



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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RESOLUTION

R128 - 2024

Introduced by the Administration on July 24, 2024

Approves the submission of an application for a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for the improvements of Andre Reed Park. The City is asking for \$250,000.00 in grant funding with a 15% match required – land appraisal or cash.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, that

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown is desirous of obtaining funds from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Greenways, trails, and recreation program (GTRP) will allow funds for the improvements of Andre Reed Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Allentown Department of Parks and Recreation will assure the provision of other necessary funds to make the activity feasible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Allentown does hereby designate Matt Tuerk, Mayor and Bina Patel, Director of Finance 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 requested grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Greenways, trails, and recreation program grant will tentatively fund \$250,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate officer of the City of Allentown is directed to execute a certificate attesting to the adoption of this resolution and to furnish a copy of this resolution to The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE

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

Parks and Recreation

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The purpose of the resolution is for improvements to Andre Reed Park, such as, upgraded dugouts, new bleachers, landscaping and repairing the WPA Stairs and wall.

- **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**

This City is asking for \$250,000.00 in grant funding.

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

MATCH: 15% match required (land appraisal, cash) \$37,500.00 match.
Parks and Recreation will secure all funding requirements under this grant.

- **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.**

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

High priority, grant is due May 31st.

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

These funds will be used for the improvement of Andre Reed Park.