



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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RESOLUTION

R133 - 2023

Introduced by the Administration on August 2, 2023

Authorizes the submission of the formal application for a Pennsylvania DCED Emergency Solutions Grant in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) to benefit Lehigh Valley Regional Homeless Advisory Board members. This grant will allow sub-recipients to provide homeless services and resources to the region's homeless population.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown is desirous of obtaining funds for The Lehigh Valley Regional Homeless Advisory Board from Pennsylvania DCED for Rapid Rehousing, Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter, Homeless Prevention and HMIS under 24 CFR § 576.102 and 24 CFR § 576.104.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that shelter and homeless needs exist and have been identified in the local Consolidated Plan and the proposed grant activity addresses this need.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Allentown will conduct the required citizen participation process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Allentown Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) will assure the provision of other necessary funds to make the activity feasible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that DCED will reimburse the commonwealth for any expenditures found by DCED to be ineligible.

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 Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

Legislative Template

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

Department of Community and Economic Development

- Summary and facts of the bill.

This is to acknowledge that the City of Allentown would like to file an application for a Pennsylvania DCED Emergency Solutions Grant in the amount of approximately \$500,000.00.

- 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?

The project being undertaken by DCED is the 2023 Emergency Solutions Grant which is being offered through the state of Pennsylvania.

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

This grant will specifically benefit Lehigh Valley Regional Homeless Advisory Board members. This grant will allow sub-recipients to provide homeless services and resources to the region's homeless population.

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

This grant aligns with SP-60 Homelessness Strategy- 91.215(d).

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

There is no cost to the city as this grant is on a reimbursement basis.

- b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

This grant will strengthen the partnership between the City of Allentown and the Lehigh Valley Regional Advisory Board members. This collaboration will provide homeless services to the regions unsheltered population and with the intent to decrease the number of unsheltered individuals.

- 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.

These funds will be held at CED and will be drawn on a reimbursement basis. This program will work exactly like the federal ESG grant.

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

This grant is due August 18, 2023, at 4 pm.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

Public Benefit Standards-

The benefit standard for this project will benefit Lehigh Valley Regional Homeless Advisory Board members who provide services to those most in need. These funds will allow these sub-recipients to provide Rapid Rehousing, Emergency shelter, Street Outreach, and Temporary Shelter to residents of the Lehigh Valley region.