocation total $1,186,720,958.
    - Now, sixteen months after Tropical Storm Helene, the City has begun to implement the 2025 CDBG-DR allocation and refined the remaining unmet need for the infrastructure, housing and economy to recover based on the most recent, publicly available data.