



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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**RESOLUTION**

**R102 - 2023**

***Introduced by the Administration on June 13, 2023***

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Approves the City's application to the PA Department of Health for a grant of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) that will be used for the City's Community Housing program: Renovate, Repair, and Paint.

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***Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That***

***BE IT RESOLVED***, that the City of Allentown, Lehigh County hereby requested a grant of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) from the PA Department of Health. The City of Allentown Department of Community and Economic Development, Community Housing program has been allocated Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00). The funding was approved to support the program: Renovate, Repair, and Paint.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that the City of Allentown hereby designates the Mayor and Finance Director as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Allentown and the Department of Justice to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Council of the City of Allentown, hereby approves of the grant for Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) in Community Housing funds from the PA Department of Health.

## Legislative Template

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

This resolution originates in the Department of Community and Economic Development.

The attached legislation, from the PA Department of Health also serves as the City of Allentown's application and grant acceptance of \$20,000.00 for the program: Renovate, Repair and Paint.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The PA Department of Health has awarded Community Housing \$20,000 for EPA approved Renovate, Repair, & Paint (RRP) training. The goal is to train 100 local contractors, maintenance technicians, property managers, and landlords in safer ways to work with lead painted materials in older buildings. Educating these folks in how to identify and handle lead paint hazards is critical to the reduction of childhood lead poisoning because they are most often the ones in the homes doing the work. Classes will be offered in English and Spanish. The grant period runs until 12/31/2024. Funds would include cost of EPA/RRP training, printed material, class refreshments, and contractor licensing fees.

Consultant/Subcontract Services = \$15k

EPA - Renovate, Repair, & Paint (RRP) Training for up to 100 individuals = 10ppl per class x \$1,500 per class x 10 classes

Other Costs = \$5k

\$4k - Contractor Licensing Fees - PADOLI & EPA as needed for up to 10 Program Contractors = \$400 x 10

\$1k - Class Materials and Refreshments = \$100 x 10 classes

- 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?

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

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

This grant will also be used alongside the Healthy Homes and Lead grant that the city has been doing to reduce lead in homes so we can stop childhood lead poisoning.

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

This provides the City the ability to expend \$ 20,000.00 in PA Department of Health funds to complete a variety of activities including education, training and to license contractors.

- b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

This 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 ordinance is the PA Department of Health.

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

This bill has a high priority status.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

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