



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. ____

RESOLUTION

R164 - 2025

Introduced by the Administration on November 5, 2025

Approves the submission of the formal application for the local share account grant on behalf of the Allentown Art Museum to support the construction of a new 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 on behalf of the Allentown Art Museum to support building a new facility in downtown Allentown.

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.

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- What department or bureau is this bill originating from?

This bill originates from the Department of Community and Economic Development Grants Department on behalf of The Allentown Art Museum

- 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 and development of a new art museum at 10th and Hamilton Streets in center-city.

- 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?

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?

As the city's focal point of the arts, the new art museum will transform the downtown redevelopment of Allentown, increase tourism in the city as well as foot traffic to other center-city businesses and venues.

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

Together with the conceptual and schematic phase of this project, the construction of a new museum will allow the Allentown Art Museum to better serve the community's needs, including the increasing demand for artistic and educational programs, while also increasing the organization's capacity, productivity, and efficiency.

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

The grant application is for \$1,000,000. All funding commitments are the responsibility of the Allentown Art Museum and there is no financial impact or risk to the City.

- b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

The project supports the City's priorities by increasing community development and resources available to Allentown residents, specifically low-to-moderate income individuals and families.

- 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.