



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. _____

RESOLUTION

R189 - 2025

Introduced by the Administration on December 3, 2025

Approves the submission of the formal application for the local share account grant for the City of Allentown Parks Department to support the construction of a new park operations facility.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown is desirous of submitting a formal application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development for a grant of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown, Lehigh County hereby requests a local share account grant to support the construction of a new park operations facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the City of Allentown hereby designates Matthew Tuerk Mayor, and Bina Patel, Finance Director, as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Allentown and the Commonwealth.

Legislative Template

- What department or bureau is this bill originating from?

This bill originates from the Department of Parks and Recreation

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The City of Allentown is submitting a formal application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for \$1,000,000 awarded from the Statewide Local Share Account (LSA) grant that will support the construction of a new park operations facility located in the Lehigh Parkway. The LSA funding will be utilized to construct a new building.

- Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. What are the specific goals or tasks the bill seeks to accomplish?

The Resolution is a requirement of the application to demonstrate the City's support for the project and to designate Mayor Matthew Tuerk as the signatory of the contract with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

- b. What are the benefits of doing this?

The benefits are this project will create a modern, safe, and ADA-compliant facility that consolidates all divisions. Expected measurable outcomes include: construction of one new operations facility; consolidation of two outdated buildings into one efficient site; retention of all existing parks, maintenance, recreation, and events staff; creation of temporary construction jobs; reduction in travel time between departments; improved staff meeting efficiency; and increased operational productivity. Upon completion, all staff, equipment, and materials will transition into the new building, resulting in a unified, safe, and fully compliant operations center that supports long-term community service.

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

This grant aligns with a safer, cleaner, healthier Allentown as it will allow for a cleaner and healthier modern facility to support parks and recreation.

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

The grant application is for \$1,000,000.

- b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

- 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.

The funding comes from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic 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 November 30, 2025.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

The resolution will allow the City to make a formal application for these funds to support this capital project.