



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 121

RESOLUTION

R - 2022

Introduced by the Administration on August 3, 2022

Authorizes Submission of a Formal Application to the Multimodal Transportation Fund for a Grant through the Commonwealth Financing Authority in the amount of Five Hundred and Fifty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$559,000) to support installation of new streetlights.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown, Lehigh County hereby requests a Multimodal Transportation DCED Grant of \$559,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to support installation of new street lights along Martin Luther King Jr Drive from the 8th Street Bridge overpass to Union Street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown hereby designates Matt Tuerk, Mayor, and Seth O'Neill, Finance Director, as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Allentown and the Commonwealth Financing Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Allentown, hereby authorizes the City of Allentown to submit the application for Five Hundred and Fifty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$559,000) in Multimodal Transportation DCED Funds to the Commonwealth Financing Authority.

LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE

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

Public Works / Traffic Control

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The City is submitting a formal application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority requesting a Grant of Five Hundred and Fifty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$559,000) in Multimodal Transportation DCED Grant to support installation of new street lights along Martin Luther King Jr Dr. from the 8th Street Bridge overpass to Union St.

- **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 \$559,000. The City has pledged \$54,000 in matching funds.

- **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.**

Commonwealth Financing Authority, Multimodal Transportation DCED Grant.

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

The Resolution is an application requirement. Application is due July 30, 2022. The signed resolution must be forwarded upon Council Approval since the application is due after this Resolution is voted on.

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

The Resolution will allow the City to make apply for these funds that would upgrade lighting on Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. from S. 8th St. to Union St. The project will create safer and more environmentally sensitive lighting system for the mobility benefit of pedestrians and drivers, while supporting the economic strength of both the City of Allentown and the wider region.