



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 16

RESOLUTION

R - 2022

Introduced by the Administration on January 19, 2022

Approves the Submission of an amendment to the 2021 Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Traffic Signals – regulatory requirement to allocate unspent funds from the federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) in the amount of \$550,000.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown is eligible to apply for funding through federal housing and community development programs for use within the City; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development requires the City to prepare an Action Plan to receive such funding; and

WHEREAS, the Action Plan serves as the application for Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program and Emergency Solutions Grants Program funds, and describes how the City plans to use the federal funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Allentown hereby approves of the submission to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development of the amendment to the Action Plan for the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE

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

The attached legislation, from the Department of Community and Economic Development serves as the template for the City of Allentown's request to allocate unspent funds from the federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) in the amount of \$550,000.00. This piece of legislation serves a specific purpose, which contains all the recommended regulatory steps needed to apply for federal funds.

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

This legislation will allow the City to submit an amendment to its One Year Action Plan for the allocation of unspent funds from the federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), Program funds.

- **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**

This resolution authorizes the City to submit an amendment to the Year Action plan to HUD. The Action Plan outlines the use of the federal funds for the upcoming program year in accordance with the priorities outlined in the Five Year Consolidated Plan approved by City Council last year.

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

With the application to HUD, the City is reallocating stalled project funds to a material purchased of downtown traffice signal improvement project to achieve Community and Economic Development goals, as described in the Five Year Consolidated Plan for the use of federal funds.

- **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.**

The funding sources for this resolution are the federal Community Development Block Grant Program funds from stalled projects.

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

This bill has a high priority status.

With this resolution, City Council is authorizing the City of Allentown to submit its ammendment to the One Year Action Plan for the use of federal CDBG dollars.

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

This resolution allows us to submit our ammendment to bring additional grant dollars into the City.