



# CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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**RESOLUTION**

**R178 - 2024**

*Introduced by the Administration on October 16, 2024*

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Approves the submission of the formal application for the local share account grant on behalf of the Allentown Housing Authority that will support the development of 8 new rental units targeted to LMI households and the appropriate redevelopment of a vacant, blighted property located within the Old Fairgrounds Association Historic District.

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*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 eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000.00).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Allentown, Lehigh County hereby requests a local share account grant on behalf of the Allentown Housing Authority to fund the development of 8 new rental units targeted to LMI households and the appropriate redevelopment of a vacant, blighted property located within the Old Fairgrounds Association Historic District.

**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.

- 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 Allentown Housing Authority.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The City of Allentown is submitting a formal application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for \$800,000.00 awarded from the Statewide Local Share Account Fund (LSA) that will support the development of 8 new rental units targeted to LMI households and the appropriate redevelopment of a vacant, blighted property located within the Old Fairgrounds Association Historic District.

- 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 to designate the Mayor as the authorized signatory of the grant contract.

- b. What are the benefits of doing this?

The development of 8 new rental units targeted to LMI households and the appropriate redevelopment of a vacant, blighted property located within the Old Fairgrounds Association Historic District to improve neighborhoods and create affordable housing in Center City.

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

This grant aligns with a safer, cleaner, revitalized Allentown as it will create affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households.

- 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. The application is due November 30, 2024.

- 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.