



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 72

RESOLUTION

R - 2022

Introduced by the Administration on May 4, 2022

Authorizes Submission of an Application for funding from The Congresswoman Susan Wild Community Funding Project In the amount of Nine Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty (\$992,960) Dollars for Lehigh and Union Streets Intersection Enhancement.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown is desirous of obtaining funds from the Community Project Funding Grant from Congresswomen Susan Wild office, for increased mobility of the city, through the enhancement of Lehigh Street and Union Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Currently, motorists traveling northbound on Lehigh Street are not able to turn westbound (left) on Union Street due to the intersection configuration. To address this issue, this project includes intersection upgrades including geometric widening, construction of sidewalks and crosswalks, and signalization. This would provide improved access to the ring surrounding the inner core of the city and prevents vehicles from circling and conflicting with pedestrians.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Allentown will conduct the required citizen participation process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Allentown Department of Public works will assure the provision of other necessary funds to make the activity feasible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Congresswoman Susan Wild Community Project Funding Grant will tentatively fund this project in its entirety if awarded the grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate officer of the City of Allentown is directed to execute a certificate attesting to the adoption of this Resolution and to furnish a copy of this Resolution to Congresswoman Susan Wild's office.

LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

Department of Community and Economic Development

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

This is to acknowledge that the City of Allentown would like to file an application for The Congresswoman Susan Wild 2023 Community Project funding in the amount of \$992,960.00

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
 - **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
 - **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

The project being undertaken by DCED managed by Public Works is intersection upgrades of Lehigh and Union including geometric widening, construction of sidewalks and crosswalks, and signalization. This would provide improved access to the ring surrounding the inner core of the city and prevents vehicles from circling and conflicting with pedestrians

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
 - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

There is no cost to the city. This grant is upfront.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

These funds will be held at CED and will be drawn on a as needed basis. This program will work exactly like the federal HUD Grants, and follow all federal, local and state rules and regulations.

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

This Grant is due April 18, 2022.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

Public Benefit Standards

The benefit standard for this project will benefit the community as a whole, and support the five year consolidated plan and comprehensive plan, with supporting revitalization city- wide and in low to moderate income communities as per the census tract data.