



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 92

RESOLUTION

R - 2018

Introduced by the Administration on August 1, 2018

Authorizes Submission of an Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development for a Grant of One Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars (\$1,350,577.00) for use in streetscapes renovations and modifications on 8th Street.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown, Lehigh County hereby requests a FY2018 Multimodal Transportation Fund grant of \$1,350,577 from the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development to support streetscape improvements to 8th Street, between Walnut Street and Union Street.

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 Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars (\$1,350,577.00) in Multimodal Transportation Fund 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?**

Department of Community and Economic Development

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The City is submitting an application to the Department of Community and Economic Development's Multimodal Transportation Fund. This application is a request for \$1,350,577 that will be matched dollar for dollar with budgeted city funds and in-kind salary. Funds will support streetscape improvements on 8th Street, between Walnut St and Union St.

- **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 \$1,350,577. There is no match requirement this year. 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 address sidewalks, trees, and pedestrian streetlights on 8th Street, a primary gateway into 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.**

Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development

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

A draft of this resolution is being submitted with our application by July 31. The executed resolution is required to be mailed as soon as possible thereafter.

- **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.

- **Committee Action**
- **Public Comments**
- **Body/Text of the Bill**
- **Exhibits**
- **Vote**