



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 80

RESOLUTION

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Introduced by the Administration on June 20, 2018

Authorizes Submission of an Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development for a Grant of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for use in the development of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown, Lehigh County hereby requests a FY2018 Municipal Assistance Grant of \$100,000.00 from the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development to support the development of a new City Comprehensive Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown hereby designates the Mayor and Finance Director as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Allentown and the 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 One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in Municipal Assistance Grant funds to the Department of Community & Economic Development.

LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE

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

Planning/CED

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The City is submitting an application to the Municipal Assistance Program of the PA Department of Community & Economic Development. This application is a request for \$100,000 that will be matched dollar for dollar with budgeted city funds and in-kind salary. Funds will support the development of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

- **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 to demonstrate the City's commitment to the project and support of the application.

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

The grant request is for \$100,000. There is a 50/50 project match. The City has already budgeted \$150,000 toward the Comprehensive Plan project. Staff salaries are also an eligible match. Grant funds will be used to pay professional consultant fees.

- **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.**

Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development

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

This resolution must be submitted with our application. Our intent is to submit by July 31, 2018.

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

The resolution will allow the City to make application for these funds and help defray the costs associated with the development of a new implementable comprehensive plan. The comprehensive plan is a priority project in the Planning Department.