



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 159

RESOLUTION

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Introduced by the Administration on October 5, 2016

Authorizes Submission of an Application to the Keystone Communities Program for a Grant of Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000) Dollars for Use in the Upside Allentown Pedestrian Street Lighting Program

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 Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development to partially defray the cost of the Upside Allentown Pedestrian Street Lighting Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown hereby designates Ed Pawlowski, Mayor; and Brent Hartzell, 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 Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000) Dollars in Keystone Communities Program funds to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development.

What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

- Planning & Zoning, CED

Summary and Facts of the Bill

- Grant application to be submitted to the PA Department of Community & Economic Development's Keystone Communities Program to be used in Upside Allentown's Pedestrian Street Lighting Program.

Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:

What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish

What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this

How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities

The bill formally requests the following:

- Apply for the grant with the Keystone Communities Program,
- Authorizes the Mayor and Finance Director to execute all grant-related documents, and,
- Identifies the amount of the grant of a \$500,000 request. The City cannot apply without this resolution.
- The Pedestrian Lighting Program is a key element in the Upside Allentown community revitalization plan which was approved.

Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation: Cost (Initial and ongoing) and Benefits (initial and ongoing)

- Total cost of the project is approximately \$1,000,000 (= \$500,000 in Keystone Community Program funds + \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds).
- The benefit will be improved lighting for residents and visitors in the center city area and to enhance nighttime, wholesome pedestrian mobility.

Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation: If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.

- The source of funds will be the Keystone Communities Program and the City of Allentown's Community Development Block Grant funds.

Priority status/Deadlines, if any

- We request approval at the October 5th meeting in order to submit the grant by required date of October 14th.

Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

- This project will improve the quality of life for Center City residents and will improve the overall environment for visitors and businesses in this area.