City of Asheville Staff Report

City Council Meeting Date: May 26, 2026

Staff Resources: Amy Deyton, Public Works Director; Jes Foster, Sanitation Division Manager

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing an increase in the total project funding for the Litter and Cleanliness Program and authorizing the City Manager to execute contract amendments with WNC Landscaping LLC and Steri-Clean of NC to increase each total contract amount for litter and and biohazardous debris collection and extend renewal periods.

Background:

- The total budget amount for Litter and Cleanliness is split between the 2 contracts.
- Funds in the Litter and Cleanliness budget are shared between the contracts and can be moved between the contracts as needed.
- Due to the unpredictable nature of hot spot and encampment clean up, moving funds between the contract has been necessary several times in the past.
- In 2023, City Council adopted resolutions authorizing the City Manager to enter into 2 contracts for the Litter and Cleanliness Program for a total combined project amount not to exceed $500,000, funded by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funds .
- In Fiscal Year 2025, additional general fund savings were added to the contracts, bringing the total project amount to $618,640.
- In Fiscal Year 2026, additional ARPA and general funds were added to the contracts, bringing the total project amount to $818,640, and the contracts were extended until December 2026 or until funds are expended.
- Remaining ARPA funds in the Sanitation Division budget must be utilized by the end of 2026.
- Fiscal Year 2026 Sanitation general funds were allocated to this program and are available to add to the project contracts, requiring an increase in the total project not-to-exceed amount.
- Additional funds were requested as part of the Fiscal Year 2027 budget.
- Increasing the total project amount will enable service continuity through Fiscal Year 2027, pending Fiscal Year 2027 budget appropriation.
- As with the original project resolution, the new resolution will authorize the City Manager to execute any amendments and change orders to adjust the total amount of each individual contract, as well as change orders for individual contract renewals, within the new total project not-to-exceed amount of $1,073,640.

Vendor Outreach: Original funding for this project was provided through a federal grant (ARPA), and followed federal outreach guidelines for the contracting process.

Council Vision 2036 Focus Area(s):

- A Clean, Safe, and Healthy Environment

Council Priority Recovery Area(s):

- People; Infrastructure & Environment

Committee(s): N/A

Fiscal Impact:

- These amendments will be partially funded with ARPA funds ($19,662.06) which are already allocated to the project.
- The remaining cost will be funded through the Sanitation Division Operating Budget. $75,000 is available in FY26 and the remainder of the work ($159,125) will be paid for in FY27, pending final budget adoption.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing an increase in the total project funding for the Litter and Cleanliness Program of not-to-exceed $1,073,640 and authorizing the City Manager to execute contract amendments with WNC Landscaping LLC and Steri-Clean of NC to increase each total contract amount for litter and biohazardous debris collection and extending the renewal periods.

Attachment(s):

- Resolution

City of Asheville Resolution Number 26-___

Resolution authorizing an increase in the total project funding for the Litter and Cleanliness Program and authorizing the City Manager to execute contract amendments with WNC Landscaping LLC and Steri-Clean of NC to increase each total contract amount for litter and biohazardous debris collection and extend the renewal periods.

Whereas, the City of Asheville has authority pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes to enter into contracts for services with other entities; and

Whereas, Resolution 22-92 authorized the City Manager to execute the agreements for the fulfillment of the American Rescue Plan Act funding recommendations;

Whereas the City of Asheville Public Works Sanitation Division was awarded $500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funding to implement a litter and cleanliness program; and

Whereas Resolutions 23-37 and 23-145 authorized the City Manager to execute contracts with WNC Landscaping, LLC and Steri-Clean of North Carolina, LLC to perform litter collection and cleanliness services; and

Whereas Resolution 24-218 authorized the City Manager to increase to the total project funding amount to $618,640 to continue services through FY25; and

Whereas Resolution 25-165 authorized the City Manager to increase the total project funding amount to $818,640; and

Whereas additional funding is required to continue the Litter & Cleanliness Program into Fiscal Year 2027; and

Whereas, cleaning up litter and biohazardous debris protects the environment and public health;

Now, Therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Asheville that:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to increase in the total project funding for the Litter and Cleanliness Program of not-to-exceed $1,073,640 and to execute contract amendments with WNC Landscaping LLC and Steri-Clean of NC to increase each total contract amount for litter and biohazardous debris collection and extend the renewal periods.

Read, approved, and adopted this 26th day of May, 2026.

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Esther E. Manheimer, Mayor

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Brad Branham, City Attorney

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Magdalen Burleson, City Clerk