



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. R145

RESOLUTION

R - 2017

Introduced by the Administration on July 19, 2017

Approves the Submission of the Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

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 Shelter 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 October 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

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

The Consolidated Grants Program (CGP) legislation consists of two ordinances and one resolution and originates in the Department of Community and Economic Development.

The attached legislation, from the Department of Community and Economic Development serves as the template for the City of Allentown's application for federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) funds. Each piece of legislation serves a specific purpose, which when combined, contain all the recommended regulatory steps need to apply for these federal funds. These are the same types of legislation presented to City Council every year. However, the actual dollar amounts, list of activities and funds available are different every year.

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

This legislation will allow the City to submit its One Year Action Plan for the use of federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program funds.

- **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 resolution authorizes the City to submit 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.

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

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

With the application to HUD, the City adds \$2,990,194.00 in funds to achieve Community and Economic Development goals, as described in the Five Year Consolidated Plan for the use of federal 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.**

The funding sources for this resolution are the federal Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program and Emergency Solutions Grant Program.

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

This bill has a high priority status.

With this resolution, City Council is authorizing the City of Allentown to submit its One Year Action Plan for the use of federal CDBG, HOME and ESG dollars.

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

This resolution allows us to submit our One Year Action Plan to bring additional grant dollars into the City.