



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. R142

RESOLUTION

RXX - 2017

Introduced by the Administration on July 19, 2017

Authorizes Submission of an Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development's Multimodal Transportation Fund for a Grant of One Million Six Hundred Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$1,602,488) for Use in the Upside Allentown Pedestrian Streetlighting Program

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown, Lehigh County hereby requests a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant of \$1,602,488 from the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development to partially defray the cost of the Upside Allentown Pedestrian Streetlighting Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown hereby designates Ed Pawlowski, Mayor, and Brent Hartzell, Finance Director, as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Allentown and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Allentown, hereby authorizes the City of Allentown to submit the application for One Million Six Hundred Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$1,602,488) in Multi Modal Funding to the Commonwealth Finance Authority.

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

- Planning & Zoning, CED

Summary and Facts of the Bill

- Grant application to be submitted to PA Department of Community & Economic Development's Multimodal Fund to be used in Upside Allentown's Pedestrian Street Lighting Program, specifically the street segments on Gordon Street and Liberty Street between 4th and 7th Streets.

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 relate to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities

The bill formally requests the following:

- Approval to submit the application to Pa-DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund grant program.
- Authorize the Mayor and Finance Director to execute all grant-related documents, and,
- Identifies the amount of the grant as \$1,602,488. This resolution is a required document in the application.
- The adequate pedestrian lighting, among other amenities is a key element in the Upside Allentown community revitalization plan.

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

- Total cost of the project is approximately \$2,289,268 (= \$1,602,488 in Multimodal grants + \$686,780 in local funds from the City's Capital Fund.
- The benefit will be improved lighting for residents and visitors in the center city area and to enhance nighttime, wholesome pedestrian mobility.

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 source of funds will be the PA Multimodal Grant Fund and the City of Allentown's Capital Fund.

Priority status/Deadlines, if any

- We request approval at the July 19 meeting in order to submit the grant by the required date of July 31st.

Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

- This project will improve the quality of life for Center City residents and will improve the overall environment for visitors and businesses in this area.