



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 94

RESOLUTION

R94 - 2020

Introduced by the Administration on August 19, 2020

Authorizes Submission of an Application to the Blight Remediation Program of the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development for a Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for Use in conducting a reuse feasibility study on the identified properties.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown, Lehigh County hereby requests a Blight Remediation Grant of \$25,000.00 from the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development to support a reuse feasibility study of the properties located at 428-436 N. 6th Street and 441 thru 435 N. Church Street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown hereby designates the Mayor and Finance Director as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Allentown and the Department of Community & Economic Development 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 Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) in Blight Remediation Grant funds to the Department of Community & Economic Development.

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

CED

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The City is submitting an application to the Blight Remediation Program of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. We are requesting \$25,000 to support a feasibility reuse study of the properties located at 428-436 N. 6th Street and 441 thru 435 N. Church Street.

- **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 related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

The Resolution is a requirement of the application to demonstrate the City's commitment to the project and support of the application.

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

- **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
- **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

The grant request is for \$25,000. There is a 10% match of project cost required, so CED is committing \$2,500 to the total project cost of \$27,500.

- **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.**

Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

This resolution must be submitted to the State as soon as possible, as a supplement to our application that was submitted on July 31, 2020.

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

The resolution will allow the City to make application for these funds and help the City determine next steps for this blighted property(ies).