



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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**RESOLUTION**

**R14 - 2025**

***Introduced by the Administration on February 5, 2025***

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Authorizes the submission of the formal application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a grant of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) to support Da Vinci Science Center.

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***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 \$2,000,000 from the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget to support the Da Vinci Science Center Downtown Allentown Project.

***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 Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) in Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program funds to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of the Budget.

## Legislative Template

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

The bill is originating from the Department of Economic Development on behalf of The Da Vinci Science Center.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

A formal application is being submitted to the State Office of the Budget, for which the City will serve as the Grantee. The \$2,000,000 awarded in Redevelopment Assistance Capital Project (RACP) funds will support the Da Vinci Science Center Downtown Allentown Project.

- 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 the project and to designate the Mayor as the authorized signatory of the grant contract.

- b. What are the benefits of doing this?

These funds will support the ongoing project, which will draw tourism to the City of Allentown.

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

This grant aligns with a safer, cleaner, healthier Allentown as it will allow for a safe place for the residents and tourist to visit.

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

There is no financial impact or risk to the City.

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

This resolution is a requirement of the formal application process.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

This resolution will allow the City of Allentown and Da Vinci Science Center to make a formal application for these funds that have already been allocated by the State to support this development project.