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:** April 7, 2026

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Alex Cole, Historic Preservation Planner

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

4. **Subject:** Budget Amendment to Accept Helene Recovery Grant Funding for Biltmore Village Infrastructure Repairs/Restoration

5. **Action Requested:** Adoption of a Budget Amendment in the amount of $2,492,801 from the State of North Carolina's Department of Commerce's Small Business Assistance Infrastructure grant.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** Yes, the grant award deadline has started.

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:** Increase in the City's budget due to acceptance of grant funds.

8. **Identify all vendor outreach for Minority & Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE).**
    - Funding for this project is provided by State or other (non-City of Asheville) grants or other sources. The sources often require alternative outreach and engagement requirements. All efforts will be made to comply and align with outreach procedures that broaden the potential pool of qualified applicants.

9. **Identify all Boards, Commissions and Council Committees with tentative dates - add in the vote and recommendation from each Board: N/A the ability to apply for and accept this award was already approved by Council vote.**

10. **Identify key issues:**
    - This project is in alignment with all of the City's Recovery plans.
    - Staff will be engaging with representatives from the Biltmore Village Merchants Association in late April to share out and hear feedback on the project timeline and implementation.
    - A key point of early collaboration with the community is a facilitated process to consider the needs for ADA accessibility and for tree replacement to improve accessibility within any final design.
    - It is anticipated that the initial design phase of the project will begin in Summer 2026 with the goal of starting construction as soon as possible.
    - It is understood that implementation of this project is time sensitive from a community recovery needs perspective, as well as the grant parameters.
    - The Infrastructure Recovery Board and PFI Committee of Council will be kept informed of the engagement, design and construction process.