



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. _____

RESOLUTION

R189 - 2021

Introduced by the Administration on November 3, 2021

Authorizes Submission of a Formal Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development for a Grant of TEN THOUSAND Dollars (\$10,000.00) to support Project Lifesaver equipment and supplies for the Police Department.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown, Lehigh County hereby requests a Keystone Communities grant of \$10,000.00 from the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development to support the purchase of Project Lifesaver supplies and equipment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown hereby designates Ray O'Connell, Mayor, and Seth O'Neill, Finance Director, as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Allentown and the Commonwealth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Allentown, hereby authorizes the City of Allentown to submit the application for TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in Keystone Communities grant funds to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development.

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

Police

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The City submitting a formal application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) for a \$10,000.00 Keystone Communities grant to support Project Lifesaver equipment for the Police Department.

- **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 Resolution is a requirement of the formal application to demonstrate the City's commitment and plans for the project and to designate the Mayor as the authorized signatory of the grant contract.

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

The grant request is for \$10,000.00 and will support the purchase of the equipment. Countless community members are currently awaiting the opportunity to join the Project Lifesaver program. The grant will enable purchase of new bracelets, wristbands, and batteries, along with a thermal imaging flir and storage case, to increase the program's service capabilities.

- **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.**

Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development

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

The resolution is an application requirement. Application is being submitted on October 29, 2021, at the urging of local State Senator Browne, so the resolution will be provided to DCED as soon as possible as a supplemental submission.

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

The resolution will allow the City to make application for these funds to support this critical project that will improve the safety of community members.