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:** 4/10/2026

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Amy Deyton, PW
   Jaime Matthews/CMO

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** April 28, 2026

4. **Subject:** Resolution to approve an application and contract with the Tourism Development Authority to accept Legacy Investment from Tourism (LIFT) Grant for 3 city projects if awarded funding.

5. **Action Requested:** Adoption of a resolution to authorize the City Manager to submit an application to the Tourism Development Authority Legacy Investment from Tourism (LIFT) Grant for 3 city projects, to accept said grant funds if awarded; and enter into any agreement documents necessary for such acceptance.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:**

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:**
   - Potential acceptance of $5,315,800 in grant funds for 3 city projects if awarded
   - Matching funds are from the City CIP, City Bond funds NCDOT TIP funding and other grant funding sources.

8. **Identify all vendor outreach for Minority & Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE).**
   N/A, Acceptance of grant funds

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

10. **Identify key issues:**
    - The Buncombe County Tourism Development Authority's LIFT Fund provides financial investment through grants, loan guarantees, or pledges of debt service to tourism-related capital projects that will increase patronage of lodging facilities and benefit the community at large in Buncombe County.
    - The 2026 cycle for LIFT funding opens on April 1, 2026, with applications due on May 1, 2026.
    - The city has identified 3 potential projects for applications for LIFT funding:
      i. Biltmore Village Sidewalk/Streetscape - $2,300,000
      ii. Eagle Market Sidewalk/Streetscape - $1,000,000
      iii. Craven Street Bike/Ped Bridge - $1,515,800