



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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RESOLUTION

R199 - 2023

Introduced by the Administration on November 15, 2023

Approves the submission of the formal application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for \$250,000 from the Statewide Local Share Account Fund (LSA) that will support the replacement of Central Firehouse.

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 two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown, Lehigh County hereby requests a local share account grant to support the replacement of Central Firehouse with a new modern facility to support the current workforce and position them to respond to increasing calls for service.

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? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

Department of Community and Economic Development – Grants Bureau. This bill is originating from the Fire Department.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The City is submitting a formal application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for \$250,000 awarded from the Statewide Local Share Account Fund (LSA) that will support the replacement of Central Firehouse.

- 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 formal application to demonstrate the City's support of the project and identifying the grant amount as \$250,000.

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

A new modern facility is needed to support our current workforce and position our organization to respond to our increasing calls for service. An opportunity exists to evaluate if other city bureaus could be incorporated into the development of a mixed-use facility. Merging other government services into the same facility can foster better cooperation among bureaus and allow for the sharing of resources such as conference rooms, information technology.

There will be no drawbacks.

- 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 public fire safety.

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

There is no cost to the City.

- b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

This grant will provide a new building to support the current staff. There is also the potential for on-going collaboration among bureaus, should consideration be given to a mixed-use facility.

- 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.

Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development

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

This resolution is an application requirement.

- 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.