



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 88

RESOLUTION

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Introduced by the Administration on June 16, 2021

Resolution of the Pennsylvania Emergency Solutions Grant Authorizing the filing of a proposal for funds with the Department of Community and Economic Development, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH) enacted into law on May 20, 2009, authorized the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) has received ESG program funds and is making these funds available to units of local governments for eligible homeless services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown desires to submit an application to DCED for ESG Program funds to provide homeless services or on behalf of other entities to provide homeless services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the City of Allentown that:

1. The proposed project(s) Pennsylvania Emergency Solutions Grant to be funded by a grant from the Pennsylvania ESG Program meet the ESG interim rule requirements at §24 CFR 576 are eligible and approved.
2. The City of Allentown on behalf of LV RHAB is authorized and directed to execute an ESG Program application in the amount of \$ 400,000.00 to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development.
3. The City of Allentown will assume the responsibility for securing the required matching amount of project funds or request a waiver of match funds to DCED.
4. The County of Lehigh will reimburse the Commonwealth for any expenditure found to be ineligible.
5. The City of Allentown is authorized to provide such assurances, certificates, and supplemental data or revised data that DCED may request in connection with the application.

LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE

- **What Department or bureau is 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 \$400,000.00.

- **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 project being undertaken by DCED is the 2021 Emergency Solutions Grant which is being offered through the state of Pennsylvania. This grant will specifically benefit Lehigh Valley Regional Homeless Advisory Board Emergency Shelter members. This grant will allow subrecipients to provide homeless services and resources to the region's homeless population. This grant aligns with SP-60 Homelessness Strategy- 91.215(d).

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

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

- **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.**

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/Deadlines, if any**

This Grant is due June 25, 2021

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

Public Benefit Standards

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