THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: January 27, 2026

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

Staff Resource(s): Bridget Herring, Recovery Coordinator,
Jaime Matthews, Deputy Recovery Coordinator

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.

Background:

- 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.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- Not applicable

Council Goal(s):

- A Well Planned and Livable Community
- A Clean, Safe and Healthy Environment
- Quality Affordable Housing
- Thriving Local Economy
- Connected and Engaged Community
- Fiscally Resilient City

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- Allows the city to advocate for additional federal resources to recover from Tropical Storm Helene.
- CDBG-DR funds, once allocated, are quickly reimbursed and have more diverse uses than other existing federal recovery grant programs.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- 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.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing city staff to submit a formal letter to Congressional Leadership and North Carolina delegation members requesting a direct additional 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.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 26-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SUBMIT A FORMAL LETTER TO CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND THE NORTH CAROLINA DELEGATION MEMBERS REQUESTING A DIRECT ADDITIONAL CDBG-DR ALLOCATION FROM THE US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DESIGN (HUD) AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT FUNDS IF ALLOCATED

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville is a participating entitlement community in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has begun implementation of a grant of $225,010,000 from the CDBG - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program based on the approved Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has remaining unmet needs for recovery from Tropical Storm Helene.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

City staff are hereby authorized to submit a formal letter to Congressional Leadership and North Carolina delegation members requesting a direct additional 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.

Read, approved and adopted this the 27th day of January, 2026.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney