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:** 4/13/2026

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Amy Deyton, PW Director

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** 4/28/2026

4. **Subject:** Resolution to authorize the City Manager to submit an application to the Federal Highway Administration - Emergency Relief Program (FHWA-ER) for funding of repairs on Federal-aid routes in the City of Asheville; and enter into any documents necessary for such acceptance

5. **Action Requested:** Adoption of a resolution to authorize the City Manager to submit an application to the Federal Highway Administration - Emergency Relief Program (FHWA-ER) for funding of repairs on Federal-aid routes in the City of Asheville; to accept said grant funds if awarded; enter into any documents necessary for such acceptance from the FHWA-ER; and enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the N.C. Dept. of Transportation.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** Yes, grant deadlines

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:** FHWA will reimburse 80% of eligible costs with 20% of the cost share to be covered by the City.

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

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:**
    - In September 2024, the City of Asheville was severely impacted by Tropical Storm Helene, producing unprecedented impacts on the City's infrastructure, including roadways and sidewalks.
    - The FHWA-ER program provides federal funding to repair Federal-aid highways and Federal lands roads damaged by natural disasters.
    - FHWA-ER funding will provide for permanent restoration of damaged slopes, roadways, sidewalks, and stormwater infrastructure for those roads identified as Federal-aid routes.
    - The City has 23 sites that will be submitted through North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for FHWA review.
    - Because these are Federal-aid routes, they are ineligible for Public Assistance (PA) funding from FEMA.