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:** March 2, 2026

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Elise Lewis, Police

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** April 14, 2026

4. **Subject:** Community Project Funding (CPF) Award

5. **Action Requested:** Adoption of a resolution to apply for and accept the Community Project Funding (CPF) Award allocated to the City of Asheville as secured through Representative Chuck Edward's Office and managed through the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Justice Grants; authorize the City Manager to sign all of the appropriate application and acceptance documents; and adopt a budget amendment in the City's Special Revenue Fund in the amount of $1,141,255.56.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** No

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).**
Not applicable; funding for this grant is provided by the DOJ Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Justice Grants

9. **Identify all Boards, Commissions, and Council Committees with tentative dates - add in the vote and recommendation from each Board:** Public Safety Committee - March 26, 2026 - 2-0 approval to move forward to City Council

10. **Identify key issues:**

    - A representative from Chuck Edwards' office reached out to Chief Lamb in April of 2024 regarding potential funding during the FY25 appropriations cycle.
    - APD completed a questionnaire provided by Rep. Edwards' office requesting funding to assist in implementing a Real-Time Intelligence Center (RTIC). This funding would be to procure equipment, software, and hardware to establish a Real-Time Intelligence Center (RTIC).
    - Authorization from the CMO office to request funding was submitted on May 22, 2024.
    - The FY25 Appropriations request was not signed into law due to a year-long continuing resolution and had to be resubmitted by Congressman Edwards for FY26.
    - APD was notified in February 2026 that funding of $1,141,255.56 had been secured in the FY26 Appropriations Bill.
    - Congressman Edwards' Office is waiting on formal implementation guidance from the committees and the Department of Justice. Once ready to move forward, the DOJ's Office of Justice Programs will publish the award conditions, allowable uses, compliance requirements, and onboarding steps.
    - Even though the CPF is part of an appropriations law and not a typical competitive grant, most agencies require a formal application and acceptance process before funds are obligated. Once formal guidance on this is released, the procedural steps for recipients will begin, and APD will follow DOJ processes to receive funding.

- A city-owned Real Time Intelligence Center (RTIC) will serve as a centralized hub for technology-driven intelligence gathering, analysis, and investigative support. By providing personnel with the ability to collect, analyze, and disseminate real-time information to responding officers, the RTIC will enhance situational awareness and support timely, informed, and effective responses. This capability prioritizes the safety of officers, residents, and the broader community.
- The RTIC will strengthen the operational effectiveness of the Asheville Police Department by improving coordination, increasing efficiency, and supporting evidence-based policing strategies. Establishing an RTIC represents a strategic investment in public safety and demonstrates the City's commitment to proactively addressing emerging challenges, leveraging modern technology, and enhancing service to the Asheville community.