



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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RESOLUTION

R68 - 2024

Introduced by the Administration on April 17, 2024

Acceptance of Love Your Block Grant Funds for Neighborhood Revitalization through Civic Engagement.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown has been selected to participate in the Love Your Block program's 2024-2026 city cohort, receiving a grant of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation at Johns Hopkins University over the next two years to hire a Love Your Block Fellow and support community-led revitalization projects;

WHEREAS, the Love Your Block grant will enable Allentown to engage residents and community partners in positive neighborhood change, fostering stronger, more resilient communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown gratefully accepts the Love Your Block grant awarded by the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation at Johns Hopkins University.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED; that the City of Allentown commits to utilizing the grant funds to hire a Love Your Block Fellow and support community-led revitalization projects as outlined in the award letter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the City of Allentown hereby designates Mayor Matt Tuerk and Finance Director Bina Patel as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements related to the Love Your Block grant on behalf of the City of Allentown.

Legislative Template

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

The bill originates from the Mayor's Office of Civic Innovation. The City of Allentown applied for and was accepted to the Love Your Block 2024-2026 Cohort. Love Your Block is a program of the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation at Johns Hopkins University.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

This resolution seeks to accept a grant of \$100,000 awarded to the City of Allentown by the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation. This award will create a Love Your Block program in the City of Allentown, managed by the Mayor's Office of Civic Innovation, which will provide for the hiring of a Love Your Block fellow and support community-led revitalization projects through mini-grants.

- 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 purpose of this resolution is to formally accept the Love Your Block grant funds and outline the city's commitment to utilizing the funds to hire a Love Your Block Fellow and support community-led revitalization projects, thereby contributing to positive neighborhood change.

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

This resolution aligns with the City's vision and mission by promoting community engagement and revitalization efforts, ultimately leading to stronger, more resilient neighborhoods, which is a priority for the City of Allentown.

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

The Love Your Block grant provides \$100,000 over the next two years in order to hire a fellow to manage the program and to provide a fund for community mini-grants.

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

The participation in the Love Your Block program's 2024-2026 city cohort is subject to the requirements outlined in the award letter, including onboarding and participation in the Welcome & Onboarding Webinar.