



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. R-112

RESOLUTION

Introduced by the Administration on May 17, 2017

Authorization for Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) grant of \$250,000 from the Department of Community and Economic Development to be used for MLK Parkway Trail planning project.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown of Lehigh County hereby request a Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) grant of \$250,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to be used for MLK Parkway Trail Planning Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Ed Pawlowski, Mayor as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Allentown and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, Michael P. Hanlon, duly qualified Secretary of the City of Allentown, Lehigh County, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Allentown City Council at a regular meeting held on Wednesday, May 17, 2016 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the City of Allentown and remains in effect as of this date.

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

Parks and Recreation

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The City is submitting an application to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) - Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program to fund design of the MLK Trail, linking the Auburn Cross Trails to Lehigh Parkway.

- **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 Resolution is a requirement of the application and is documentation that the Mayor has the authority to execute all documents.

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

The grant request is for \$250,000, and projects require a 15% local cash match, which will be provided by the City.

- **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.**

Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED)

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

This resolution is needed as an attachment to the grant request that will be submitted prior to the May 31st deadline.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

The resolution will allow the City to make application for these funds. This is a top priority trail gap.