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:** December 17, 2025

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Pete Wall, Parks & Recreation

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** January 27, 2026

4. **Subject:** Parks Recovery Project / Grant: Helene Recovery Fund for PARTF

5. **Action Requested:** Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for a Fiscal Year 2026 Helene Recovery grant from the the North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation for a Parks recovery project, and if awarded, accept the funds and sign all necessary agreements.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** Time sensitive, grant deadline is January 30, 2026

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) -** an estimated $500,000 will be invested in a parks project.

8. **Identify all vendor outreach for Minority & Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE).**
    - Grant funding sources often require different outreach and engagement requirements. The engagement requirements of this funding source will dictate the outreach and engagement efforts, which will be followed. If no specific requirements are identified, then the City's standard outreach practices will be followed.

9. **Identify all Boards, Commissions and Council Committees with tentative dates - add in the vote and recommendation from each Board:**

10. **Identify key issues:**
    - Tropical Storm Helene caused severe flooding, fallen trees, and significant damage to multiple parks throughout the City of Asheville, in particular French Broad River Parks and Azaela Park.
    - FEMA-PA funding is anticipated to cover damages to much of these parks, but is not anticipated to cover portions of the park that were just above the flood damage line, leaving a gap in funding necessary for their complete restoration.
    - Additionally, non impacted parks within our region also qualify for improvements through this grant.
    - This grant will fund one project on one site, the details of which are yet to be determined.