



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 57

RESOLUTION

R - 2023

Introduced by the Administration on March 15, 2023

Authorizes the submission of the formal application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a grant in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) Dollars to support the renovation of the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown, Lehigh County and ASSR Lehigh Consistory hereby requested a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant for \$500,000.00 from the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget to fund the renovation of Scottish Rite Cathedral on 1533 Hamilton Street Allentown, PA 18102.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown hereby designates Matthew Tuerk Mayor, and Bina Patel, Finance Director, as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Allentown and the Commonwealth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Allentown, hereby authorizes the City of Allentown to submit and accept Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) Dollars in Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program funds to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of the Budget.

LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE

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

Mayor's office

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

AASR Lehigh Consistory the subgrantee, is submitting a formal application to the State Office of the Budget, for which the city will serve as the Grantee. The \$500,000.00 awarded in the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) funds will support the renovation of the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

- **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 Resolution is a requirement of the formal application to demonstrate the city's support of the project and to designate the mayor as the authorized signatory of the grant contract.

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

The grant application is for \$500,000.00. Funds must be matched dollar for dollar. All funding commitment are the responsibility of the subgrantee and there is no financial impact or risk to the city.

- **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.**

Pennsylvania Office of the Budget

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

The resolution is an application requirement.

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

The resolution will allow the city and AASR Lehigh Consistory to submit a formal application for these funds that have already been allocated by the state to support this exciting development project.