



# CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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**RESOLUTION**

**R211 - 2023**

*Introduced by the Administration on December 6, 2023*

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Approves the submission of the formal application for the local share account grant on behalf of The Baum School of Art to support upgrades including modernizing the facility, increasing capacity, integrating technology, and adding dedicated spaces for specialized artistic disciplines.

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

***WHEREAS***, The Baum School of Art 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 Baum School of Art to support upgrades including modernizing the facility, increasing capacity, integrating technology, and adding dedicated spaces for specialized artistic disciplines.

***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 Baum School of Art.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The City is submitting a formal application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for \$1,000,000 awarded from the Statewide Local Share Account Fund (LSA) that will support upgrades including modernizing the facility, increasing capacity, integrating technology, and adding dedicated spaces for specialized artistic disciplines.

- 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.

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

This resolution is an application requirement. The application is due November 30, 2023.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

The resolution will allow the City to make a formal grant application to support the Baum School of Art.