



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No.

RESOLUTION

R105 2026

Introduced by the Administration on August 19, 2026

Authorizes the submission of a formal application for funding for the Department of Housing and Urban Development grant opportunity in the amount of approximately Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) to implement an Older Adult Home Modification Program.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, the Department of Community and Economic Development is desirous of submitting a formal application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a grant of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) to implement an Older Adult Home Modification Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Older Adult Home Modification grant will allow funds to improve Low-to-Moderate income housing stock and facilitate Allentown residents 62 years and older to stay in their homes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Allentown Department of Community and Economic Development will assure the provisions of all necessary reporting, activities and purchases.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the appropriate officer of the City of Allentown is directed to execute a certificate attesting the adoption of the Resolution and to furnish a copy of this Resolution to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Legislative Template

- What department or bureau is this bill originating from?

This bill originates from the Department of Community and Economic Development: Building Safety & Standards, Community Housing.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

COA Community Housing seeks to apply for the 2026 HUD Older Adult Home Modification grant program funding opportunity LHC-2600-DC-0069 (14.921) in the maximum amount of three million dollars in reimbursable funds allocated over 36 months. The funds would be divided two to one with the sub-recipient, City of Bethlehem Health.

- What are the specific goals or tasks the bill seeks to accomplish?

The intent of the Older Adults Home Modification Grant Program is to make safety and functional home modifications and repairs to meet the needs of low-income elderly homeowners. Funding would service 100 owner-occupied and rental units located in the target area, which is designated as the entire City of Allentown. Projects budget allows up to \$15,000 per property. The program will serve occupants who are disabled and/or age 62+ and are at or below 80% of the average median income.

- a. What are the benefits of doing this?

OAHM funds address risk of falling, improve general safety, increase accessibility, and improve senior and disabled occupant's functional abilities in their home; allowing COA citizens to Age-in-Place. There are no obvious drawbacks.

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

This work corresponds with our Vision 2030 plan and Allentown's Housing Needs Assessment & Strategic Plan to improve the quality of the Allentown housing stock as well as increase the quality of healthy, safe and affordable housing.

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

- a. Cost (initial and ongoing) - The Older Adult Home Modification program is a reimbursement grant; all monies must be expended before they can be reimbursed by this grant. No new positions are needed to run this program; current staff time will be allocated to achieve all program goals.

- a. Benefits (initial and ongoing) - The quantity of accessible and affordable housing stock in Allentown will be increased by 100 homes.

- 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.

Grant funds are being received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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

The resolution is a requirement of the formal application. The grant application submission due date is August 31, 2026.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

The 2026 Older Adult Home Modification grant helps vulnerable Allentown seniors and disabled residence reach stay in their home by preventing injuries, lowering health care costs by retrofitting older housing with fall prevention, home modification, and adaptive equipment.