



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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**RESOLUTION**

**R21 - 2023**

***Introduced by the Administration on January 4, 2023***

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Approves the Submission of the Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development which is required for the City to reallocate \$100,000 in funds currently not used to help Habitat for Humanity complete home repair projects on Cumberland Street.

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***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 Action Plan for the period January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

## Legislative Template

- What department or bureau is this 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 reallocate funds from the federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) in the amount of \$100,000.00. 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 reallocation of funds from the federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), Program funds.

- 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 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.

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

With the application to HUD, the City reallocates \$100,000.00 in funds to achieve Community and Economic Development goals, as described in the Five Year Consolidated Plan for the use of federal funds.

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

This reallocation of funds is to help Habitat for Humanity complete the home repair project on Cumberland Street. This will help the city in its fight to eliminate blight in the city's older housing stock.

- Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:

- a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

There is no impact to the city. These are all grant funds

- b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

The benefit will be that Cumberland Street will now have a fresh new look and help eliminate blight.

- 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 funds will be coming from the HUD CDBG stalled project and repurposed as to not have to return the funds to HUD.

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

High Priority. these funds will have to returned to HUD if we don't have a new project assigned by 12/31/22

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

City Council should approve this bill to spend down the stalled project funds into a project that will help the city with its blight issues. This new project is underway, and the funds will help with rising construction costs and getting other properties also completed this year.