No.   31156   **RESOLUTION**   **R163 - 2025**

Introduced by the Administration on November 5, 2025

Authorizes the submission of the formal application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a grant of Twenty-one Million ($21,00,000) to support the Allentown Art Museum.

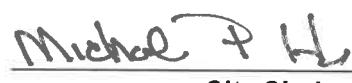**Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That**

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Allentown, Lehigh County hereby requested a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant for Twenty-one Million ($21,00,000) from the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget to support the Allentown Art Museum for the construction of a new facility.

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 Twenty-one Million ($21,00,000) in Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program funds to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of the Budget.

	Yea	Nay
Candida Affa	X	
Ce-Ce Gerlach	X	
Cynthia Y. Mota	X	
Santo Napoli	X	
Natalie Santos	X	
Ed Zucal	X	
Daryl Hendricks, President	X	
TOTAL	7	0

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the above copy of Resolution No. 31156 was adopted by the City Council of Allentown on the 5th day of November, 2025, and is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

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City Clerk

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

  This bill originates from the Department of Community and Economic Development Grants Department on behalf of the Allentown Art Museum.

- **Summary and facts of the bill.**

  The Allentown Art Museum is submitting a formal application to the Pennsylvania   Office of the Budget (OB), for $21,000,000 awarded in Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) funds that will support the construction of a new and purpose-built museum.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**
a. **What does the bill do? What are the specific goals or tasks the bill seeks to accomplish?**

  The Resolution is a requirement of the application to demonstrate the City's support for the project and to designate Mayor Matthew Tuerk as the signatory of the contract with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

b. **What are the benefits of doing this? What are the drawbacks?**

  The benefits are for the residents of Allentown and visitors that the project will bring to the city.

c. **How does this bill relate to the City's vision/mission/priorities?**

  This bill allows for a state-of-the-art facility for the residents and visitors of the City of Allentown.

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

  The grant application is for $21,000,000. Funds must be matched dollar for dollar. All funding commitments are the responsibility of the Subgrantee and there is no financial impact or risk to the City.
b. **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

  The project will benefit the residents of Allentown as well as bring additional revenue to the city through tourism.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**

a. **If transferring funds, please make sure to give specific account names and numbers. If appropriating funds from a grant, please list the agency awarding the grant.**

The funding is coming from the Pennsylvania State Office of Budget.

- **Priority status – Are there any deadlines to be aware of?**

The resolution is a requirement of the formal application to demonstrate the City's support of the project.

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

This bill will allow for the submission of the RACP grant application for funding that will support this exciting redevelopment project in center-city. There is no financial impact to the City, as this is a pass-through grant award.