Legislative Template

- What department or bureau is this bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

The legislation originates from the Department of Community and Economic Development.

This legislation serves as a 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. This legislation

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The legislation provides the basis for the creation of the Action Plan which is submitted to HUD as the application for the CDBG, HOME and ESG program funds that the City receives annually.

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

This resolution provides the City with the authority to apply for and access $3,599,003.26 in grant funds for the January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 program year.

  b. What are the benefits of doing this? What are the drawbacks?

All activities funded comply with the CDBG, HOME and ESG regulations required by HUD and allow the City to further its Community and Economic Development Initiatives.

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

The bill provides the first step in the process to complete the strategies of the second year of the City of Allentown's Consolidated Plan for the period Januray 1, 2025 to December 31, 2029.

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

The bill affords the City the authorization to expend $3,599,003.26 in federal funds to complete a variety of activities including elimination of blight, public services, neighborhood improvements, creation of affordable housing, and support local

    b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

The legislation has no adverse financial impact on the City and the General Fund.

- 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 sources for this resolution are the federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG).

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

This bill has a high priority status. Failure to submit the application to HUD by June 4, 2026, could result in the loss of funds.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

The City followed the scoring process used in the past and approved by City Council to develop the budget. In addition, funding decisions were made by complying with HUD's regulations, which require the City to address the concerns/needs noted in the five year Consolidated Plan.

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