



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. ____

RESOLUTION

R222 - 2023

Introduced by the Administration on December 20, 2023

Authorizes submission of an application to the Keystone Communities Program for a grant of Eighty Thousand (\$80,000.00) Dollars to support the renovation of the Police Athletic League building.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown, Lehigh County hereby requests a Keystone Communities grant of Eighty Thousand (\$80,000.00) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development to support the renovation and refurbishment of the Police Athletic League building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown hereby designates Matt Tuerk, Mayor, and Bina Patel, Finance Director, as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Allentown and the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Allentown, hereby authorizes the City of Allentown to submit the application for Eighty Thousand (\$80,000.00) Dollars in Keystone Communities Program funds to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development.

Legislative Template

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

This bill is originating from the Police Athletic League.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The City is submitting a formal application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for \$80,000 from the Keystone Communities Program that will support the renovation of the Police Athletic League building.

- 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 proposed building refurbishment project for the Allentown Police Athletic League Community Youth Education Center aims to revitalize and modernize the existing deteriorating facility, to better serve the needs of the community. The project encompasses a comprehensive renovation of the center, including structural improvements and energy-efficient enhancements. Additionally, it will include the creation of dedicated spaces for educational and athletic programs, providing a safe and conducive environment for youth development. The refurbishment project is intended to not only improve the center's functionality but also foster a sense of community pride and support for the vital programs it hosts, ultimately contributing to the well-being and growth of the local youth population. This project will not only address structural and aesthetic improvements but also ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to foster greater inclusivity.

- b. What are the benefits of doing this?

The primary benefit will be the creating a safe, inclusive, and inspiring space for young people. By modernizing the infrastructure, enhancing accessibility, and incorporating sustainable design elements, we intend to provide a welcoming environment that caters to diverse needs. The refurbished center will offer a range of educational, recreational, and cultural programs to empower youth, nurturing their creativity, confidence, and social connections. We aspire to facilitate mentorship, teamwork, and a sense of belonging, ultimately contributing to the positive development of the next generation within our community.

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

The project seeks to nurture a stronger sense of community engagement, encouraging increased participation and support for the center's programs. Ultimately, these improvements will better serve the core mission of youth development, providing a safe, accessible, and community-focused space that positively influences the lives of the youth

and the broader community it serves.

- 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.