

The notice of such public hearing must be published at least 10 days but no more than 25 days before the date of the hearing. Notice must be published on the local government's website as well as at least one additional method to ensure wide participation. Examples include posting in the non-legal section of the newspaper with general circulation in the area, social media accounts, radio ads, and distribution lists. An affidavit may be submitted but is not required.

CITY OF GASTONIA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – DISASTER RECOVERY RENEW
NC COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
PRE-APPLICATION HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Gastonia will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda will allow, at City Hall located at 181 S South Street, Gastonia, NC 28052. The hearing will be held before the City Council in order to solicit citizen input in the development of application(s) for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery - Community Infrastructure Program (CDBG-DR CI). The CDBG-DR funding is intended to support Hurricane Helene recovery efforts and strengthen community resilience. The City plans to apply for these funds for infrastructure repair projects in areas that were negatively impacted by Hurricane Helene.

The Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funds are provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Community Infrastructure grant program is managed by the N.C. Commerce Division of Community Revitalization. The purpose of this grant program is to provide funding for infrastructure projects, linked to Hurricane Helene's impacts or mitigation set-asides, that will help impacted communities in western North Carolina recover from Hurricane Helene and become more resilient to current and future natural hazards. The minimum grant amount is \$500,000 and the maximum grant amount is \$15,000,000. The State Division of Community Revitalization has allocated a total of \$55,000,000 to this first round of the Community Infrastructure grant program. Although none are anticipated, any such activities that may involve temporary or permanent impacts to property owners or occupants would be conducted in accordance with applicable federal and state requirements. The City's Grants Management/Financial Services Department may be contacted for a copy of the proposed applications.

The City anticipates submitting applications for eligible Community Infrastructure projects that support Hurricane Helene recovery and resilience. Proposed projects may include, but are not limited to, improvements to public parks and recreational facilities, access roads, transportation and pedestrian infrastructure, water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure, and other eligible public infrastructure investments that address documented unmet recovery needs and strengthen community resilience in accordance with CDBG-DR and State program requirements. More information about the Notice of Funding Opportunity can be found on the State's website: <https://www.commercerecovery.nc.gov/renew-nc-programs/community-infrastructure/notice-funding-opportunity-renew-nc-community-infrastructure-program>. A second public hearing will be held at a future date before any potential funding award is received.

Citizens who are unable to attend the public hearing may submit written comments regarding the proposed CDBG-DR Community Infrastructure application(s) to Emily Matthews at Emily.Matthews@gastonianc.gov. Written comments will be accepted through September 1, 2026. All comments received will be considered as part of the application development process.

Requests for accommodations should be submitted by individuals at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting time. Persons with hearing disabilities may contact us using the Relay North Carolina Service, (TDD) 711 or 800-735-2962 (English) or 888-825-6570 (Spanish).

This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Candice Owenby, Deputy City Clerk, at 704-866-6720 to accommodate a language request. Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma previa solicitud. Comuníquese con Candice Owenby, Secretaria Municipal Adjunta, al 704-866-6720 para hacer los arreglos necesarios.

