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:** 02/26/2026

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Douglas Oeser, Police

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** 03/10/2026

4. **Subject:** BJA FY25 Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC) Integration Initiative grant

5. **Action Requested:** Adoption of a resolution to apply for the BJA FY25 Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC) Integration Initiative grant and authorize the City Manager to sign all of the appropriate application documents.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** Yes, the grant application deadline is March 30, 2026

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 U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

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:**
    - The City of Asheville has the opportunity to apply for a DOJ BJA grant, in partnership with ATF, to implement a Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC) that strengthens APD's use of gun intelligence to reduce firearm violence.
    - BJA expects awards up to $700,000 for a new CGIC over 36 months, with the application due March 30, 2026.
    - Asheville has had 12 firearm-related homicides in the past two years (2024: 9, 2025: 3) and 206 firearm assaults or discharge-into-property incidents. The CGIC model is designed to reduce violent gun crime by accelerating and improving investigations.
    - APD already uses the National Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) and eTrace, and this grant would expand those capabilities into a fully integrated CGIC that supports coordinated investigative and prosecutorial action. The goal is to cut ballistic lead turnaround to 24 to 48 hours, reducing weeks to hours by making Forensics a NIBIN site and expanding RTIC support.
    - Success will be measured by outputs such as NIBIN entries and leads, firearms test-fired, eTrace submissions, and arrests and convictions tied to CGIC intelligence, as well as personnel, technology, and training added.
    - The grant does not require local matching funds.
    - This grant allows personnel expenses to be funded. Although no decisions have been made about adding staff, the funding could support personnel assigned to enhance the activities of the Realtime Intelligence Center and strengthen investigative follow-up.
    - APD staff will continue to engage with the community to share information about the implementation of program enhancements made possible by these grant funds. Routine updates, such as the APD quarterly reports, will continue to be provided to community members, informing them of the impact of the APD team's efforts.