



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 28

RESOLUTION

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Introduced by the Administration on April 3, 2019

Authorizes Submission of an Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for a Grant of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for the construction and development of Valania Park.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown, Lehigh County hereby requests a Community Conservation Partnerships Program Grant of \$250,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to partially defray the costs of the Valania Park redevelopment project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown hereby designates Ray O'Connell, Mayor, and Brent Hartzell, Finance Director, 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Allentown, hereby authorizes the City of Allentown to submit the application for Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) in Community Conservation Partnerships Program funds to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

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

Parks

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The City is submitting an application to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for a \$250,000 grant to support renovations to Valania Park. These funds, which must be matched dollar for dollar, will supplement available CDBG funding to complete Phase I renovations to Valania Park. RFP for construction documents, design, and engineering is currently underway.

- **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 \$250,000. There is a dollar for dollar match requirement. Grant will be matched with committed CDBG funds.

- **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.**

United States Department of Justice

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

The resolution is an application requirement, due April 10.

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

The resolution will allow the City to make application for these funds and help defray necessary costs for the Parks Department, while also leveraging CDBG funds. The Valania Park renovation is a high-priority project.