



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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RESOLUTION

R161 - 2025

Introduced by the Administration on November 5, 2025

Authorizes the submission of a Formal Application for the Local Share Account (LSA) Grant by the City of Allentown for funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Services in the amount of approximately Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to conduct a feasibility study on converting select one-way streets into two-way streets.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown is desirous of submitting a formal application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to hire a consultant to complete a feasibility study to convert select one-way streets in the City to two-way streets.

WHEREAS, this feasibility study supports the Allentown Vision Zero and Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action plan to eliminate severe traffic injuries and fatalities. Investing in this study positions the City to make informed, cost-effective safety improvements that benefit residents, businesses, and visitors alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allentown City Council, hereby authorizes the City of Allentown to submit the application for approximately Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) in the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Services to the Commonwealth Financing Authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Allentown hereby designates Matt 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 Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requesting grant.

Legislative Template

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

Public Works / Traffic Planning & Control

- Summary and facts of the bill.

This bill is required so the City can submit a formal application for PA DCED Local Share Account Grant in the amount of \$200,000.00.

- 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?

This resolution is a requirement of the formal application to demonstrate the City's support of this application.

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

The City of Allentown is seeking funding to conduct a feasibility study evaluating the conversion of select one-way streets to two-way operations. The study will build directly upon the findings and strategies identified in the SS4A Action Plan, advancing the City's goal of eliminating serious injuries and fatalities on its roadways.

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

This project supports Allentown's vision of creating a safe, connected, and thriving city by transforming streets to serve all users, not just vehicles. It advances the City's mission and SS4A priorities by reducing traffic injuries, improving neighborhood access, and promoting equitable mobility across all communities.

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

We are requesting \$200,000 in grant funds for a feasibility study. No match required.

- b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

Initially, the study will provide data-driven recommendations to identify where two-way conversions can most effectively improve safety and access. Over time, implementing these conversions will calm traffic, reduce crashes, enhance neighborhood connectivity, and support long-term economic and community vitality.

- 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.

N/A

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

This grant is due November 30, 2025

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

City Council should support this project because it directly advances Allentown's Vision Zero and SS4A goals to eliminate severe traffic injuries and fatalities. Investing in this study positions the City to make informed, cost-effective safety improvements that benefit residents, businesses, and visitors alike.