



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 30278

RESOLUTION

R134 - 2021

Introduced by the Administration on August 18, 2021

Authorizes submission of the \$1 Million HUD Eviction Prevention Grant Application

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS the City of Allentown is desirous of obtaining funds from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for legal aid, eviction prevention, eviction mediation, and rental assistance under 24 CFR § 982.310.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that eviction prevention and mediation needs exist and have been identified in the local Consolidated Plan and the proposed grant activity addresses this need.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; the City of Allentown will conduct the required citizen participation process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Allentown Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) will assure the provision of other necessary funds to make the activity feasible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that DCED will reimburse the commonwealth for any expenditures found by DCED to be ineligible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate officer of the City of Allentown is directed to execute a certificate attesting to the adoption of this Resolution and to furnish a copy of this Resolution to Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

	Yea	Nay
Candida Affa	X	
Ce-Ce Gerlach	X	
Daryl Hendricks	X	
Cynthia Mota	X	
Joshua Siegel	X	
Ed Zucal	X	
Julio A. Guridy, President	X	
TOTAL	7	0

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the above copy of Resolution No. 30278 was adopted by the City Council of Allentown on the 18th day of August, 2021, and is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Michael P. Hal

City Clerk

- **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 HUD Eviction Prevention Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

- **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 HUD Eviction Prevention Grant. This grant will specifically benefit Allentown residents who are facing eviction. The grant would allow subrecipients to provide legal aid, prevention and mediation services to those facing eviction. 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 HUD Grants.

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

This Grant is due September 10, 2021.

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

Public Benefit Standards

The benefit standard for this project will benefit tenants who are facing eviction within the City of Allentown. These funds will allow subrecipients to provide legal aid, prevention, mediation and rental assistance to those most in need.